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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

August 2016 Newsletter

August at a Glance

Wednesday 3rd	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 5th	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop Coffee Morning
Sunday 7th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Friday 12th	12.30pm	WHISH
	7.00pm	KFG—Puppets
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 16th	2.00pm	Midweek Communion
	6.30pm	Friends from Vines
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church

August Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 7th	8.45am Rev Isabel Greenall	“Job part 4”
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 14th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall & Swee-Ann Koh (Guest Preacher)	
Tuesday 16th	2.00pm Rev. Isabel Greenall	Midweek Communion
Sunday 21st	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	“Job part 5”
Sunday 28th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	“Job part 6”
	4.00pm Messy Church	

Other Services:

Sunday 7th	Michele Hardy	Rokewood/Warrion
Sunday 28th	Michele Hardy	McKellar Centre
Tuesday 30th	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstoft House (3.00pm)

Audrey on leave

Audrey Kateena will be on leave from **July 30th to August 15th** inclusive. During this time anyone with pastoral care needs should contact their Pastoral Partner, Small Group leader or Isabel.

Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee Morning

All past volunteers from Vines Options are invited to catch up for coffee and a chat at Soft Café in Minerva Road on **Friday 5th August at 10.00am.**



Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

Wednesday 3rd August, 2016

1.30pm Horizons Room

Theme: “Have Your Say” - Joan Murphy

Afternoon Tea

All welcome

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Puppets

Friday 12th August, 2016

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 10th August, 2016

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261
or office@whuc.com.au

Weekly Offering

Many of our congregation use our printed and dated offering envelopes for their regular Sunday offering. They find the envelopes useful in helping them keep track of where they are up to, and provide greater privacy when they place their offering in the open plate.

Also, over 30 of our people or families have arranged for their regular offering to be Direct Debited from their bank accounts. The direct debits can be arranged weekly, fortnightly, monthly, etc., and can be date selected to suit you. People using this system find it useful not to have to remember to bring their offering each time – it is automatically debited from their nominated bank account and credited directly to the church.

If you might be interested in either of these two methods, you are invited to talk to Geoff Coots about them.

Rev Swee-Ann Koh

Guest preacher 14th Aug

Rev Swee-Ann Koh is a Minister of the Word. Since his ordination in 1991 he has served in three congregations: Mt Martha, North Essendon and Fairfield Uniting Churches. He loves the diversity within our church and wants to see our church be enriched by diversity. Swee-Ann is the Intercultural unit Director for the Synod of Vic-Tas.

Friends from Vines

Tuesday 16th August

6.30pm

Games & Pizza

Cost \$10

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy
5241 5683

Friendship Club

Please Note there will be no Friendship Club meeting in July or August, as the weather is just too bleak to venture outside.

We will look forward to seeing everyone again on **24th September**—Agenda Item still to be set.



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 28th August 4pm

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

Help needed

Corio-Norlane Uniting church run a Mainly Music program for children from 12 months to preschool. We have a consistent group of parents and children. We have a team of 5 helping in the program. 2 of our team members will be on holidays from 14th August until 27th October. It will be very difficult to continue this worthwhile and valuable outreach mission activity with only 3 leaders. We are desperately in need of at least one other adult, preferably two leaders - to assist with the a/v or to help with some of the music leadership. The programs for the 10 weeks have been organised.

If you can help please contact Dorothy on 0412360760 or Rev Peter Jewell.

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Make it Messy!

2016 Victorian Messy Church Training Day

Make it Messy! will assist those already engaged in Messy Church, churches contemplating beginning a Messy Church and people genuinely curious about the Messy Church phenomenon take the next step in their Messy journey.

Join with others from churches across the state for a day of active engagement, stimulating discussions, encouraging stories and helpful electives that will empower your ministry in your local context.

Topics to explore include...

- Starting a Messy Church
- Sustaining your Messy Church
- Supporting your Messy Church team
- Messy Church and discipleship
- Messy Church as a missional community
- Messy Church as an intergenerational space
- Resources for Messy Church
- Faith, families and Messy Church
- Putting the Messy Church values into practice

Make it Messy! 2015 was an excellent day, well prepared and well presented, which provided inspiration; an opportunity to find resources; and the chance to exchange ideas and learn from the experiences of others.

All presenters were most professional and passionate about Messy church. Very well organised! Make it Messy! was well run, valued our time and was a Saturday well spent.

Event Details

What: 2016 Victorian Messy Church Conference

Date: Saturday, 10 September

Time: 10am – 3pm

Cost: \$30 (Register by Monday 5 September \$25)
\$20/person if already part of a registered Messy Church.

Register and pay online:

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/messychurchconference2016>

Registrations appreciated: Monday, 5 November

Location: Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Crescent, Parkville Vic 3052

Contact: 03 9340 8815; explore@ctm.uca.edu.au

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UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Early last century, most Australians died at home, surrounded by family with the medical profession often nowhere in site. Dying and death were a visible part of family and community life.

Although death is just as inevitable and most of us would prefer to die at home, over 70% of Australians now die in hospital, surrounded by medical equipment and staff. Family are not always present. Consequently dying and death are not so visible, becoming the elephant in the room. The increasing use of “passing” and “passed” is evidence of the community’s reluctance to talk about death. In seeking to be gentle with those in the midst of death’s effect we deny its reality, hindering good grief.



We join with the Groundswell Project and Dying to Know Day, in encouraging people to talk more openly about death and dying as a natural part of life’s journey, with a view to helping people make the most out of life. You might like to attend one of the Victorian D2K Day Death Cafe events this August such as:

5th August, 7:00 for 7:330pm, Death & Dying: Conversations for your family: *Dr Kathryn Nicholson*, Newham Mechanics Institute, Coach Road Newham, Contact/RVSP: Kaye Montebello, 03 5427 0766 or <https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=215267>

7th August 8:00pm, Amicus Mortis: Songs of Love & Loss, Kimba Griffith, The Jazz Lab, Bennetts Lane Jazz Club, Melbourne, Further detail: <https://www.bennettslane.com/gigs.php?eID=2273> or Kimba on 0430 378 388 Cost \$18 & \$15 concession + \$2.50 booking fee

8th August, 3.30pm – 5pm, Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust: *A chance to see ‘behind the scenes’ at the cemetery. Visit a mausoleum, tour our chapels at the crematorium and discuss with our knowledgeable staff.* Fawkner Memorial Park, 1187 Sydney Road. Meet at the Holy Angels Mausoleum. Contact: Laura Stubbings 0419 549 281 RVSP: <http://gmctd2kday.eventbrite.com.au>

See <http://www.dyingtoknowday.org/events/#vic> for details of other Victorian events including: Death over Dinner, Wisdom for a Sacred Death, and Death by Soup.

Other actions you’re encouraged to consider are:

If currently you could be one of the 45% of people who die without a will, write your will this month. You can use a Will Kit, or consult a solicitor.

If you’re part of the more than 90% who don’t have an Advance Care plan, consult your GP or visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/servicesandsupport/making-plans-and-decisions-for-the-end-of-your-life> to help you prepare an Advance Care Plan. See also <http://advancecareplanning.org.au/>.

If you’re one of the 9 out of 10 people who never tell anyone their end-of-life wishes begin the conversation. Write them down and/or visit <https://www.myvalues.org.au/>

- An increasing number of people have prepaid funerals but haven’t discussed their wishes for the service itself. See Audrey for a form that will help you formulate your thoughts. Isabel and Audrey are available for further discussion.
- Send out some letters or cards telling your loved ones what you love and appreciate about them, and maybe something they might need to know if you were to die suddenly.
- Hire an appropriate movie that touches on death, dying or bereavement. Use the themes to start a family discussion on death and dying. Don’t hesitate to include the kids, you could find they’re less fearful of discussion than the adults!
- Have an ancestor dinner where you lay a place for your deceased loved ones and reminisce about their lives. Alternatively visit their grave – make it a celebration and have a picnic with them.

Borrow a copy of the book *Dying to Know: Bringing Death to Life*. See Audrey or Isabel

Whatever you decide to do for D2K Day, in choosing to act, you’re part of a global-movement!

Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality

21-23 August 2016

Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne,

Single-day rates are now available for this multi-faith Australasian Conference which reflects a growing interest in issues of faith and meaning in the lived experience of disability. The name of the Conference is drawn from a book with a similar title, written by Miroslav Volf, and acknowledges the struggles and joys that are found in the experience of disability and faith.

An excellent Conference program will present perspectives across the faith spectrum, with opportunities for dialogue and formation of new networks. It will appeal to people who live with a disability as well as families, carers, academics and practitioners (volunteers and staff).

Andy Calder, who is responsible for disability inclusion in our Synod is the Conference Convenor and the Synod is providing the Conference Secretariat. The Conference has the support of a wide number of other organisations including the Jewish Christian Muslim Association (JCMA) and the Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV) and Spiritual Health Victoria

For further details visit the website: <http://exclusionandembrace.melbourne/> or contact Ann.Byrne@victas.uca.org.au



Entertainment Books are still available from Helen Sleep. Cost is \$60, a portion of which goes to the Church.

Reminder, the 2015 | 2016 Entertainment™ Memberships are about to expire. Renew now!

Do you have a passion for pastoral and spiritual care?

Austin Health Clinical Pastoral Education Centre is now inviting applications for the:

- Summer full-time program (14/11/16–27/1/17)
- Semester 1 2017 part time program (14/2/17–22/6/17)

Applications close Friday 16th September 2016

For further information please contact Sue Westhorp, sue.westhorp@austin.org.au, ph. 9496 2908 or visit the website <http://www.austin.org.au/page?ID=363> where forms are available for download.

Seeking photos for the 2017 calendar



Is your congregation involved in life-changing initiatives?

The Commission for Mission is looking for photos for the 2017 Giving is Living calendar. The photos will showcase how the Uniting Church is involved in **changing lives**.

Photos should be high quality (recommended dimensions - 3000x2000 pixels and 300DPI) and accompanied by a caption. Each person featured in the photo must complete a permission form, which can be downloaded from this link: bit.ly/Calendar2017

Send your photos and permission forms to David Wang at david.wang@victas.uca.org.au by August 1.

Find us at uca.victas.org.au





Pastoral Care Volunteer Training

Tuesday 16th and 30th August 2016 from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Strathdon Community Centre
17 Jollimont Road, Forest Hill

As part of Uniting AgeWell's ListenWell project, volunteers are trained to be effective pastoral visitors. Under the chaplain's oversight pastoral care volunteers visit residents in our aged care communities.

The training, being conducted by Rev John Clarke, Jenny McClish and Marge Johnson, is available to anyone interested, even if they are not considering becoming a pastoral care volunteer with Uniting AgeWell. The knowledge and skills gained would benefit anyone wishing to support people pastorally more effectively.

The two 3 hour sessions cover:

- Session 1 16th August
 1. Pastoral Care with older people
 2. Active listening
 3. Boundaries
- Session 2 30th August
 4. Grief and loss
 5. Conflict
 6. Referral and confidentiality
 7. Self-care
 8. Becoming part of a Pastoral Care Volunteer team

The first session is being offered:

- Tuesday 16th August
- 9.30 am start, finishing at 12.30 pm, with an optional BYO lunch, (lunch available for purchase from the Strathdon café too)
- Morning tea and session notes provided
- Strathdon Uniting AgeWell Community Hall, 17 Jollimont Rd, Forest Hill, (Parking in Jollimont Rd or adjacent streets, buses along Springvale Rd)

There is no charge for this training

Attending the first session is a pre-requisite for attending the second session. If you have any questions about this, please contact Rev John Clarke, Director of Mission, P: 03 9251 5209, JClarke@unitingagewell.org, or 0427 994 972

RSVP to Leanne Brummel, LBrummel@unitingagewell.org, P: 9845-3111 by Thursday 11th August would be appreciated.



Safe Church Training

Queenscliff Uniting Church

Thursday 15 September 2016

3.00pm – 6.00pm

The Uniting Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God. The Uniting Church commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people with whom it comes in contact.

As a community of faith, we are committed to providing a safe environment for both children and adults to encounter God, to develop relationships as part of a community and to grow in faith.

Who should attend a Safe Church Workshop?

- ❖ Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people (0-18 years old)
 - ❖ People in leadership and pastoral roles within the congregation, such as Elders, Church Council members and Ministers.
 - ❖ Anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places.
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- Participation in Safe Church Training is a requirement for Safe Church Recognition.
- ❖ Each participant will receive a comprehensive manual. Topics covered in the workshop will include:
 - ❖ Safe Church foundations
 - ❖ Protecting vulnerable people
 - ❖ Child Protection
 - ❖ Duty of care and accountability
 - ❖ Understanding and responding to abuse
 - ❖ Protective behaviours
 - ❖ Safe leadership
 - ❖ Safe programs and environments
 - ❖ Uniting Church Policy and procedures

Safe Church Workshops are offered across the Synod without cost to church members.

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2016/registration/queenscliff/>

For further information please contact the Safe Church Educator Josh Woollett. Phone: (03) 9340 8810 or email: safechurchtraining@victas.uca.org.au

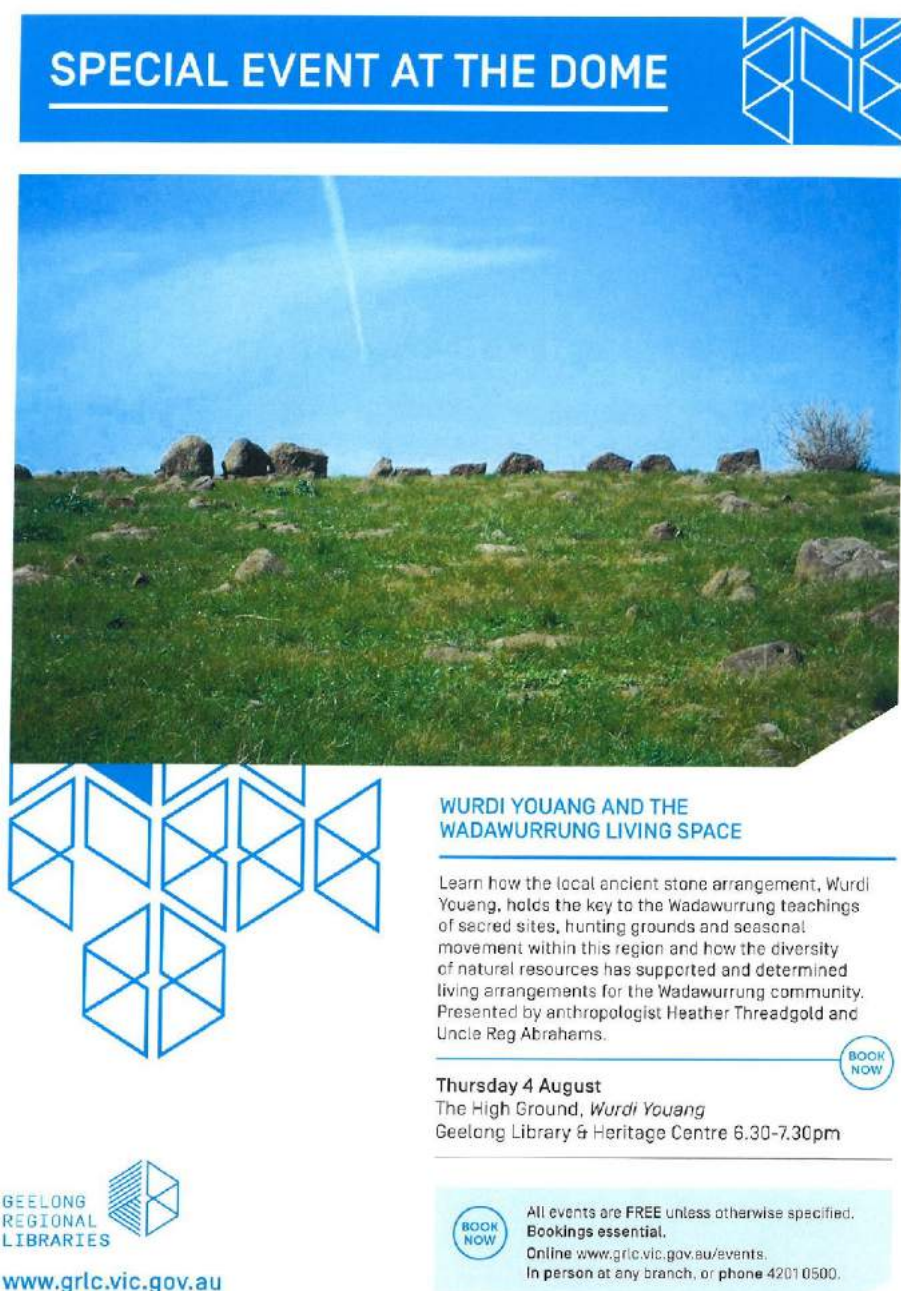


Special Event at the Dome

At the Synod of Vic-Tas meeting in June the following vision was adopted for the whole of the Synod:

“Following Christ, walking together as First and Second Peoples, seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation.”

Here is an opportunity to learn more about the First Peoples of this land, the Wadawurrung people.



The poster features a blue header with the text "SPECIAL EVENT AT THE DOME" and a geometric logo. Below the header is a photograph of a grassy field with several large, rounded stones scattered across it under a clear blue sky. To the left of the photo is a large, stylized geometric logo. Below the photo is the title "WURDI YOUANG AND THE WADAWURRUNG LIVING SPACE" followed by a description of the event, the date and time, and the location. At the bottom left is the Geelong Regional Libraries logo and website. At the bottom right is a "BOOK NOW" button and a note about event details.

SPECIAL EVENT AT THE DOME

WURDI YOUANG AND THE WADAWURRUNG LIVING SPACE

Learn how the local ancient stone arrangement, Wurdi Youang, holds the key to the Wadawurrung teachings of sacred sites, hunting grounds and seasonal movement within this region and how the diversity of natural resources has supported and determined living arrangements for the Wadawurrung community. Presented by anthropologist Heather Threadgold and Uncle Reg Abrahams.

Thursday 4 August
The High Ground, *Wurdi Youang*
Geelong Library & Heritage Centre 6.30-7.30pm

BOOK NOW

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.
Bookings essential.
Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events.
In person at any branch, or phone 4201 0500.

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Welcome to the Neighbourhood Program

The outreach ministry team is planning to visit those who will soon move into our area.

We need your help!

Please advise the address of any homes or flats in your area with noticeboards – “For Sale”, “To Let”, or “To Lease” to members of the ministry team, **Richard Worland, Michele Hardy, Jenice Coots or Barry Edwards**

When the newcomers move in, the ministry team will visit with a brochure about WHUC and a gift of homemade cookies.

Please join in this ministry of outreach.

Contact Details

Leadership Team:

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

Administrator: Jan Grigg 5229 5889

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Fri : 9am – 1:00pm
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Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

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.

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**