



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.

June at a Glance

Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Tuesday 5th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 8th	7.00pm	KFG—Ten Pin Bowling
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Michele Hardy—St. Andrews-St. Albans
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Café Church & Communion Michele Hardy—Birregurra / Warrion
Tuesday 19th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Tuesday Friendship Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 20th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 23rd	12.00pm	Welcome Lunch
Sunday 24th	10.00am 4.00pm	Worship—Rev. David Walker Messy Church

Staff Leave

Isabel will be on leave from **Saturday 23rd of June** and returning on **Wednesday 18th July**. During this time, for urgent pastoral issues please contact your pastoral partner, small group leader or a member of the Leadership Advisory Team (Rodger Marsden, Roger Dingle, Karen Morgan).

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 6th June, 2018

At 1.30pm

“Joining the Squares”

Chat, fellowship & afternoon tea.

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Ten Pin Bowling Championship

Friday 8th June, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 6th June, 2018

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

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 19th June, 2018

6.30pm

Evening meal

Soup ‘n’ sandwiches

With

Pam & Gaye

Please bring slice or cake to share with a cuppa.

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683

Tuesday 17th July, 2018

At 6.30pm in the Horizons Room

Evening meal provided

“Lets be Kids Again”

With

Jan & Jan

All ladies welcome

Café Church

On the 17th of June we will be worshipping in café church style. This is an opportunity to worship in a more informal atmosphere around tables with food and drink. We will have a representative of one of the groups that use our premises called 4GR come and share with us about what they do and how we are beginning to partner together. More details to come.

WHUC Friendship Club

Please note that we are in recess over

JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

being too cold to venture out.

KEEP WARM



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 24th June 4pm

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

Safety Reminder

A quick and important reminder to everyone who is up front in worship on a Sunday to use the rail near the piano as a guide to moving up the stairs. This will help to prevent people tripping up the stairs as they make their way to the lectern. If we all do it, it will become a normal part of how we use the space.

Breakfast Program

Please consider helping at the Breakfast Program. Even helping one morning a term would be greatly appreciated. See Michele or ring 5278 8258

Music Sorting / Filing Needed

We need someone to help with the sorting and filing of music in preparation for Sunday services. The role is shared with Michele Hardy so doesn't require attention every week. Please see Michele for more info 52788258.

Reorganising the Worship Space

Firstly, a big thanks to everyone for the feedback on reorganising the worship space on a Sunday morning so that it might better reflect the community that we are and would like to be. The suggestion from the Worship & Music Ministry Team is that we experiment with reorganising the worship space for June-August giving room for morning tea at the back and seating up the front for the service. This has been received well by the congregation as has been seen in the written feedback. There is a general buzz of “let’s give it a go and see what happens”.

Secondly, we make the changes not for the sake of making changes but because we recognise that every aspect of the life of our church community needs to reflect who we are today and where we are heading. Our purpose statement reminds us of this: loving God, growing together, partnering community and sharing faith. More particularly, six of the seven goals in our strategic plan are directly connected to what we do on a Sunday morning. Have a think about them.

The relevant goals are as follows: With God’s help we will be a Church that:

1. Is intergenerational
2. Is welcoming, warm and inclusive
3. Encourages and supports exploring, sharing and growing in faith
4. Provides a variety of worship styles
5. Initiates and/or supports community action in areas of social justice and environmental sustainability
6. Cares for and responds to community and /or individual needs

Here are some questions to consider. Share your answers with your small group or with one or two others of your choosing.

- How do you see these goals at work in our gathering on a Sunday morning?
- How might meeting solely in the worship space contribute to achieving them?

What can we do to continue to grow to be the community we want to be on a Sunday morning?

Thirdly, the experiment will begin on the 3rd of June. During the week leading up to this, the Worship & Music Ministry Team with others will co-ordinate reorganising the space. If you’d like to be a part of this please let Isabel Greenall, Lynda Scott or Les Oliver know as soon as possible.

Fourthly, how are we going to measure the success of the experiment? Perhaps we use the goals as listed above?

Finally, we’re on this journey together and so we need to work our way through the issues that arise together. In the first few weeks of the experiment in particular there will be issues that arise that we’ll need to find creative solutions for. Let us all be on the lookout for what is happening and what we could do better.

Chapel Area Quiet Space

Under the balcony, the chapel area has been set up as a quiet space. This is used regularly by the Tuesday night meditation group and is also available for anyone who is looking for a quiet place to go after worship. There are candles there for lighting or you are most welcome to simply “be”.

TV/DVD After Worship

As you face the front of the worship space, to the left a tv and dvd player have been set up for use after worship. Usually about 10mins after the service has finished a “Songs of Praise” dvd is turned on for anyone to enjoy.

Pastoral Care Review Workshop

On Sunday 20th May twenty-five people participated in a Pastoral Care Review Workshop.

During the hour long workshop the following was achieved... *information was shared regarding the context of pastoral care in relation to our three year plan and purpose statement *this pastoral care statement was introduced, "In providing Pastoral Care we aim for people to feel a sense of acceptance, belonging and care."

*lively discussion of the pastoral care statement and then feedback was provided (including strengths, issues and suggestions).

*brainstorming of "how" to do pastoral care (including what we are doing well and appreciate and things that could be introduced or developed that would enhance pastoral care at Western Heights

So, what's next for Pastoral Care at Western Heights?

*sheets from the "how" to do pastoral care brainstorming session will be placed in the Horizons Room on Sunday, 27th May for any more ideas, comments or suggestions.

*continued consultation between the Church Council and the Pastoral Care Review Team *a final Pastoral Care report will be presented to the Western Heights Uniting community in July

For any questions, comments or information please see Joan Hill, Janet Pavlakis, Isabel Greenall, Roger Dingle or Karen Morgan

Safe Church Training Workshop (change of date and time)

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A PART OF A SAFE PLACE!

Safe Church Training Workshops provide volunteers and leaders with knowledge and understanding of the Uniting Church Safe Church policy and procedures. You will be given the opportunity to understand the importance of striving to be a Safe Church in our community and how you are an important part in our success.

When: Tuesday 19th June 2018

Time: 7.30 pm-9.30 pm

Where: St. Luke's UC, 174 Barrabool Rd, Highton

Appointed leaders and everyone who has a working with children check are required to attend training and as such we will keep a record of attendance.

Summary of Minutes of Church Council (CC) Meeting

Weds., 18 April, 2018.

1. Devotions by Rev. Isabel G: We are called to look both back and forward. We look back at what God has done in the past. We look back at the stories of Jesus each Sunday. We look forward to reconciliation and renewal. We look forward with our Strategic Plan, to new things, with God's Spirit. Prayer.
2. Paul and Jenny Stephens have transferred to St. Luke's in Highton.
3. A morning tea will be held after church on 27 May to farewell Audrey Kateena.
4. The LAT revised guidelines were adopted.
5. CC Elections in June: A small task force has "reviewed the Ministry Teams model and changed/developed as needed to support the strategic plan". The suggested structure of 9 MT's was adopted by CC: Leadership Advisory Team - LAT, Worship and Music, Pastoral Care, Messy Church, Resources & Hospitality, Small Groups, Safe Church, Finance, With Intention.
Each MT is asked to nominate one representative to CC for a period of 2 years.
If we get 9 MT reps, 2 reps from the congregation will be considered. CC elections will be held in June, at a date to be advised.
6. A small task force will be formed to develop the 3rd year of the Strategic Plan by the end of June, 2018.
7. Next monthly meeting of CC: Weds., 16 May, 2018.

Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.



The 2018/2019 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

Regional and Rural Community Conversations

The Victorian Multicultural Commission is hosting a series of community conversation in May and June across regional and metropolitan Victoria. We want to know what matters to you. We invite you to join us at these special events, where you can:

- Tell the VMC what is important to you and your community
- Help shape the VMC's priorities in your region
- Meet your Victorian Multicultural Commissioners
- Meet your local Regional Advisory Council representatives

We encourage you to attend one of these events – the **Geelong** session will be held on- **Wednesday 27 June 2018, 7.30pm**, at The fOrT Youth Centre - Cnr Melbourne and St Georges Rd, Norlane.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-community-conversation-in-geelong-tickets-45579908734> and for more information visit the website <https://multicultural.vic.gov.au/regional-advisory-councils/about-rac> or contact rac@vmc.vic.gov.au

YOU ARE INVITED

Western Heights Uniting Church

INFORMAL COMMUNITY

WELCOME LUNCH

In partnership with Diversitat

Saturday 23 JUNE 2018

12 midday — 3 pm

Come and share a meal with newly arrived adults and children.

Interpreters will be available to help with language translation.

Games and entertainment

Share food from many traditions/countries.

♦ **Bring a plate of food to share** (more about that soon)

♦ **Enjoy the company** of some very special people.

Register today by adding your name to the Welcome Lunch Form at the back of the church.

CONTACT or speak to - Bruce or Heather Rookes, or Joan or David Walker.



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

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.**

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