



## 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

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Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. David Walker
Tuesday 3rd	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. David Walker
Tuesday 10th	9.30am	Holiday Tennis Program
Thursday 12th	9.30am	Holiday Tennis Program
Friday 13th	7.00pm	KFG—Book and Movie Club Night
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Jan Taylor, Lynda Scott Communion, All Together Michele Hardy—Birregurra / McKellar 2pm
Tuesday 17th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Congregational Meeting

### Staff Leave

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Isabel will be on leave from **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June** and returning on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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).

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## Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

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Due to the very cold weather we are going into recess. No meeting for July and August will resume in September.

Contact  
Dorothy Matthews  
5278 9491

## Holiday Tennis Program

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The Tennis Club will be holding it's next School Holiday Tennis Program on **Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July**, between **9.30 and 11.30 am**.

Also on **Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a family B.B.Q. for the participant's and their families between **11.30 and 1.00 pm**.

If anyone is available with time to supervise, or able to supply a salad, slice or fruit platter

Please contact Bruce or Heather Rookes on 0402135313. Thank You.

## KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

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**Book and Movie Club Night**

**Friday 13th July, 2018**

**7pm—8.30pm**

**All year 3 to 9 are invited to come**

**RSVP to Karen by  
Wednesday 11th July, 2018**

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

## WHUC Friendship Club

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**Please note that we are in recess over**

**JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST**

**being too cold to venture out.**

**KEEP WARM**

## Tuesday Friendship

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**Tuesday 17th July, 2018**

**At 6.30pm in the Horizons Room**

**Evening meal provided**

**“Lets be Kids Again”**

**With Jan & Jan**

**All ladies welcome**

**Joan Murphy**

**Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683**



**Messy Church @  
WHUC**

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**Sunday 22nd July 4pm**

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

## Breakfast Program

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

## Planned Giving Report to 31st May 2018

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actually Received</u>
Envelopes	21,050	21,320
Direct Debits	<u>33,750</u>	<u>32,280</u>
Sub-total	54,800	53,600
Open Plate	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,280</u>
Total Offerings	<u>58,550</u>	<u>56,880</u>

## Financial Situation to 31st May 2018

Total Income	86,680
Total Expenses	93,480
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## Deeper Waters: Love, Sex & Death

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From 29<sup>th</sup> of July we will be exploring the themes of love, sex and death during worship. These themes are important both to the wider community and to the wider church. With all the discussion around marriage equality and the proposal going to the Assembly of the UCA 8-14<sup>th</sup> of July seeking to support the marriage of same gender couples within the UCA, love and sex are very timely issues to tackle from the perspective of faith. Death is also a big one as we all face it for ourselves and with others in our lives. These themes are topical for our time and have many faith connections.

The series seeks to take us deeper into areas of reflection that are sensitive and meaningful. It will involve being open to celebrating a diversity of experiences, thoughts and opinions on these themes which naturally touch on all areas of our purpose statement. We will need to make sure that we create a very safe space for people engage as fully as they can.

The overall purpose of the series is to help the Sunday morning community to:

- a. Develop a common language for talking about love, sex and death
- b. Provide alternative theological views and experiences to traditional approaches to these themes
- c. Provide some space for people to reflect, explore and grow in their understandings of the themes

A group of about 10 people have been meeting for discussion in preparation for the series. We would like to invite you to think about your experiences and reflections on these themes. We are also looking for artistic responses and explorations on the themes that could be used during the series. This could be artwork like painting, poetry, sculpture, music, film, photography, etc. If you would like to share these or talk about the series, please speak to anyone in the group.

Thanks,

Maralann Damiano, Roger Dingle, Isabel Greenall, Joanna Hayman, John Mathews, Karen Morgan, Lynda Scott, Steve Singline, Joan Walker.

## A Note from Audrey

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I'd like to thank all at Western Heights for their wonderful generosity in farewelling me from the role of Pastoral Care Co-ordinator. I'm reminded of you everyday as I look at the painting you gifted me by Nathan Patterson and have also been able to purchase an updated portable digital radio/cd player. Thankyou for the other gifts and cards received from individuals and groups. Thanks to all who assisted me in providing pastoral care at Western Heights and I will hold you in my prayers as you embrace a new model to do this. I'm thrilled to let you know that I've been commissioned into two part-time positions at Sunbury and Ormond Uniting Churches. Ironically the distances to these churches is about the same as it was to Geelong. As I remain a member of Western Heights I hope to see you around from time to time. Thanks heaps, Audrey.



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

**WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS & ELECTION EXPLANATORY NOTES – JUNE 2018**

1. – **INTRODUCTION**: The following document has been prepared as a guide for congregation members and those seeking to be nominated for election to the Council of Western Heights Uniting Church (WHUC), for a two year period 2018 – 2020.

2. – **PROGRAM & TIMING**: WHUC Council elections will be held at a Congregational meeting – on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018, following the morning worship service. Nominations will open on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and close on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Nomination forms will be available from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The congregation will be advised of all nominations received, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, in advance of the election.

3. – **PRINCIPLE FOR APPOINTMENTS** (Reg 3.8.1): “In determining the composition of the Council, the appointing body shall have regard for the principle that in accordance with the call and gifts of the Spirit, each member shall have a part in the ministry of the Church, and the government of the Church will be entrusted to representatives, men and women, bearing gifts & graces with which God has endowed them for building up of the Church”

4. – **COMPOSITION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**: (Refer to new structure adopted by Church Council)  
The Church Council comprises the following:

- A. The Minister of the Word.
- B. One person nominated from each group – up to 9 ratified by the Congreg.
- C. Two people elected by the Congregation, who exhibit the appropriate gifts.
- D. Church Council has the power to co-opt up to two people, whose gifts and skills would benefit informed decision making.

The Church Council shall appoint annually from its members a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

All Church Councillors to be called Leaders (as required by the Regs.) and be elected for two year terms. **SUMMARY**: Nominations, closing on 8<sup>th</sup> July, will be for CONGREGATION REPS. ONLY. At the CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY members will be required to: VOTE FOR THE TWO PEOPLE FOR CONGREGATION REPRESENTATIVES AND RATIFY THE NAMES OF THE NINE PEOPLE, REPRESENTING GROUPS.

5. – **IDENTIFICATION OF GIFTS & TALENTS – NOMINATION FORMS**: Nominations for congregation representatives are to be submitted on the prescribed nomination forms now available. It will be necessary for those submitting a nomination to identify and list the perceived gifts and talents of the person being nominated.

It is acknowledged, that the Church Council, is at its best when it is comprised of people of diversity of ages, gender & employment experiences, who are open to learning.

To assist you further, in preparing the nomination/s, a comprehensive range of gifts & talents are attached for your discernment. We look forward to your support and contribution to the governance of WHUC in the fulfilment of our agreed purpose of:

LOVING GOD: GROWING TOGETHER, PARTNERING COMMUNITY, SHARING FAITH

Grace & peace    MELINDA BELL – Congregational Chair

15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

# WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH NEW STRUCTURE – ADOPTED BY CHURCH COUNCIL – 16 MAY 2018

## Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

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. Nurtures diverse expressions of church
5. Provides a variety of worship styles
6. Initiates and/or supports community action in areas of social justice and environmental sustainability
7. Cares for and responds to community and/or individual needs

**Membership of Western  
Heights Uniting Church Council**



### A. New Structure

A significant part of our three year strategic plan is updating the structure of Church Council and teams/groups to reflect the direction of the plan.

This new structure builds on the past and is expected to be flexible as the church continues to move forward into a new future.

16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

# Contact Details

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## 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**

**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**

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To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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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**

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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**

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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