



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.

September at a Glance

Sunday 3rd	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm,	Mission Outreach
Friday 8th	12.30pm	WHISH
	7.00pm	KFG-Family Trivia Night
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 19th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 20th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 23rd	5.15pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church

September Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 3rd	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 10th	10.00am Janet Pavlakis	
Sunday 17th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	All Together & Communion
Sunday 24th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	4.00pm Messy Church	

Other Services:

Tuesday 26th	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstoft House (3.00pm)
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WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

September 2017 Newsletter

Big Gathering for Small Groups

Change of Date

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 8th October 2017 3pm – 4.30pm not 3rd Sept at previously advertised.

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.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2017

Wednesday 6th September, 2017

1.30pm

Syllabus: Eve's in the chair

Devotions: Jean Thompson

Afternoon Tea: Berenice Robertson

Wednesday 27th September

Invitation to Winchelsea Uniting Church Lunch

12 noon—\$12

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Family Trivia Night

Friday 8th September, 2017

7pm—8.30pm

All invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 6th September, 2017

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 19th September, 2017

September meeting we will be joining Geelong Soprano Group at St. Mary's Theatre at 6.30pm. The film is "The man who knew Infinity"

Cost \$15 includes supper

All Ladies Welcome

RSVP 17th September

Joan Murphy 5241 5683

Tuesday 17th October

Speaker: Helen Sleep on her recent trip to Japan

Please bring a plate to share

Tuesday 28th November (4th Tuesday)

"Christmas Celebration"

All Ladies Welcome

Friendship Club

We welcome back our members to a PIZZA TEA on Saturday, 23rd September, 2017,

at 5.15 pm in the Horizon's Room.

We have much pleasure to announce that Berenice Robertson has kindly offered to talk about her recent trip to America including Disney Land.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 24th September 4pm

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

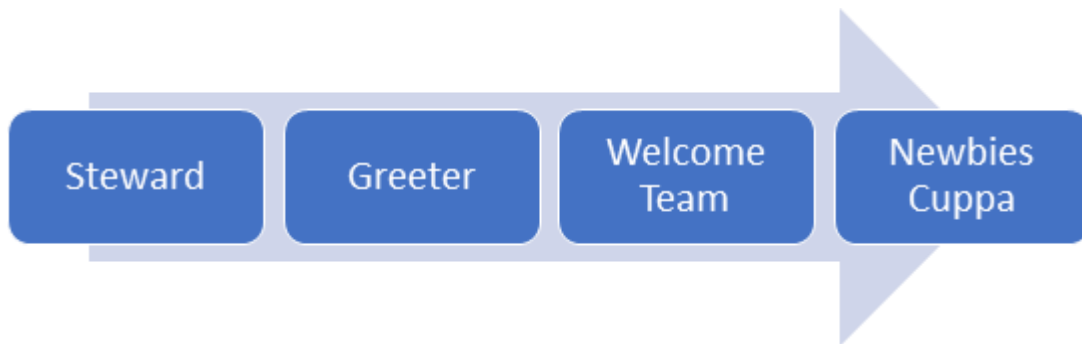
All Saints Service 2017

Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year: those who were associated with our church, and those whose family is associated with us, will be held on Sunday 5th November.

If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this year's service please contact Audrey on 0435 064 088 or Jan at the office on 5229 2681 or by email: pastoral.carer@gmail.com, by Sunday 29th October.

Welcoming New People

As a part of our goal to be a Church that is welcoming, warm and inclusive, this year we are to review and implement process for welcoming newcomers to Sunday morning worship. A small team of Nola Bicknell, Isabel Greenall, Janet Pavlakis and Jan Taylor have been working on this with the support of the Worship & Music Ministry Team. In short, a process has been developed which is described in the following diagram:



A new person comes through the door, is welcomed by the Stewards and met by the Greeter who then introduces them to someone from the Welcome Team. In time, the new person will be invited with other new people to a cuppa with some from the Welcome Team and the Leadership Advisory Team to deepen relationships and consider further their journey of faith.

A welcome card has been developed as a part of this process which you can find in the pews. A big thanks to Charlotte Ekkel for designing it!

Keep an eye out for more details about this and about how we can all be more welcoming of new people to Western Heights.

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 you know in the church who might be suitable for particular roles and ask them if they'd consider taking up the challenge. People have already taken up the opportunity to contribute in new ways. Thanks to Lynda for looking after the stamps and aluminium foil drop-offs, thanks to Maralann for sorting out the photo board. It is being updated regularly so please check for changes. If you think that an ad is missing from the board or are aware of a position being filled, do let Isabel know.

Planned Giving Report to 31st July 2017

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actually Received</u>
Envelopes	38,790	37,170
Direct Debits	<u>44,860</u>	<u>43,310</u>
Sub-total	83650	80,480
Open Plate	<u>5,810</u>	<u>4,890</u>
Total Offerings	<u>89,460</u>	<u>85,370</u>

Financial Situation to 31st July 2017

Total Income	114,931
Total Expenses	129,743
Operating <u>Deficit</u>	<u>- 14,812</u>



**KEEP
CALM
AND
PLAY
TRIVIA**

Music
Sports
Television
Famous Faces
What's that Sound?
Animals
Australia
Movies
Science
Food

FRIDAY - 7PM
8th Sept

Everyone's invited to the...

K.F.G

TRIVIA NIGHT

31 DOUGLASS ST, HERNE HILL

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



October 22nd 2017
All Welcome
10am with Luncheon to follow
RSVP for lunch by 30/09/17
Phone 5229 8866

2016 Census as a Picture of our Community: How Do We Respond?

Phillip Hughes



From 1985 to 2016, Rev Dr Phillip Hughes served churches of all denominations across Australia in research through his work with the Christian Research Association. Apart from his work in research, Phillip Hughes has been a minister in three churches: in the inner city, in suburban Melbourne, and in a rural town. He has always sought to ground his research in the practical life of the churches. Phillip Hughes is currently the chief supervisor at Harvest Bible College and is currently supervising 8 students in their doctoral studies along with teaching research methods and social sciences and ministry research.

Among the research projects Phillip Hughes has undertaken have been studies of rural and urban church life and cross-cultural ministry. He has done extensive analysis of Census data and national surveys, examining how Australians make sense of life. Over the last fifteen years, a major focus has been seeking to understand how schools, churches and families can contribute to growing the spiritual faith of young people. In 2014 and 2015 he was involved in three sets of studies of youth ministry in local churches.

Phillip has written more than 60 books and hundreds of articles and chapters of books. He is an honorary research fellow with the University of Divinity and with the Catholic Pastoral Research Office. He has two adult children and one grandchild.

The Presbytery Education Day is from 9.30-12.30 on the 16th of September. It is followed by a short Presbytery meeting finishing by 2.00pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided



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 Whitehouse 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 SYNOD WEBSITE AND APP.
We've launched the Synod 2017 mobile and website app for information
and regular updates and news about the meeting.

Download or update the app from <https://crowd.cc/s/7ASM>
Visit the website at <https://www.synod.org.au/2017>



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“Hygiene Kit” Success

Last week’s “Homelessness” contribution by our committee was a great success with 34 people attending including a small number from Belmont and St. Luke’s.

The extensive range of toiletries, etc. was packed into 120 “hygiene kits” – each with a very generous range of items.

These kits were then taken by Andrew Edgar to be distributed from several centres across Geelong and closer Western District.



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.

Following Christ... SYNOD 2017



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.**

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