



## 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

# November 2018 Newsletter

## November at a Glance

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Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall All Saints Service
Wednesday 7th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 9th	7.00pm	KFG—Trivia Night
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Baptism of Georgie Harriott & Communion
Tuesday 13th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Taizé Service
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 27th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation

## Staff Annual Leave

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Isabel will be on annual leave for one week beginning on **14<sup>th</sup> of November** and returning on **21<sup>st</sup> of November**. During this time Rev Paul Stephens and Rev Jan Taylor will be contacts for funerals.

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## All Saints Service 2018

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Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year will be held on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@whuc.com.au) by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

## Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

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Wednesday 7th November 2018

At the meeting on the 7th November decisions on the distribution of 2018 donations will be made. Arrangements for the Christmas meeting will also be discussed.

For further information see Val Bray



**Messy Church @  
WHUC**

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**Sunday 25th October 4pm**

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

## Tuesday Friendship

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Tuesday 27th November, 2018

Note 4th Tuesday

6.30pm

“Christmas Celebration”

Meal—Salads & Sweets

Donation for Uniting Hampers appreciated

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683

## Funeral Requests

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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.

## KFG Trivia Night

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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](mailto:office@whuc.com.au)

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

## Up & Coming Wedding

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Congratulations to Rebecca Branch and Adam Saunders who are getting married here at Western Heights at 1:30pm on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of November**. We pray for them as they prepare for the day and enter this new chapter of their life together.

## WHUC Friendship Club

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*Please note that we are not meeting during the month of November.*

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, 1st December, 2018 at 5.00 pm** in the Horizon's Room. This is the Annual General Meeting.

MENU: Roast Chicken, Salads and Sweets

AGENDA: Christmas Festivities Celebrated in other Countries.

All Welcome.

## Church & Music Rosters Unavailability

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The next Church and Music Rosters will be for the months of **December, 2018, January and February 2019**. If you know of any Sunday/s on which you will be **UNAVAILABLE** for duty on the Music Roster and/or the Church Roster during those months, please find that particular Sunday in the **blue unavailability book**, enter your full name, then tick the roster/s for which you will be **UNAVAILABLE**. All unavailabilities need to be placed into the book no later than Sunday morning, **4th November**. Thank you. Velma Oliver.



# W.H.U.C TRIVA! NIGHT

Organised by the KFG group  
All welcome

- Entry by gold coin donation (proceeds to charity)
- **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](mailto:office@whuc.com.au) or put your name on the booking sheet in the worship space

## Thank You

Joan Hill would like to thank all of you who donated to her "Walk in the Park" a fund raiser for Parkinson's disease research. Joan and her friend raised \$610 between them. This year Joan found the walk quite difficult towards the end. "If I attempt it again I will need some training." Thank you once again Joan.

## Church Roster Vacancies

We are urgently seeking members of our congregation, both male and females, to fill vacancies on the church roster in the areas of **steward** and **morning tea**. The tasks involved are simple and the more people we have, the fewer the turns for each person. Your assistance would be highly valued. Please contact Velma Oliver about the area in which you would like to be involved and how often e.g. once a month, once per three month roster. Thank you. [lv.oliver@iinet.net.au](mailto:lv.oliver@iinet.net.au) or 0421 271 946

## Uniting

Hello Everyone

At **Uniting Barwon** we are beginning to organise our Christmas Hamper distribution. As we have in the past few years, we pack staple foods into hampers of various sizes according to the number of people in each household.

Items such as pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, tuna, long life milk, cereal, tea and coffee are some of the items needed.

Christmas treats such as puddings and cakes, custard, tinned ham, sweets and chocolates, juices and drinks are bonus items we offer for selection as well.

**ALL DONATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME**

**Donations can be delivered to our Grovedale office at 272 Torquay Road no later than Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your help in giving joy to others.





# Western Heights Uniting Church (WHUC) Strategic Plan (Nov 2018 - Dec 2019)

Loving God: growing together, partnering community and sharing faith.

With God's help we will be a Church that:	Actions	Responsible group/people (to oversee, facilitate)
1. Is intergenerational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Schedule annual Safe Church education during Children's week and recommit to the code of conduct</li> <li>1b. Increase the number of people involved in the senior retreats outings</li> <li>1c. Provide four diverse, intergenerational social activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe Church Group</li> <li>Senior Retreats Group</li> <li>LAT to form group</li> </ul>
2. Is warm, welcoming and inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Implement language around Safe Church in the welcome statements of the Sunday morning and Messy Church communities</li> <li>2b. Review Membership roll by August</li> <li>2c. Form a group to facilitate a Western Heights Uniting Church Camp</li> <li>2d. Update "starter information pack" for new people who worship/link in with WHUC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe Church Group</li> <li>LAT</li> <li>LAT to form group</li> <li>LAT</li> </ul>
3. Encourages & supports exploring, sharing and growing in faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. Develop Small Groups program to encourage more people to participate</li> <li>3b. Up to five Sunday morning worship services led by small teams of interested people from within the WHUC community</li> <li>3c. Consider implementing the "Exploring the Vision" resource</li> <li>3d. Nurture, review and support each Small Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Group Coordinators</li> <li>Worship &amp; Music Group</li> <li>Small Group Coordinators</li> <li>Small Group Coordinators</li> </ul>
4. Nurtures diverse expressions of church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Further develop and resource the Messy Church community</li> <li>4b. Provide opportunities for contemplative practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Messy Church Group</li> <li>With Intention Group</li> </ul>
5. Provides a variety of worship styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Facilitate four "safe church" worship experiences on a Sunday morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship &amp; Music Group</li> </ul>
6. Initiates and/or supports community action in areas of social justice & environmental sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6a. Form a group to connect with community activities around environmental awareness, eg. Tree planting, "swar on waste" workshops, reducing plastic workshop</li> <li>6b. Explore and implement the purchasing of more sustainable paper goods within WHUC (eg. printer paper, toilet rolls etc.)</li> <li>7a. Comply with Synod OHS recommendations and the SPSP1 - Occupational Health &amp; Safety document from Safe Church resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAT to form group</li> <li>Resources Group</li> <li>Safe Church &amp; Resource Groups</li> <li>Safe Church Group</li> </ul>
7. Cares for and responds to community and/or individual needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7b. Investigate ways for keeping vulnerable adults safe within the church community</li> <li>7c. Implement the "An Attitude of Pastoral Care" Plan</li> <li>7d. Contact and build relationships with all WHUC facility user groups to explore partnership opportunities</li> <li>7e. Deliver up to 4 tennis clinics through partnership with Diversitat</li> <li>7f. Further develop and resource the WHUC playgroups</li> <li>7g. Choose and address 1 or 2 issues around homelessness and partner with others</li> <li>7h. Expand the volunteer base for the breakfast program at Western Heights College</li> <li>7i. Plan and host a "welcome dinner" for new refugee families in partnership with Diversitat</li> <li>7j. Develop a database of the WHUC facility user groups and communicate information about the groups to the WHUC members</li> <li>7k. Form a fundraising group to arrange some fundraising events for WH and to encourage all groups to consider Fundraising and give some ideas of possibilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAT</li> <li>LAT and Resources Group</li> <li>Tennis Club</li> <li>Children &amp; Families Ministry Worker</li> <li>Homelessness Group</li> <li>Breakfast Program Group</li> <li>Welcome dinner group (to be formed)</li> <li>LAT &amp; Resources Group</li> <li>Fundraising Group (to be formed)</li> </ul>

### Comments

1. Each action usually has associations with multiple goals
2. Some of the issues in some Goals are mandatory eg safe church requirements
3. The term 'Church communities' is used to be more inclusive than the term 'congregation'
4. From June 2019 - the Church Council will initiate a review and initiate development of the next strategic plan

## Summary of Church Council (CC) Minutes of 19 September 2018

1. Devotions: Sharing Faith by Velma Oliver, from Acts 2: 1 – 12. The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and are enabled to share their faith. All over the world, God's story is shared in many different languages and in many different ways and yet it is understood. Prayer.
2. CC has co-opted Sandra Neville as a congregational representative to CC for the next 2 years. Thank you, Sandra. We are still seeking one more congregational rep.
3. The Tennis Club has been asked to seek government funding for a portable defibrillator.
4. Karen Morgan and Jan Grigg have each received a grant of \$800 from Synod, and CC approved \$1000 each from the Endowment Fund interest to enable them to attend the World Messy Church Conference in London in May, 2019, as part of their professional development.
5. Peter Morgan is updating the Report pro-forma for each Church Group (formerly Ministry Teams). These will be ready for reporting to the December CC meeting.
6. LAT and the Strategic Planning Group are refining Year 3 of the Strategic Plan.
7. The Pastoral Care Plan is on the agenda of the next LAT meeting.
8. CC approved the implementation of a Stewardship Program in the next couple of months.  
Velma Oliver, CC Chair.

## Summary of Church Council (CC) Minutes of 17 October 2018

1. Devotions: Partnering Community by Jan Taylor. The Bible is full of examples of Jesus partnering community. Partnering is linking up, teaming up and walking with. Some examples of Partnering Community at WHUC are: Teaming up with Diversitat in relation to refugees and our links with Frontier Services. When we are alert to God's Spirit, He leads us to partnering with community.
2. A new report pro-forma, with Year 3 Strategic Plan actions, has been created by Peter Morgan and adopted by CC. This pro-forma will be made available to the Church Groups (Formerly Ministry Teams) that report to CC every second month. Next reports are due to Velma O. on Friday, 7 December, 2018. lv.oliver@iinet.net.au
3. CC adopted the Year 3 Strategic Plan. A special thank-you to Peter Morgan, Janet Pavlakis, Gwyn Edwards and Roger Dingle for the many hours that they spent in getting the Plan ready. Much appreciated.
4. CC is working on a Long-Term Strategic Planning List, to enable us to prepare well in advance for important issues.
5. CC will ask the Resources & Hospitality Group to co-ordinate a bbq and cake stall on State Election Saturday, 24 November, 2018, as a fund-raising opportunity.
6. CC approved study leave to enable Karen M. to undertake "The Nurture and Spiritual Guidance of Children" as an intensive subject at Pilgrim College on 28, 29 and 30 Nov., and 3, 4 and 5 Dec., 2018.
7. CC approved that the \$200 donation received from the Armenian community be used to support the refugee tennis program.
8. Geoff C. will write a letter of thanks to the Armenian Community for their generous gifts.

## The Geelong Choral

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**In Remembrance**  
**Centenary Acknowledgement of World War 1 Armistice**  
**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
**Sunday 4th November 2018 2.30pm**  
See Noticeboard

# Contact Details

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## Leadership Advisory Team:

**Minister:** Rev. Isabel Greenall [minister@whuc.com.au](mailto:minister@whuc.com.au) 0419 602 006  
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## **Postage stamps**

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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**

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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**

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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](mailto: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.