



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.

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

October 2018 Newsletter

October at a Glance

Wednesday 3rd	9.30am	Tennis Holiday Program
	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 5th	9.30am	Tennis Holiday Program followed by BBQ
Saturday 6th	10.00am	Armenian Orthodox Church Visit
		Daylight Savings begins
Sunday 7th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	5.00pm	Guided Meditation Walk
Tuesday 9th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 12th	7.00pm	KFG—Trivia Night
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	3.00pm	Hygiene Packs Packing
Tuesday 16th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. David Walker & Karen Morgan
		Communion & All Together
Tuesday 23rd	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Saturday 27th	5.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship—Safe Church Team
	4.00pm	Messy Church



Staff Leave

Karen Morgan—Monday 1st October—Sunday 7th October inclusive
Jan Grigg—Friday 12th October—Thursday 25th October

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Outing: Visit Wool Museum

Moorabool Street

Entrance Cost \$8

Meet at church 1pm for transport

Afternoon tea available at

Dennys Restaurant

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Bike Ride

Friday 12th October, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 10th October, 2018

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 16th October, 2018

We will be joining Soroptimist Int Geelong at St.
Mary's Theatre

6.30pm

Film "Return to Me"

Romantic Comedy

Cost \$15 incl supper

Money raised to Community Projects for
International Students

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 28th October 4pm

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

Holiday Tennis Program

The tennis club is holding the next school holiday tennis program in the second week of the school holiday's , those dates being , **Wednesday the 3rd** , and **Friday the 5th 9.30 till 11.30 am**. The Friday Session will be followed by a B.B.Q. for the participants and their families.

If anyone could help with a salad or fruit platter or slice, or help with supervision of activities, please see Bruce Rookes 0402135313 , or Heather Rookes.

WHUC Friendship Club

Members please note that our meeting will be held on **Saturday, 27th October, 2018**, in the Horizon's Room commencing at **5.00 pm**.

Gil & Leila Green would like to share The Highlights of Our Ghan Trip.

Menu: Pizza's

Would members please bring along a sweet of their choice to share.

Funeral Requests

A confidential file is held in our office where some members have recorded their funeral requests.

If you would like to record your requests, a form has been prepared to assist with this. These forms are available from the table near the sound desk or contact the office if you wish for one to be sent.

Planned Giving Report to 31st August 2018

	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	32,160	33,680
Direct Debits	<u>53,320</u>	<u>54,000</u>
Sub-total	85,480	87,680
Open Plate	<u>5,100</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Offerings	<u>90,580</u>	<u>93,680</u>

Financial Situation to 31st August 2018

Total Income	139,220
Total Expenses	143,410
Operating Deficit	- 4,190

Armenian Orthodox Church Visit

From 10am on Saturday 6th October members of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Surrey Hills will be joining us for a short time of worship, light lunch and conversation. This has arisen out of the relationships we have been building with refugees in Geelong through the tennis clinics and "Welcome Lunches". It would be great for as many of us as possible to be present to share in this unique occasion together. Some homework you could do in preparation would be to find out where Armenia is and a bit of its tumultuous history. Please bring a plate of food to share. All will be finished up by 2pm. More info: see Isabel.

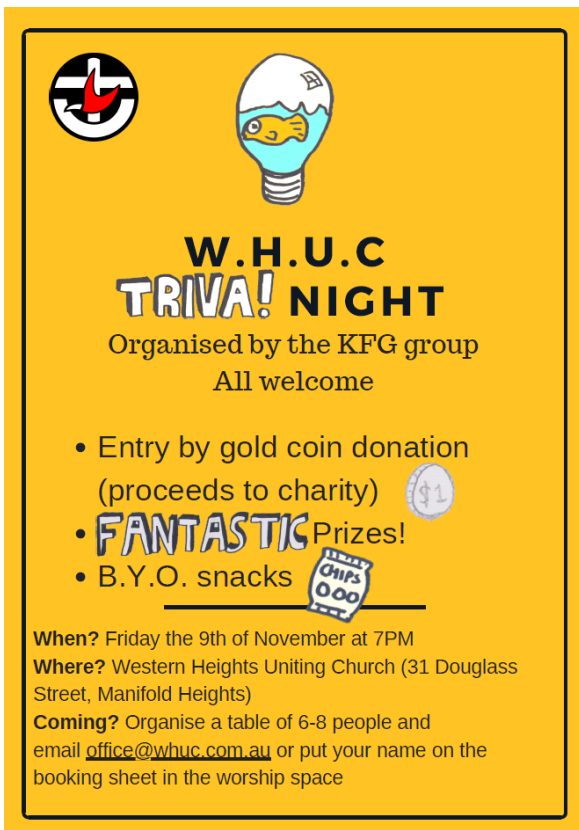
KFG Trivia Night

The Kids Friendship Group (KFG) of Western Heights Uniting Church is organising a Trivia Night on **Friday the 9th of November at 7PM**.

All are welcome to attend this fun night with games and prizes aplenty!

To take part, organise a table of 6-8 people (why not invite a friend from outside the W.H.U.C. community?) and add your name to the booking sheet in the worship space or email office@whuc.com.au

There will be a gold coin donation on the night, with the proceeds going to charity.



W.H.U.C TRIVA! NIGHT
Organised by the KFG group
All welcome

- Entry by gold coin donation (proceeds to charity) \$1
- **FANTASTIC Prizes!**
- B.Y.O. snacks

When? Friday the 9th of November at 7PM
Where? Western Heights Uniting Church (31 Douglass Street, Manifold Heights)
Coming? Organise a table of 6-8 people and email office@whuc.com.au or put your name on the booking sheet in the worship space

Hygiene Packs

Hygiene Packing after-noon

October 14th 3—5pm

Start collecting individual products that you think might be of use (see picture for ideas). A special collection box can be found on the table in front of sound desk.

On the day we will have a speaker from Uniting Barwon before we begin to pack Hygiene Packs.



Meditation Walk

A "Guided Meditation Walk", will be held on **Sunday the 7th of October from 4 pm to approximately 5pm**.

We will meet by the Barwon River near the carpark at the end of West Fyans Street.

Everyone is welcome.

All Saints Service 2018

Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year will be held on **Sunday 4th November**. This is specifically to remember those who were associated with our church and those whose family is associated with us. If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this years service please contact Jan at the office on 5229 2681 or by email: office@whuc.com.au by **Thursday 1st November**.

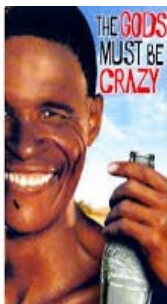
What is your experience of the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is changing the way people with disabilities receive support. In some cases it is empowering people with disabilities to have a greater say over the support they get. There is evidence that the more free market approach chips away at the pay and conditions of people providing the support. The JIM cluster is keen to hear about the NDIS experiences of congregation members, whether they are receiving support, a carer, a family member or a disability support worker. What is working? What is not working? What could be improved? Send your feedback to mark.zirnsak@victas.uca.org.au or call Mark Zirnsak on 9340 8807.

Fundraiser for the Geelong Inter-Church Social Justice Network Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, "Caring for Our Common Home"

@ St David's Uniting Church, Cnr Aphrasia and Talbot Streets, Newtown Geelong @ **7.40 pm** on Wednesday 26th September 2018 **\$20.00** on line; \$25 at the door; \$10 Children and Concession; Family \$30. *The 7.40 pm start will allow time for people at 'Green Drinks' to attend.*

"The Gods Must Be Crazy"



For tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/XUNT>

For more information: <http://www.socialjusticegeelong.org.au>

'Care for our common home'

**FREE
EVENT**

Geelong West
Town Hall
153 Pakington Street
Geelong West
**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2018
7.00PM-9.30PM**

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY FORUM
Key question: "Individually and collectively: what can we do?"

This Forum seeks to bring a Christian perspective to the crisis of climate change and to work with concerned like-minded people to develop environmentally sustainable and socially just ways to 'Care for our Common Home'.
A panel of experts will give us some ideas about how we can individually and collaboratively take action to restore and preserve ecosystems that life depends on. The Pope's encyclical "Laudato Si" urges everyone to do this; the Geelong Inter-Church Social Justice Network's response to this has been to organize this event in partnership with other local groups to involve everyone in our community, regardless of faith or spiritual path, to inspire local action on climate change. Primary and secondary school children will also voice their perspective.
Naomi Surtee, a Wadawurrung Traditional Owner, will give us a 'Welcome to Country!'

The panel will include	Facilitated by
GRAEME ANDERSON Climate specialist - Agriculture Victoria	MARGIE ABBOTT Eco-educationalist and Former School Principal
LIS BASTIAN The Big Fix - a solutions-focused media service	
ADRIAN WHITEHEAD Community Action in the Climate Emergency	Contact
DAN COWDELL Community Energy Project Coordinator	IAN YULE info@socialjusticegeelong.org.au
MIK AIDT Centre for Climate Safety	www.socialjusticegeelong.org.au
DR MICHAEL LEAHY GICSJ Network	

This Forum is wheelchair access friendly and a waste-free event, held in conjunction with local sustainability groups whose logos are shown below.



FAUNA-FEST

Caring for Animals Celebrating Creation

10am-5pm Sun. Oct 14

Including
"Blessing of our Animal Companions" -10am
Dog Parade, Lunches
Food & Plant Stalls
Animal Farm, Jumping Castle,
Face Painting, Animal Art, Live Music

www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au
 contemplation creativity compassion

MUSIC FOR A WARMING WORLD

'A STUNNING AND IMMERSIVE MUSIC AND VISUAL EXPERIENCE'

**St Andrews Uniting
Portarlington**
Sunday OCTOBER 28th
@ 2:30 - 4 PM
Afternoon Tea to follow!
~ Tickets \$15
 Enquiries:
 Portarlington - Barry Ruler
 Phone: 52593304
 Drysdale - Marg McGillvray
 Phone: 0416 004 364

THIS UNIQUE AND THOUGHT PROVOKING MUSIC AND VISUAL PRESENTATION FEATURES:-

*Simon Kerr,
Musician,
climate thinker
& activist*

*Christine Parker,
Law Professor
& researcher*

*Kylie Morriagan,
Highly acclaimed
Violinist*

www.musicforawarmingworld.org

Comments from past shows :-
 'Powerful' (Shepparton Arts Festival)
 'A unique eco-meditation on our world'
 'Artistically beautiful, it touches the soul of our generation' (Prof John Braithwaite, Canberra)

SPONSORED BY THE
ST ANDREWS JUSTICE TEAM

2018 WALKING TOUR OF WORSHIP IN EAST MELBOURNE

You are invited to join a guided tour of three worship centres arranged by the Uniting Church Historical Society on **TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018**.

Assemble by **10 am** outside the **East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Synagogue**, 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne, 3002.

The tour will also include **St Peter's Eastern Hill Anglican Church** and conclude at **Trinity German Lutheran Church**. Lunch is self-catering.

RSVP is essential. Contact Geoff on P: (03)9528 4293 or E: gkp@netspace.net.au by Sunday 30 September.

Please indicate names of attendees, contact phone and email, and any special requirements.



SWell
Awaken Abundant Life

SWell Conference 2018

Connecting with Presence

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th October 2018

For those longing for ecological, communal and spiritual connection. SWell provides a welcoming community where you will experience healing, befriend your true-self, discover clarity of purpose and begin to awaken with abundant life through Presence. The 2018 SWell conference welcomes guest speaker and facilitator Rod Pattenden who explores our human calling to attend to Presence.

Venue: **SWell Centre, 2 Minona St, Hawthorn, VIC, 3122**
Early Bird (3-day): \$195 (before 25 Sept)

www.swellcentre.com
www.trybooking.com/XMJU

JUSTICE & INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE

2018

GROWING PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES

SATURDAY
27 OCTOBER, 2018

Centre for
Theology and Ministry
29 College Crescent,
Parkville

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **Zione Walker-Nthenda:** Lawyer, Diversity & Inclusion Specialist
- **Rob Hulls:** Director, Centre for Innovative Justice
- **Sean Winter:** Head of Pilgrim Theological College
- **Inspector Mark Nichols:** Victoria Police
- **Wendy Austin:** Family Violence Prevention Advocate, Consultant

PROPOSED WORKSHOPS COULD INCLUDE:

- 1 Addressing the role of alcohol businesses in driving up family violence - Victorian Alcohol Policy Coalition
- 2 Addressing the role pokie venues play in driving up family violence - Alliance for Gambling Reform
- 3 How should the church respond to the problem of family violence?
- 4 Privatised Risk - Ensuring the protection of people with disabilities in marketised support services - Mark Zirnsak
- 5 Youth Justice Reform that works - Jesuit Social Services
- 6 Responding to the Mass Murderer: Duterte in the Philippines: Rev. Berlin Guerrero
- 7 What can be done to assist Rohingya refugees?
- 8 Building Peaceful Communities in Victoria - what can we do about the intersection between marginalised communities and violence?
- 9 How does the vision of a 'just and sustainable peace' relate to Australia as a multicultural, multi-faith society? Emeritus Professor Joseph Camilleri.

For more information contact Ann Byrne on (03) 9340 8815 or email: ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

For online registration please go to: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/jimconvention/registration/rego>



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



equipping Leadership for Mission

Justice & International Mission

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

entertainment.



Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

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Isabel's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

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Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver lv.oliver@iinet.net.au 0421 271 946

Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com 0408 630 391

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Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.



Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

Light Globes & Batteries

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

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.