



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.

July at a Glance

Sunday 2nd	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Wednesday 5th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 14th	12.30pm	WHISH—Christmas in July
	7.00pm	KFG—Annual Ten Pin Bowling Championship
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 18th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 22nd	12.00pm	The Big Event—Welcome Dinner
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship

July Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 2nd	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 9th	10.00am Rev. Jenny Trewalla
Sunday 16th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 23rd	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm Messy Church
Sunday 30th	10.00am Michele Hardy

All Together & Communion

Other Services:

Tuesday 25th	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstoft House (3.00pm)
Sunday 30th	Michele Hardy	McKellar Centre

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2017

Wednesday 5th July, 2017

Fun with Pat Brooks

1.30pm Horizons Room

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Annual Ten Pin Bowling Championship

Friday 14th July, 2017

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

STBC

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 12th July, 2017

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 18th July, 2017

“Colours”

6.30pm Meal Provided

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy 5241 5683

Friendship Club

Members have voted not to hold any meetings for
June, July and August as the weather is just too cold.



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 23rd June 4pm

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

Support Parkinson's Research

Joan Hill is planning to take a “Walk in the Park” on
Sunday 27th August to help raise funds for research
into Parkinson's Disease. If you like to help please see
Joan.

Weekly Meditation at WHUC

A bit about the Meditation Group:

Four of us have been meeting weekly for the past 6 months or so at the church and getting a regular rhythm of meditation going. It is a quiet, gentle space following a simple pattern of an opening prayer or reading, short piece of music, 20 minutes of silence and ending with another short piece of music and closing prayer/reading. We usually enjoy a few minutes of catching up with each other at the beginning but the focus is primarily a meditation space.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in meditating with others in a Christian tradition of meditation, to come along on any Tuesday, as you are able.

When: every Tuesday from 7 - 8 pm in the church vestry (until we outgrow it!)

If you would like to talk to any of us about it more, you can talk to either Sue, Ed, Michelle or Maralann at church. Alternatively, call Sue Ekkel on 0416 874 922.

Culture of Safety Contact Person

At its meeting on Wednesday, 21 June, 2017, the Church Council was very happy to endorse Heather Rookes as our “**Culture of Safety Contact Person**”. Heather is now part of the Safe Church Task Group consisting of Gwyn Edwards, Karen Morgan, Nola Bicknell, Steve Singline and Velma Oliver. Appointing a Culture of Safety Contact Person is part of what we, as a church, have to do in becoming a safe church. Heather Rookes will be our “GO TO” person, when anyone in the congregation has concerns about the safety of children in the congregation, or the welfare of vulnerable adults. Reports will be handled in confidence and there is a process, that needs to be followed, in place.

Being an intergenerational church

A couple of definitions to help you in your thinking about what it means to be an intergenerational church.

- “Two or more different age groups...together learning, growing, living in faith through uncommon experiences, parallel learning, contributive occasions, and interactive sharing” - *James White*
- “Intentional intergenerational strategies... encourage interpersonal interactions across generational boundaries...sense of mutuality and respect is encouraged between participants” - *Alan Harkness*

Summary of Church Council Minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2017

The formal minutes of this meeting still need to be approved at the next CC meeting on
21 June, 2017.

CC Purpose Statement

“Church Council shall give priority in its life to building and supporting the church community in *Loving God, Growing Together, Partnering Community and Sharing Faith*. We will seek to sustain the church community and each other in hope and realise a fuller participation in Christ’s mission in the world through fostering a culture of empathy, purpose, conversation and learning.”

1. Geoff Coots took devotions. Geoff spoke about the importance of “partnering community”. He used examples from “Dear Lord, they want me to give the devotions”. As Christians, we learn that we need to be loving, forgiving and caring of our community, just like Jesus.
2. Rodger M., Nola B., Velma O., Karen Morgan and Jan Grigg attended Child Safe Training at Wesley in Geelong on Saturday, 6 May 2017.
3. CC has adopted the “Keeping Children Safe” Policy. Hard copies of the latest version are available from Velma O. and electronic copies from Jan Grigg.
4. CC has adopted the “Statement of Commitment to the Keeping Children Safe Policy”. A shortened version of this statement of commitment is on display in the foyer and in the Horizons Room. It will always appear on the front page of the pew sheet and the monthly newsletters.
5. CC has adopted the “Code of Conduct” as written in the Keeping Children Safe Policy. All holders of valid Working With Children Checks as well as teachers with VIT checks need to obtain a copy of the Code of Conduct from Velma O. and also sign off as having received a copy.
6. CC has adopted the “Culture of Safety Contact Person” role description.
7. Isabel G, and Gwyn E. will invite members of the congregation to form a task group to review the Ministry Team (MT) model, and change / develop as needed to support the Strategic Plan.
8. Gwyn E. has had a beneficial meeting with Suzanne Cooper from Diversitat. This is one of CC’s actions in the Year 2 Strategic Plan, viz. “Explore a possible relationship with Diversitat”.

Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.

The Big Event Update

On 22nd July between 12 midday and 2.30pm. Western Heights in conjunction with Diversitat and The Welcome Dinner Project is hosting an informal Community lunch.

The aim of a “Welcome Dinner” is to connect equal numbers of new arrivals with local people who come together to share a meal and make space for conversations, connections and fun. Newly arrived people may include refugees, migrants or international students from all over the world. Children are very welcome and we will have some activities available. Drinks will be provided.

What You Need To Do

There has been a change of process to register for the event. All you need to do is to register your name on the Welcome Lunch Form.

On the day all you need to do is to bring a dish of food to share, (perhaps a traditional family favourite) and why it’s special. Numbers are limited due to space so register ASAP.

Any queries to Joan and David Walker, Jenny Stephens, Heather and Bruce Rookes.

This is an activity of the Big Event Group in line with our Church goal of partnering community.

Godly Play Core Training

When? **August 10,11 & 12**

Where? Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville

Who is it for? This course is for anyone interested or involved in ministry within the church or school settings.

Cost? Full: \$650 for the three full days. Concession: \$450

Details? Contact Jeanette Acland jeacland@gmail.com 9349 1182

Vacancy

Church Council is seeking someone to take the aluminium for recycling to Mr Milligan, 43 Lily Street, Hamlyn Heights. His telephone number is 52787110. Please see Velma Oliver.

Advance care planning seminar in Melbourne

Presented by Decision Assist and Monash University Centre of Research Excellence in Patient Safety, this day of seminars will be run by experienced leaders in the field of advance care planning in Australia. The program includes topics covering advance care planning and the law, advance care planning across various healthcare sectors, the prevalence of advance care planning in Australia and advance care planning in indigenous populations and culturally diverse communities. This event is designed for physicians, age and palliative care workers, nurses, medical students and any other health professionals with an interest in advance care planning, as well as the general public seeking information about advance care planning. Visit

<http://www.decisionassist.org.au/decision-assist/news-events/event/2017/07/19/default-calendar/advance-care-planning-seminar-in-melbourne> for more information and to register.

When: Thursday 20 July 2017

9am - 5pm

Where: The Alfred, 75 Commercial Road, Melbourne

2017 Art Competition: Connection with Community

Palliative Care Australia's online art competition is back. This year's theme of 'Connection with Community' aims to showcase how people who may be living with serious illness are supported by their communities. Entries may be paintings, drawings, photographs or objects. Visit <http://dyingtotalk.org.au/art/> for further information. **Entries close 31 July 2017**

There are three prizes on offer:

- * Overall winner as chosen by the panel of judges – \$1,000 prize money.
- * People's Choice as voted by the Australian public – \$1,000 prize money.
- * PCA prize as chosen by Palliative Care Australia – non-monetary prize to have your artwork featured on our marketing and promotional material.

The judges will make their decision on the winners based on:

- * The high-resolution photograph of the artwork – so please make sure the photo of your artwork is clear enough to see the detail of your work.
- * The description of how your artwork fits with the theme Connection in Community (max. 100 words).

Entertainment Book



The 2017/2018 Entertainment Book has been released. These books make ideal gifts.

Still just \$60 giving you over \$20,000 worth of offers.

Offers of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers, from best restaurants, hotels, activities, travel and more.

WHUC gets 20% of sales for each book.

See Helen Sleep

Share Unites

This time called life was meant to Share.

A new chapter in Share's story.

In July Share will join Uniting, the new community services arm of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

We believe this is a bold step which will strengthen the Church's community service work for decades to come.

Thanks to your support we have much to be proud of, and our work is not yet done. With your help, we will continue to provide hope for those who have nowhere else to turn.

Need more information?

- Visit our website www.shareappeal.org.au
- FREE CALL 1800 668 426
- EMAIL shareunites@victas.uca.org.au

UCA Working With Children Checks

All UCA congregations are required by law to ensure that the following members of the congregation have current Working With Children Checks (WWCC).

These include and is not limited to: Ministers, Lay Ministry Workers, Lay Preachers, Church Councillors, Worship Leaders, Music Leaders, Organists, Pianists, anyone commissioned by the Church Council to perform a leadership role, Bible Study Leaders, volunteers at Messy Church, those in leadership at Congregational Meetings. Volunteers at the Western Heights Secondary College Breakfast Program are also included.

Copies of the UCA letter from the General Secretary are available to all members of our congregation who are affected by this requirement. It is important that, if you are affected by this requirement, you get a WWCC or update your details immediately. Attached to this letter is a step-by-step procedure to guide those:

- (a) needing to make application for a WWCC for the first time, and
- (b) members of the congregation who are holders of current WWCC's and need to update their details.

Copies of the letter and the attached step-by-step guide are available from Velma Oliver.

The WWCC Regulations require Cardholders to update their details on the Dept. of Justice website. All locations where the person volunteers or is employed need to be recorded. Please update your details at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/cardholders/update+your+details/index.html>. You must notify the Department of Justice and Regulation within 21 days of any changes to your personal, contact and organisation's details.

A very special thank-you to all our members who have already applied for and received a valid WWCC. These have now been entered onto the secure Synod database. Again, thank you. Velma Oliver

Keeping Children Safe Website is Live!

The Culture of Safety unit is delighted to announce the launch of a dedicated Keeping Children Safe website <http://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>. We hope that congregations will find this website helpful and easy to navigate. Thank you for your patience while we have navigated changing requirements of policy and legislation.

We are grateful to the many Church Councils and individuals who are already doing excellent work to keep children safe in the Uniting Church. This website is designed to make it easier for congregations to meet their ethical and legal requirements regarding child safety.

Thank you for all the work you are doing to help ensure that the Uniting Church is a safe place for all. Grace and peace,

Sue Clarkson, Ethical Standards Officer;

Josh Woollett, Safe Church educator;

and Harriet Ziegler, Ethical Standards – Training

Contact Details

Leadership 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.

Church Administrator:

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

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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**