



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

BUSINESS NAME

December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter

December/January at a Glance

Sunday 4th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Tuesday 6th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach and Senior Retirees
	5.00pm	“Walk the Labyrinth”
Friday 9th	6.00pm	KFG—Progressive Dinner
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Taize Style & Congregational Lunch
Tuesday 13th	5.00pm	“Walk the Labyrinth”
Wednesday 14th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 20th	5.00pm	“Walk the Labyrinth”
	7.00pm	Service of Hope
Saturday 24th	7.00pm	Carols for Everyone
	11.30pm	Welcoming Christmas...Quietly
Sunday 25th	9.00am	Worship
January		
Sunday 1st	8.45am	No Early Service
	10.15am	Worship
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship

Church Office Hours & Staff Leave over December-January

The office will be closed from **Friday 23rd December** and re-open on **Wednesday 25th January 2017**.

Taking into account annual leave, time in lieu and public holidays, staff members will be away as follows:

Karen Morgan from Christmas until January 28th

Jan Grigg from Christmas until January 5th

Audrey Kateena from Christmas until January 27th

There will be no pew sheet until Sunday 29th January 2017 and the monthly newsletter for February will be available on Sunday 29th January. Please make sure all notices are in before the 20th January 2017.

December/January Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 4th	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 11th	10.00am Michelle Eastwood & Janet Pavlakis	Congregational Lunch to follow
Sunday 18th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	All Together & Communion
	4.00pm Messy Church	
Tuesday 20th	7.00pm Service of Hope	
Saturday 24th	7.00pm Carols for Everyone	
	11.30pm Welcoming Christmas Quietly	
Sunday 25th	9.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	

January

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	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 8th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 15th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 29th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	

Other Services:

Thursday 1st	Audrey Kateena	Nangatta & Murray (Kalkee)
Sunday 4th	Michele Hardy	Newington
Sunday 18th	Audrey Kateena	McKellar Centre
Saturday 24th	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstof House (1.15pm)

January

Sunday 1st	Rev. Robert Van Zetten	McKellar Centre
Sunday 29th	Audrey Kateena	McKellar Centre
Tuesday 31st	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstof House (3.00pm)

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 2nd December at 10.00am.**



Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

**Christmas Celebration
with Senior Retirees**

**Tuesday 6th December, 2016
1.30pm Horizons Room**

**Members please bring a plate of afternoon tea
All welcome**

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Progressive Dinner

Friday 9th December, 2016

6pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00

**RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 7th December, 2016**

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



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 18th December 4pm

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

Activities for the Festive Season

“Walk the Labyrinth” anytime during December

Beside Barwon River, end of Craigie rd, Newtown

For a group experience, drop by **5-7pm 6th, 13th, 20th Dec**

Saturday 24th December

7pm “Carols for Everyone”

Carols for all ages

Sunday 18th December

4-6pm “Messy Church Christmas”

Activities, celebration and dinner for families

Saturday 24th December

11:30pm “Welcoming Christmas...Quietly”

A gentle candlelit service

Tuesday 20th December

7pm “Service of Hope”

A service for when hearts are hurting

Friday 25th December

9am “Christmas Day Celebration”

A service for all ages

Congregational Lunch

Congregational Lunch to follow the Sunday 11th December Service.

Please bring a plate to share.

“We are the Uniting Church” Series 1

This could be a resource for small groups.

Six short videos - each 6 - 8 minutes long - about the life, ministries and mission of the Uniting Church.

Designed for use with newcomers to congregations, agencies or schools - members, staff, volunteers, enquirers - and for group settings. For more details, go to <https://assembly.uca.org.au/weareuca>

Tennis Club Major Fundraiser

The Tennis Club is again participating in the volunteer marshalling for the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race to be held on Sat 28th/Sun 29th Jan 2017.

If any church members would like to assist you can register on line cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace and register as a volunteer with the Western Heights Uniting Church Tennis Club, or call Andrew Rayan on 5278 1764.



Each year UnitingCare Geelong provides over 300 food hampers to our clients in need of extra assistance for the Christmas Break thanks to the wonderful support of our local churches and community groups.

In recent years we have seen more need for staple foods rather than traditional Christmas and snack foods and are seeking assistance to fill our hampers with essential food items such as –

		
<i>Tinned Vegetables</i>	<i>oil</i>	<i>Tinned fruit</i>
		
<i>Coffee/Tea</i>	<i>Long life Milk</i>	<i>Cereal</i>
		
<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Pasta Sauce</i>	<i>Rice</i>
		
<i>Tinned meat</i>	<i>Tinned Salmon/ Tuna</i>	

What's been happening at WHUC



Birthing Kits for Uganda

600 kits were assembled, hygienically packed and boxed on Wednesday 2nd November.



Senior Retirees Outing

The senior retirees experiencing Messy Church on November 15th.



KFG

The November activity was bike riding the railway track.





Christmas

Card Range 2016



1 Peace, Joy, Hope



2 Mary & Joseph



3 The Shepherds



4 Peace Dove



5 Light of the World

Each pack of 10 cards is only \$8.50

All proceeds support the work of Share

*A mixed pack of 10 cards is also available. It will contain two of each design.

To order: Call 1800 668 426

For more information or to download the order form, visit www.shareappeal.org.au

Are the festivities and joyfulness of Christmas jarring?

You're invited to join us for our

Service of Hope...

when hearts are hurting

**7 pm Tuesday,
20th December 2016.**

For those who for whatever reason have hearts that are hurting, this will be a special time when we acknowledge those feelings that Christmas can often bring, feelings that contrast with the merriment and festivities surrounding us as we approach Christmas.

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Melways Map 441 E11

Light supper to follow

For further information contact Audrey on 0435 064 088
Email: pastoral.carer@whuc.com.au



ELF AND SAFETY AT CHRISTMAS!

Are you prepared to celebrate in safety?



Candles

Take care with open flames and hot wax. Keep a fire extinguisher on standby.



Christmas Lights

Tag and test lights, provide safety switches and don't overburden power boards.



Working at Heights

Be mindful of safe climbing habits and never work at height alone.



Insurances and Permits

Check requirements for additional permits or insurance for Christmas events.



Safe Parking

Organise a parking plan and arrange for parking valets wearing hi-vis vests and torches.



Stewards

Have a designated First Aid Steward, First Response Team, and carry out a Safety Equipment and Procedures check.



Exits

Ensure exits are sign-posted and clear of clutter.



Evacuation Plans

Plan for organised and calm movement of individuals during peak periods. Have an Evacuation Procedure in place.



For help or more information contact Mark Porter, Synod Safety Officer on P:03 9251 5430 | M: 0408 870 472 | E: Mark.Porter@victas.uca.org.au or see the OH&S Resources at www.victas.uca.org.au



Uniting Church in Australia
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BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH STUDENT HOUSE

Moving to Melbourne for tertiary study next year?

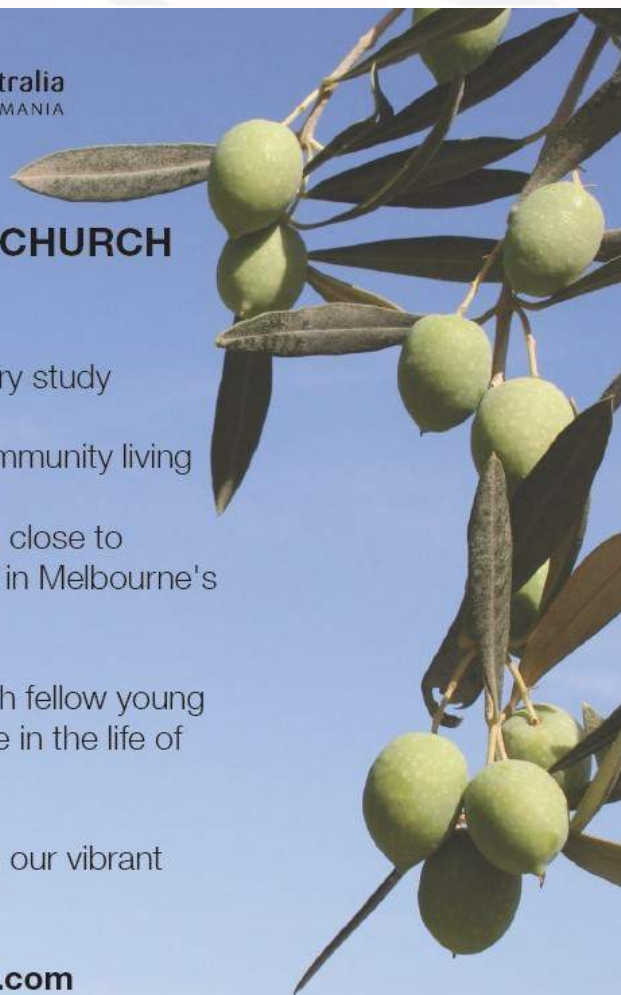
We are a student Christian community living in Brunswick.

We provide affordable housing close to university and public transport in Melbourne's inner-north.

Students explore their faith with fellow young Christians & actively participate in the life of Brunswick Uniting Church.

If you'd be interested in joining our vibrant community, get in touch!

Email: anikajensen1@gmail.com



Contact Details

Leadership Team:

Minister: Rev. Isabel Greenall **minister@whuc.com.au** 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 & 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.**

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**