



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

August 2017 Newsletter

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.

August at a Glance

Wednesday 2nd	1.30pm	Missions Outreach
Sunday 6th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Friday 11th	7.00pm	KFG-Birthday Party Night
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 15th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 16th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship
	2.00pm	Homeless Information Update & Packing Session
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church

August Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 6th	8.45am	Rev. Isabel Greenall
	10.15am	Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church

All Together & Communion

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2017

Wednesday 2nd August, 2017

Visit Narana Creations

410 Torquay Road, Grovedale

Time: Meet at Church 12.20pm, leave 12.30pm

Transport by cars

Lunch at your own cost at Narana Cafe

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Birthday Party Night

Friday 11th August, 2017

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 9th August, 2017

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 15th August, 2017

“Photographic Memories”

6.30pm

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy 5241 5683



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 27th August 4pm

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

Revelation Series

In the month of August we're going to take the plunge into the book of Revelation. It's the last book in the bible and is one that has been interpreted in such a variety of ways during the history of the church. What do you know about it? What do you think it's about? What might we learn from its pages today? Let us take the plunge together and see what happens!

Homeless Information Update & Packing Session

Western Heights Uniting Church

August 20th 2017 between 2.00pm—5.00pm.

An invitation is extended to you and your friends to attend the above session.

The afternoon will include

- ◆ Filling the hygiene packs
- ◆ Hearing an update on homelessness from those working in this area
- ◆ Sharing afternoon tea
- ◆ Discuss options for further support.

For further information speak to Roger Dingle, Michele Hardy, Janine Demko, Heather Rookes.

Friendship Club

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

Big Gathering for Small Groups

An invitation is extended to all members of Small Groups to attend an afternoon of sharing with some new ideas on studies related to our everyday life of faith.

Sunday 3rd September 2017 3pm – 4.30pm

Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

We also invite any members of the congregation who would like to hear and learn about Small Groups.

We look forward to seeing **you** there.

Isabel Greenall, Roger Dingle, Janet Pavlakis.

Ministerial Leave Entitlements

All Ministers of the Uniting Church are entitled to a certain amount of leave each year. In case you're not aware of what these entitlements are, here they are:

Annual Leave - 4 weeks (incl 4 Sundays)

Study Leave – at least 14 days

One free Sunday per quarter for family time & participation in worship

Public Holidays

Long Service Leave

Other - sick leave, carers leave, compassionate/bereavement leave, parental leave

Summary of Church Council Minutes of meeting held on 21 JUNE 2017

The formal minutes of this meeting still need to be approved at the next CC meeting on
5 July, 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. Isabel Greenall took devotions and the topic was Sharing Faith. Being yourself, talking about what is important to you, and making a connection with the other person, are effective ways of sharing faith. By participating in the Ration Challenge, Isabel has created many ways of sharing faith.
 2. **Safe Church:** Heather Rookes was appointed as the Western Heights Culture of Safety Contact Person. CC adopted the document: “Responding to and Reporting Child Abuse”. CC requested that the “Flow Chart for Responding and Reporting Child Abuse” be amended by the Safe Church Task Group, in order to make it more user-friendly for the congregation.
 3. **Church Directory:** LAT is preparing a letter to everyone on the church roll concerning the creation of a Church Directory.
 4. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and the Cash Disbursements Journal, as presented, was approved.
 5. \$500 has been made available for the purchasing of equipment for the Pool Room.
 6. Long-service leave has been granted to Isabel Greenall from 24 Oct, to 28 Nov., 2017.
 7. At the request of Ross & Elizabeth Taylor and Barry & Di Edwards, letters of Transfer of Church Membership have been mailed to St John’s Anglican Church in Highton.
 8. Someone in the congregation is required to take the collected aluminium for recycling to Mr Milligan at 43 Lily St., Hamlyn Heights, on a regular basis.
 9. The Communion chalice is in need of maintenance and is being repaired.
 10. **Church Administrator:** A person to replace John Matthews as Church Administrator is required, as John has retired. CC thanks John for his exemplary service over many years.
 11. Rodger M. and Jan T. will meet with Iris Blythe from Presbytery in August, in order to review the process of Request for Ministerial Extension.
 12. The meeting closed with prayer by Joan Hill: “Work as if it all depended on you. Pray as if it all depended entirely on God.”
- Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.

Positions Vacant Board

It takes a community of people to be a healthy church! In the Horizons Room there is a positions vacant board listing a variety of roles/tasks in our church community that are currently vacant. Some are quick and easy, some take a little more time, some require a bit of thought. There is something there for everybody whatever the age! Have a look and see what you might be able to do. Or, have a look and think about others your know in the church who might be suitable for particular roles and ask them if they’d consider taking up the challenge. If you think that an ad is missing from the board, let Isabel know and she’ll put it up.

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.



**CALL FOR PHOTOS
FOR 2018 CALENDAR**

The Commission for Mission is looking for photos for the 2018 Giving is Living calendar. The photos will showcase the mission and outreach work of gathered communities at a grassroots level.

Photos should be high quality 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/CalendarUCA
(case sensitive).

Please send your photos and permission forms to tim.lam@victas.uca.org.au by August 1.

SYNOD MEETING 2017



BRING YOUR FRIENDS to opening worship
7.30pm, Friday, 8 September 2017, St Michael's Uniting Church,
120 Collins Street, CBD. There will be Auslan interpreting at the service.

DIARISE THE DATE 9 – 13 September 2017 at Box Hill Town Hall,
1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

PRAY FOR THE MEETING for representatives from your presbytery,
for our leaders and all members of Synod as they seek wisdom and
discernment in their discussions, deliberations and decision making.

CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE APP we've launched the Synod
2017 mobile app for information and regular updates and news about
the meeting.

Download or update the app from <https://crowd.cc/s/7ASM>



ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

St David's Uniting Church, Newtown, Geelong, is seeking the services of an Organist and Choir Director for Thursday practice and Sunday morning worship service. The Church has a Taylor pipe organ, el.pn. by Hill, Norman & Beard, and it is regularly maintained. An enthusiastic choir is accustomed to singing introits and anthems as well as special Easter and Christmas music. An honorarium is offered.

Enquiries to: The Church Secretary, Mr Edwin Haywood,
PO Box 2015, Geelong, VIC, 3220.
P: 03 5243 6669, E: edwin.haywood@bigpond.com

Wisdom's Feast

Our world is changing socially, ecologically, and culturally with extreme rapidity. Our understanding of who we are and how we participate in God's mission in both word and deed is changing. There are forces at work in our community to build walls and barriers but there are other forces that seek to have us build bridges, build understanding and hop

into the boat to reach out across the borders of our common life. How do these challenges affect people of different generations, different cultural backgrounds, cities, regional centres and small country towns? How can we contemplate the edges and edginess, and their implications for ourselves, our congregations, our institutions and our society. Wisdom's Feast is Crossing Borders. Wisdom's Feast 2017 is a partnership event between the Centre for Theology & Ministry and the Presbytery of North East Victoria. Join us at Yarrowonga on 18-19 August 2017.



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

World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women of South Pacific area seminar, 2-6 July 2018

The venue is Shangri-La's Fijian Resort Hotel, Sigatoka, Yanuca Island, Coral Coast, Fiji. Theme: "Chosen People Called to Proclaim...with hearts on Fire."

Join 500 women from seven South Pacific nations at this wonderful event featuring Bible studies, guest speakers, unit reports, cultural entertainment and a guided tour together with white beaches and swaying palm trees.

Registration fee is due by 31 July 2017.

Cost: Approximately \$800 (includes seminar fee, all meals, travel from Nadi International airport and accommodation).

For information, registration forms, to pay fees contact David Wang on 9251 5255 or david.wang@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



Help Us Celebrate

175 Years of Worship

At Wesley Uniting Church

100 Yarra Street Geelong

175th Anniversary



Wesley Uniting Church



October 22nd 2017

All Welcome

10am with Luncheon to follow

RSVP for lunch by 30/09/17

Phone 5229 8866

Beer & Hymns

Sunday 13 August 5.30pm onwards
Wesley Anne, 250 High St, Northcote

Celebrating the 40th year of the Uniting Church
An initiative of Chalice and Richmond Uniting
Bring along a copy of TIS or AHB



**Richmond
Uniting Church**
richmond.unitingchurch.org.au



Big Event—Welcome Dinner 22nd July, 2017



Uniting Leaders 2017— Registrations open

The Uniting Leaders 2017 “Growing leaders to grow the church” conference, will take place in Adelaide from **22 to 24 August**. The three-day conference features keynote speakers Nancy Beach and Mark Conner along with interactive workshops and networking opportunities. Travel subsidies are available for rural congregations. Find out more email info@unitingleaders.org.au.

Telling your stories @ Synod 2017

Is your congregation doing exciting and creative work with young people? Are you a cross-cultural church? Are you engaged in new and renewed expressions of mission and ministry?

How about grabbing your smart phone and creating a video of some of the justice, mission and ministry activities of your church?

Communications has posted some helpful video story tips on the UCA Our Synod Meeting webpage, including how to send your video clip to us. A compilation of these celebratory stories will be aired at Synod 2017.

For further enquiries email communications@victas.uca.org.au

Deadline for receipt of videos is 31st July 2017.



SWELL CONFERENCE – AWAKEN ABUNDANT LIFE & ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP WITH URANIO PAES 18 – 21 AUGUST

Join the Habitat Uniting Church congregation, friends and SWell practitioners for the exciting launch of our SWell Spirituality and Wellbeing Centre, bringing together a group of spirituality, health & wellbeing practitioners. Meet for two days of ground breaking workshops, rituals, art and inspiration, and join wellbeing practitioners and those nurturing the spiritual journey as we support and awaken abundant life.

To help us celebrate, Uranio Paes will present a keynote address on the topic of ‘Spiritual Awakening’.

For more information, visit the Habitat website www.habitatforspirituality.org.au
To purchase tickets, visit www.trybooking.com/PZOH



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.

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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