



# Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

## March 2016 Newsletter

### March at a Glance

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Wednesday 2nd	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 4th	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee morning
Sunday 6th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Tuesday 8th	1.00pm	Senior Retirees
Friday 11th	7.00pm	KFG—The Amazing Race
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 15th	2.00pm	Midweek Communion
	6.30pm	Friends from Vines
Wednesday 16th	7.00pm	Ministry Teams Meeting
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Palm/Passion Sunday
Thursday 24th	8.00pm	Holy Thursday
Friday 25th	10.00am	Good Friday
Saturday 26th	5.30pm	Saturday Meditation
	7.30pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Easter Sunday
	4.00pm	Messy Church

### March Preaching Plan

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#### Western Heights Services:

Sunday 6th	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Commissioning of Church Councillors
Sunday 13th	10.00am Outreach Ministry Team	Share Sunday
Tuesday 15th	2.00pm Audrey Kateena	Midweek communion
Sunday 20th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Palm/Passion Sunday
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## Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

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Wednesday 2nd March, 2016

Syllabus: Colour your World with Val Bray

1.30pm Horizons Room

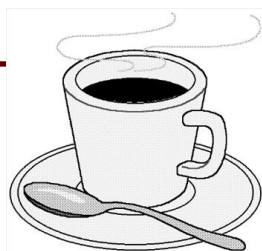
Afternoon Tea: Eve Wood

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

## Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee Morning

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All past volunteers from Vines Options are invited to catch up for coffee and a chat at Soft Café in Minerva Road on **Friday 4th March at 10.00am.**



## Senior Retirees Outing

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The next Senior Retirees Outing has been changed to a picnic with afternoon tea on the fore-shore at Queenscliff on **Tuesday 8th March, 2016 (1.00pm pick up as usual).** We had difficulties

with the venue at Narana and we will try later this year.

Graeme & Michele Hardy

## KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

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The Amazing Race

Friday 11th March, 2016

7pm—8.30pm

Wear sneakers and bring a torch

Years 3—7

\$3.00

RSVP to Jan or Karen by  
Wednesday 9th March

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au



**Messy Church @  
WHUC**

**Sunday 27th March 4pm**

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

## Friends from Vines

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Tuesday 15th March, 2016

6.30pm

“Easter” Theme

Cost \$10—includes meal

All ladies welcome.

Joan 5241 5683

0438 722 035

## Friendship Group

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Our members are invited to sit back, relax and enjoy a wonderful and interesting commentary of train journeys around Australia. These include history relating to the towns of Coober Pedy, Launceston, Ballarat, Tenterfield and Tanunda.

We look forward to seeing you at **7.30pm** in the Horizon's Room on **Saturday 26th March.**

## Crosslight—calling all bookworms

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**Crosslight**   
Publication of the year 2015

Crosslight wants to know - are you interested in reading?

We regularly feature 300 word reviews of books discussing faith and theology in a contemporary world. These reviews will be published online and in print. If you are interested in contributing reviews and want a full list of available titles, write to Deb Bennett at [crosslight@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:crosslight@victas.uca.org.au)

## 2015 Synod Directory

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Copies of the printed Synod Directory can now be requested from Lynda Nel on 03 9251 5485 or on email [Lynda.Nel@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Lynda.Nel@victas.uca.org.au) and will be mailed out once payment has been received. Cost is \$35 + \$5 postage and handling, and can be made via Cheque or Bank Transfer

## Holy Week—Easter Events

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### Stone Carving Workshop

3-5pm Saturday 19th March in The Horizons Room

Cost \$10 a head, \$25 per family (children at least 8yrs old)

As a part of our journey through Easter you are invited to participate in a relaxing carving workshop where you will be able to shape and polish a soapstone holding cross. The cross will be a personal symbol for you to reflect on during Holy Week, Easter and beyond. This is a simple and creative way of entering the Easter story and at the same time helps build community.

Please make sure to register your interest in the workshop to the [Office](#) by the 16th of March or on the sign-up sheet on the kitchenette bench so that enough material can be prepared for the group. Numbers are limited to 20, but we do hope to create more opportunities for this activity in the future.

The workshop is supported by the 'With Intention' meditation community that has been growing as a part of WHUC. More info contact: Steve Singline 0425746945, Maralann Damiano 0490151560.

**Palm/Passion Sunday** [10am service of worship Sunday 20th March](#)

**Holy Thursday** [8-8:30pm Thursday 24th March](#) A quiet time together remembering the night that Jesus was betrayed and arrested.

**Good Friday** [10-10:45am Friday 25th March](#)

**Easter Saturday Meditation** [5:30-6pm Saturday 26th March](#) This meditation will focus on the stone holding crosses made in the carving workshop so if you have made one, please bring it with you. There will be extras available for those who don't have one.

**Easter Sunday Service** [10am Sunday 27th March](#) A service of celebration including Holy Communion.

**Easter Messy Church** [4-6pm Sunday 27th March](#) An Easter celebration Messy Church style for families.

## Do you want to enhance your practice and identity as a pastoral carer?

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Do you want to enhance your practice and identity as a pastoral carer? Uniting CPE – The John Paver Centre, auspiced by the Commission for Mission, is offering a program of supervised pastoral education for up to six people. This program is designed for people involved in a range of community-based settings, including congregations and agencies. The part-time program, accredited by the Association for Supervised Pastoral Education in Australia (ASPEA), commences 4 August, 2016 and concludes 30 November. It is open to people in either paid or voluntary positions. Applications close on 3 June, 2016. For more information <https://www.victas.uca.org.au/communityservices/Pages/Uniting%20CPE%20%E2%80%93%20The%20John%20Paver%20Centre.aspx>

## Attention all groups of WHUC

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Part of the first year of the 3 year strategic plan is “for all groups of WHUC to review and initiate/further develop how their group is intergenerational, warm, welcoming and inclusive and cares for others” (action 1a). The Leadership Advisory Team has responsibility for facilitating this process and has now completed putting together resources for each group to use. It will take each group 1 hour to complete and needs to be done by 29th April, 2016. All key leaders of groups need to pick up the materials from the kitchenette bench. For more info see Isabel.

## Uniting Journeys

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Uniting Journeys has helped organise and support a couple of responsible travel tours to North India – incorporating several days visiting the Punjabi Health Clinics Project as well as sight-seeing and thought-provoking excursions – and has another one planned for 7-21 April this year.

As Background: UNITING Church partnerships with the Church of North India have led to some ground-breaking missional activities and support with VicTas congregations and friends.

High Street Uniting Church, Frankston, spearheaded the Mother & Child Mobile Health Clinics Project in the Diocese of Amritsar and has since been supported by St Kilda Parish Mission and others across the state in fundraising and supporting this work. Now in its third year, the progress of the project and relationships has been outstanding. It has been a truly local, state-wide and international success story.

The project benefits 11,000 women and 7,000 children through mobile health posts for mothers and babies in 30 poor and oppressed Dalit villages in the Punjab. Teams visit the villages monthly to develop community health through education and support. This includes a rolling program of ante and post-natal care and education, nutrition, contraception advice, immunisation, support for HIV/AIDS patients, female empowerment and gender equality programs as well as environmental, sanitary and health education. It is making a real impact in these rural communities.

There are still a few places available in April this year, so if you would like to join others in this safe yet life-affirming experience contact Hank Van Apeldoorn on 0407 977 893 or Helen Beeby on 0434 412 104. Visit our website [http://responsibletravel.org.au/tours\\_post/experience-india-tour/#ad-image-0](http://responsibletravel.org.au/tours_post/experience-india-tour/#ad-image-0)

# Contact Details

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## Leadership Team:

<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Isabel Greenall	<b>minister@whuc.com.au</b>	5250 5930 0419 602006
	Isabel's day off is <b>Monday</b> so please refrain from contacting her on this day.		
<b>Church Administrator:</b>	John Matthews	<b>dotjohn1b@gmail.com</b>	5278 9491
<b>Children's Ministry Co-ordinator:</b>	Karen Morgan	<b>karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com</b>	5276 1042
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## **Communications**

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

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

## **Pew Sheet**

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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**

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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.

## **Future Monthly Newsletters**

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To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> 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**