



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5 2021

We welcome you to today's service at
Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 5th September, 2021 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Elder

Pastoral Care Referrals Group

those with special needs:

Sympathy:

To Val Priddle on the death of her sister Loris Taylor and to Loris's family Claire, Andrew, Rob and family of their mother and grandmother. To view Loris' webcast please click [here](#) on TUESDAY (7th September) at 10.00am.

Birthdays:

Nola Bicknell

Today

Geoff Peel

7th (60)

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways; because of privacy protocols, names are not included for prayer unless we have received your permission.

Uniting Barwon

Items that would be appreciated this week include: tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

Mother Teresa

Diary for This Week

Sunday 5th

10:00am Sunday Zoom reflection here's the link

<https://zoom.us/j/96304332511?pwd=cjNEODBCL3BtSGYxRldYR0FySVhidz09>

Next Week's Service

Sunday 12th

10:00am Sunday Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron

People Helping Elsewhere

Michele Hardy – St. Albans/St. Andrews

Western Heights Welcome Team

Because more people are being vaccinated against Covid-19, and therefore we can look forward to fewer lock-downs, we hope to be meeting at church more often on Sundays. Velma Oliver would like to hear from the present 'Welcome Team' and from anyone else who would like to be part of this team. We have had some new people visit our church over the past months and we pride ourselves on being a church that is genuinely warm and welcoming. So, let us welcome these folk to our church as Jesus would. Send me a text on 0421 271 946 if you are interested. Velma Oliver.

3-Monthly Church Roster

There is a vacancy for someone to create the Church Roster **once every 3 months**. Velma has all the templates on computer as Word Documents. All it needs is for you to check the Unavailability Book, change the dates and names on the template, save it and then e-mail it to the Church Office for Jan to distribute. The next one needs to be done at the start of November, in time for the December 2021 , January and February 2022 Church Roster. Please see or call Velma Oliver on 0421 271 946 or email lv.oliver@iinet.net.au if you would like to fill this vacancy. Thanks.

Worship Leaders Needed!!!

Worship leaders are required at Western Heights on the following 3 Sunday mornings: 26 September, 5 and 12 December. If you are able to lead any of these services, please let Velma Oliver know on 5241 5300 or with a text message on 0421 271 946. It would be much appreciated.

New Eco-group:

Heather & Bruce Rookes, Rhonda Dingle, Lynda Scott and Bruce Waldron, Chris & Robyn Howard, Joan & David Walker, Bev Hunt.

Our church council has just formed a new Eco-group, to look at ways of encouraging each other to look after the planet, make our church even more eco friendly and keep us in touch with new ideas. It's a part of our way of looking after the planet. Each week we are going to have an eco-tip in the newsletter.

"The Eagle Has Landed"

At Last! Six months after the day that it was ordered, our new organ has finally arrived, and has now been installed into our church. A Dedication will be held as soon as we are able to meet together in the church again.

Vimeo link here Recording link here
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Presbytery Seminars on Zoom

Presbytery has had some very informative and helpful seminars e.g. Pastoral Care in a Pandemic, Parts 1 and 2.

If you have not registered for Part 2 then you can do so here. <https://www.trybooking.com/BS EGF>

We will be exploring how to help people return and some practical tips for the home congregation. Also looking at 'what keeps active members active' and a practical exercise to use in your context to help people think about and share their faith.

We are repeating our Pastoral Care Seminar session 1 which teaches people about communication and two useful listening skills. That will be run

on Sept 14 6.00pm – 9.00pm and you can register for that here.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRJHY>

We will be running two more pastoral care seminars Seminar 7 & 8 in Sept / Oct and you can register for them here

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFZS>

They will be on topics such as Dealing with Criticism and Resistance, Fogging, negative Inquiry, NLP, how to deal with turtle and skunky behaviour, significant time to practice our listening skills in groups.

Seminar 7 Thursday 16 Sept 6 – 9pm, Friday 24 9.30am – 12.30 pm

Seminar 8 Thursday 7 Oct 6 – 9pm, Friday 22 Oct 9.30am – 12.30pm

Please talk to Velma Oliver on 0421 271 946 if you would like to know more.

Anyone is most welcome.

This Week's Eco Tip

from you church Eco-group.

Cars: they are so commonplace. We start them up to go 500m to the shops, or to whiz round to the kids.... well, when we aren't in lockdown. Well here's an idea. Walking is good for the body and for mental health. It gets endorphins whizzing around the body, and that's good for us - I'm told. So next time, pour no carbon into the atmosphere. Go for a walk. Do you "really" need to start the car? Do it different. Walk to the shop. And if you want to be really radical, plan a "car - free day". Whoa! Sorry. Calm down. Breathe. It's alright. People have done it, and survived. LOL. Have fun. Get the kids to count the different flowers on the way (or the grandkids). Stop and talk to the neighbours on the way. Enjoy this beautiful planet

Tasks people are doing today.

5th September 2021

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Glen Chidzey, Geoff Everett, Joan Hill

Greeters: Janet Pavlakis

COVID Cleaning: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Gwen Woods

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Joan Walker

PA / Data: Peter Morgan, Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week 12th September 2021

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Bev Hunt, Colleen Douglas

Greeters: Joan Murphy

COVID Cleaning: Roger Dingle

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Gwen Woods

Musicians: Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots

Singers: Bill Fleming, Hannah Uy, Karen Morgan

PA / Data: Sharn Waldron, Allister Coots

MARK 7

²⁴ From Galilee, Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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