



Western Heights Uniting Church

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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.



April at a Glance

Thursday 29th	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Friday 30th	9.00am	Good Friday
Sunday 1st	10.00am	Easter Day—Rev. Isabel Greenall Communion
Tuesday 3rd	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 4th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship—TBA All Together & Communion
Tuesday 17th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Saturday 28th	5.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	11.00am	Safe Church Training



COME AND EXPLORE...

Among the greatest words of history lies Jesus' call for us to love one another. It is God's love for the world that is at the heart of the Easter story, inviting our response.

Join us at Western Heights Uniting Church this Easter.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

4-6pm Messy Church Easter for Families

THURSDAY 29 MARCH


7:30-8pm Holy Thursday... a quiet service

FRIDAY 30 MARCH

9-9:45am Good Friday Morning Reflections

SUNDAY 1 APRIL

10-11am Easter Day Communion Celebration

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Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 4th April, 2018

At 1.30pm

Watch the pew sheet for further details

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491



Messy Church @ WHUC

Sunday 22nd April 4pm

Contact: Karen (0404435261) for more info or if you'd like to help!

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Games Night

Friday 13th April, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

\$3.00

RSVP to Karen by
 Wednesday 11th April, 2018

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 17th April

“Commonwealth Games”

Meal—Pizza

Cost \$7

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683

STATEMENT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY 18TH MARCH, 2018

Since September 2017 the Finance Committee and Church Council have been working on the 2018-2020 budget due to the unsustainable financial situation at Western Heights Uniting Church.

At the Annual General Meeting in February a draft budget was presented showing three key changes:

A decrease in giving by the congregation

A decrease in Mission & Service Giving to the work of the wider church of the Synod of Vic-Tas.

An increase in finances needed for works on the Manse.

The budget was still in substantial deficit and therefore unsustainable.

Taking into account the direction of the strategic plan and the resources available in the congregation, followed by consultation with staff, it was resolved by the Church Council “that the position of Lay Ministry Worker – Pastoral Care Coordinator be made redundant.” According to the second year of the strategic plan, as a congregation we are to “develop new approach to pastoral care that is more diverse and engages members/groups in this ministry”. This approach can be effective without the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator position.

The Church Council confirms that “we recognise and appreciate the wonderful contribution that Audrey has made to the life of WHUC and its associated ministries over 7 years. It is with great regret that this decision had to be made.”

If you have any questions or comments please contact Rodger Marsden (0419717774), Geoff Coots (52783135) or Isabel Greenall (0419602006).

THE TRANSITION PERIOD

Audrey will be on leave from **Mon 26th March until 22nd April**. During this time, as per usual when Audrey is away, please contact your small group, pastoral partner or Isabel for pastoral care needs.

After this period of leave, Audrey will continue in the role until **Sunday 27th of May** when the position will be redundant. It would be very appropriate that on this day we thank Audrey and give thanks to God for over seven years of ministry together. Maybe you have an idea of what we could do on that day? Please let a member of the Church Council know if you do!

WHUC Friendship Club

Saturday 28th April, 2018

WHUC Friendship Club will be trying a new format this year.

We have decided to hold our meetings earlier in the evenings each month in the format of a tea together.

Our idea is that anyone interested can come and order their meal from **5.00pm** at a nominal cost. Then at **5.30pm** an order will be placed and the teas will be paid and collected by a designated person. By **6.00pm** everyone should be served and seated ready to eat.

*Please Note: We will not be catering for any extra people and if you do not contact us to place your order prior to **5.30pm** you will miss out!*

Our Menu for this night will be Cold Roast Chicken and Salads. Would members please bring along either a salad or a sweet.

Our agenda item of a very interesting DVD will then follow.

Summary of Minutes of Church Council (CC) Meeting

Wednesday, 21 February, 2018

1. DEVOTIONS: Growing Together by Velma O. Ephesians1: 1 - 14. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing. Therefore, we are able to do that which grows us into maturity. God gives us each other for support and to help us grow together.

2. As a result of catering done at Wesley by some of our ladies, we received a donation of \$500 for outreach. \$200 will be used towards the school holiday tennis program and \$300 towards the WH Secondary College Breakfast Program.

3. A grant of \$9000 has been received from 'Street Smart'. This is to be used solely to help homeless people in various situations. The money will be dispersed as needed.

4. CC elections will be held in May.

5. CC formally re-adopted and signed our 'Statement of Commitment to Keeping Children Safe':

We are committed to implementing the Keeping Children Safe Policy of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria.

All children who are involved in any of the Uniting Church's activities, services, events or programs have a right to feel and be safe.

We are committed to providing safe environments where children are cared for, respected, nurtured and sustained.

We have zero tolerance of all forms of child abuse and will do all in our power to safeguard children from abuse.

We are committed to creating and maintaining a child-safe culture to ensure the care, protection and safety of all children engaging with the Church in any of its entities.

Abuse thrives on secrecy. To prevent child abuse across the Church, we are committed to providing clear leadership and open and transparent governance to combat secrecy.

We clearly affirm the Church's commitment to upholding the law. This includes the requirement to report abuse to the appropriate authorities.

We commit to the following actions, as appropriate in our situation, to keep children safe:

- Promote strong leadership and governance and a culture of child safety
- Promote access, equity and diversity
- Promote appropriate behaviour amongst adults and children
- Recruit, train and supervise workers well
- Manage risk, promote safety and respond to concerns
- Promote child, family and community participation.

6. Roger Dingle has been appointed to the vacant position of Administrator of LAT (Leadership Advisory Team).

7. Next monthly meeting of CC: Weds., 21 March, 2018.

Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.

Check out this movie

The film "Mary Magdalene" opens in Australian cinemas on March 22.

Here's an article about it: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-09/mary-magdalene-devoted-disciple-or-repentant-prostitute/9528390>

Preview: <https://youtu.be/x18fgYITXwc>

Donation laws petition

The federal government has introduced legislation that will treat donations to churches and community groups as though they were donations to political parties. This will have serious repercussions on how donations can be collected and used to fund church activities and advocacy. Synod has developed a petition for congregations that asks for churches and community organisations not to be treated as political parties. To obtain a copy of the petition contact Mark Zirnsak on

E: mark.zirnsak@victas.uca.org.au or P: 9251 5265.

Name Badges

We will soon be sending away an order for some new Name Badges.

There are two styles available:

Pin on – costs \$6.00 each

Magnetic clip – costs \$10.00.

For enquiries, or to place an order, please see Jenice or Geoff Coots. Money is required to confirm the order.

Crosslight contributions

Do you have something that you would like share with *Crosslight* readers? *Crosslight* is seeking personal articles of about 800 words for its new "Everybody has a Story" section. We also welcome poetry, cartoons and drawings or any artistic endeavour that conveys your story and we can reproduce in print and online. Please send your submissions to crosslight@victas.uca.org.au.

Synod Ethics Committee - Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited for membership of the newly-formed Synod Ethics Committee. The Committee's purpose is to provide a means by which the Church can address contemporary ethical issues from the perspective of faith and theology. Its responsibilities include:

- identifying priority issues that need addressing at any particular time in the life of the Church;
- liaising with the Synod's Social Justice staff to ensure coordination in addressing current ethical issues; and
- advising the Moderator and Synod Standing Committee regarding ethics matters with which the Church is involved.

Contact Clare Boyd-Macrae P: 03 9251 5210 or
E: clare.boyd-macrae@victas.uca.org.au for the Committee's Terms of Reference and further information.

**Expressions of interest close
Friday 6 April 2018.**



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Safe Church Training Workshop

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A PART OF A SAFE PLACE!

The Safe Church Training Workshop provides volunteers and leaders with knowledge and understanding of the Uniting Church Safe Church policy and procedures. It will give you the opportunity to understand the importance of striving to be a Safe Church in our community and how you are an important part in our success.

When: Sunday 29th April 2018

Time: Worship 10:00am - 10:30am

Brunch 10:30am - 11:00am

Safe Church Training 11:00am - 1pm

Where: 31 Douglass St, Herne Hill

Contact: Isabel Greenall - 0419602006,

Karen Morgan - 0404435261, Paul Stephens - 0417152009

Appointed leaders and everyone who has a working with children check are required to attend training and as such we will keep a record of attendance.

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

Minister: Rev. Isabel Greenall **minister@whuc.com.au** 0419 602 006
Isabel's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

LAT Administrator: Roger Dingle **r.dingle@optusnet.com.au** 0407 528 533

Children & Families Co-ordinator: Karen Morgan **karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com** 5276 1042

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator: Audrey Kateena **Pastoral.Carer@gmail.com** 0435 064 088

Church Council Chair: Rodger Marsden **eagles@pipeline.com.au** 0419 717 774

Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy **graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com** 0408 630 391

Communications

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Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at **office@whuc.com.au**

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

Aluminium Foil

The Leprosy Mission is able to raise funds from the sale of aluminium cans and foil pie plates. Please assist this worthy cause by leaving your used foil in the appropriate box in the foyer.

Ring Pulls from Cans

You can collect your ring pulls from cans to be used for prosthetics. If you would like to help Rings for Limbs you can send your ring pulls to Mark Jewell, PO Box 1128, Horsham, Vic, 3402