



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.

March at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy
Tuesday 6th	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 7th	11.45am	Mission Outreach
Friday 9th		WHISH Contact Audrey for details
	7.00pm	KFG—Bollard Walk
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	2.00pm	Rev. Isabel Greenall—McKellar Centre
	7.00pm	Taize Service
Tuesday 13th	1.00pm	Senior Retirees Outing
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		All Together & Communion
Tuesday 20th		Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 24th	6.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Thursday 29th	3.00pm	mecwacare Elstoft House—Audrey Kateena
	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Friday 30th	9.00am	Good Friday
Sunday 1st	10.00am	Easter Day—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		Communion

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 7th March, 2018

This month we will go to the
Geelong Botanical Gardens Café

To enjoy lunch together leaving the church
11.45am.

We will meet at the church carpark to organise
travel for those needing transport.

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Bollard Walk

Friday 9th March, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

\$3.00

Wear sneakers and bring a drink bottle

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 7th March, 2018

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Senior Retirees Outing

We start off our new year with a visit to Barwon Heads river foreshore and environs. (This was planned for last year but cancelled due to the heat) This will be held on **Tuesday 13th March** with the usual **1pm pick up**. Those available (both seniors and drivers) please let us know if you are available.

Thanks Graeme & Michele 5278 8258

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th March

Tuesday Friendship Group will join “Soroptimist Geelong” at St. Mary’s Theatre

Film “Hidden Figures”

Cost \$15 includes supper

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035



Messy Church @ WHUC

Sunday 25th March 4pm

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

Quiet Space

Under the balcony in the worship space there is a quiet space currently being developed. The aim is to provide a quiet space to be used on a Sunday morning before and after the service and at other times for meditation. Please feel welcome to sit there quietly, pray, reflect, light a candle.

If you have any ideas or would like to comment on the space, please talk to Maralann Damiano, Rhonda Dingle or Sue Ekkel.

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.

Christmas Bowl

Thanks have been received from the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal for donations from the members of congregation totalling \$2,015.25 to the end of December 2017.



The Welcome Team

Why a Welcome Team?

The Western Heights congregation agreed that in the second year of our three year Strategic Plan we would formalise what we already try to do in welcoming newcomers. We aim to help visitors or potential new members feel they have come to a faith community that is “Warm and Welcoming”.

Who are the Welcome Team?

Nola Bicknell, Melinda, Toby, Cecilia and Louisa Bell, Shalni, Dilesh, Caleb and Aiden Chand, Maralann Damiano, Jan Taylor, Joan Walker, Betty Watson.

What are the responsibilities of the Welcome Team?

The Welcome Team, in conjunction with the Greeters, has the responsibility of ensuring that visitors are warmly welcomed and given the opportunity for wider contact.

The Greeter’s role is to identify visitors and those who come into our faith community for the first time.

Greeters then seek out a Welcome Team member and introduce the visitor or first time person.

The Welcome Team Member will invite the person/persons to sit to sit with them, or if for any reason this is not convenient, introduce them to someone else. After worship the Welcome Team Member will invite them to morning tea and introduce them to some other members of our Faith Community. If appropriate introduce both visitors and newcomers to Isabel, Karen or Audrey.

Offer a copy of the monthly newsletter and also invite them to fill in a Welcome Pew Card, either then, or to take one home to think about further.

Keep an eye open on subsequent Sundays for the returning newcomer. Maybe, if appropriate, invite them to meet up for a coffee.

To let Rev. Isabel Greenall know when a newcomer is showing signs of wanting to become a part of the WHUC faith community in an ongoing way. It would then be appropriate for a follow up cuppa to be arranged with other newcomers, one or two Welcome Team Members and the Leadership Advisory Team.

School Holiday Tennis Program Report

Wednesday 24th January saw the completion of the Tennis Club School holiday Tennis programme, which was supported and assisted by Diversitat.

On the last day as well as tennis coaching, the families of the participants were invited to a Barbeque lunch, games and informal conversations.

Thanks to all church and tennis club members and their friends that made the day a great community linked event. Thanks to the Trefoil group for their financial support.

We as a people of faith are fulfilling one of our church goals of, “partnering with community”.

Bike Race Marshalling

A BIG thank you to those who were able to help with the Tennis Club fundraiser on the holiday weekend. This year we were able to fill 17 positions on the Saturday and 15 positions on the Sunday.

We thank you for your time and we may try for 40 positions next year?

Literary Event

Sri Lanka to Australia: A Story of Hope



Alison Corke & Para Paheer
 Authors: "The Power of Good People"

4pm Sunday 4th March

Uniting Church, Hesse St. Queenscliff.

Tickets \$30 (Bookings essential)

Fundraiser for Refugees

Complimentary Drink & Finger Food Served

Tickets & enquiries Di 5256 1004, Lyn 5255 2638, Jan 5258 2854

Tickets also
 available online



Evacuate
 Manus &
 Nauru

WALK for JUSTICE

2018 for

REFUGEES

End the cruelty

Palm Sunday, March 25

2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

Organised by the Refugee Advocates' Network, endorsed by:

www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

call Marie Hapke 0409 252 673 or Chris Been 0403 013 183 or visit www.refugeadvocacynetwork.org for more info

Music in Worship

As the congregation agreed in 2017, one Sunday per month we will generally include at least two hymns during the 10am service. In consultation with our organist, Geoff Coots, the Worship & Music Ministry Team have decided that it will be the second Sunday of the month. We look forward to continuing to enjoy a diversity of music in worship.

Thanks

A big thankyou to Ian & Eve Wood for continuing to tend the gardens around our main building. They look fabulous!

Thanks to Graeme Hardy, Colin Rookes & Bruce Rookes for all the work they have recently done replacing some of the floor boards in the main hall.

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

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 are 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 Karen Morgan.

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. Karen Morgan

LAT Administrator

At the February Church Council meeting, Roger Dingle was elected as the new Administrator for the Leadership Advisory Team. We look forward to Roger's contribution to the leadership of the congregation.

Extended Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education

Part-Time, 2 days per week

St Vincent's Pastoral Care Department and the Peter Mac Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre have joined together to offer a unique CPE opportunity for people to participate in an Extended Unit of CPE which will be conducted over twenty weeks. There is room for six people to participate in this programme and clinical placements will take place at St. Vincent's Fitzroy and St. George's.

If this course is not for credit within the University of Divinity fee's are \$1650.00 (inc. GST.) If you are taking this unit as a component of a course through the University of Divinity please contact your course coordinator for the fees.

Please email paula.donnoli@petermac.org or phone 8559 5236 to obtain application material or further information.

Application close date: Thursday 8th March 2018

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory 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.

LAT Administrator: Roger Dingle **r.dingle@optusnet.com.au** 0407 528 533

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

Administrator: Jan Grigg 5229 5889

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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