



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.

December at a Glance

Saturday 1st	5.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Advent 1—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Tuesday 4th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach / Senior Retirees
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Advent 2—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Tuesday 11th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 14th	7.00pm	KFG—City Art Walk
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Advent 3—Rev. Isabel Greenall Communion
	TBA pm	Messy Church
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Advent 4—Rev Isabel Greenall
Monday 24th	7.00pm	“Carols for Everyone”
	11.30pm	“Welcoming Christmas Quietly” A gentle candlelit service
Tuesday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—TBA

January at a Glance

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Rev. Isabel Greenall—McKellar Centre
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall

WHUC Friendship Club

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.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018 / Senior Retirees

Combined CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Mission Outreach and the Senior Retirees are pleased to invite all church members who are able to attend our "Christmas in Song" afternoon on Tuesday 4th December at the church from 1.30pm—3.30pm.

Our special singers/choralist are once again blessing us with their renditions of wonderful carols and songs of Christmas. Our afternoon tea will also be wonderful.

Please join us if you can!

Dorothy Matthews & Graeme Hardy

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

City Art Walk

Friday 14th December, 2018

7pm—9.00pm

Drop off & Pick up @ Geelong Town Hall steps

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 12th December, 2018

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



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 16th December TBAPm

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

Church Office Hours & Staff Leave over December-January

The office will be closed from **Wednesday 26th December** and re-open on **Wednesday 23rd January 2019**.

Taking into account annual leave, time in lieu and public holidays, staff members will be away as follows:

Karen Morgan from Christmas until January 4th

Jan Grigg from Christmas until January 4th

There will be no pew sheet until **Sunday 27th January 2019** and the monthly newsletter for February will be available on **Sunday 27th January**. Please make sure all notices are in before the **20th January 2019**.

Tennis Club Fundraiser

Once again the Tennis Club is supplying traffic marshals for the Cadel Evans Bike Ride as a fund raising activity. The event will be held on Sat 26th and Sun 27th of January and will be allocated positions in Minerva Rd. If you could spare some time on Sat or Sun, or both days, please pick up an information sheet on how to register from Bruce Rookes or call 0402 135313.

Planned Giving Report to 31st October 2018

	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	39,470	42,100
Direct Debits	<u>68,050</u>	<u>67,500</u>
Sub-total	107,520	109,600
Open Plate	<u>6,340</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total Offerings	<u>113,860</u>	117,100

Financial Situation to 31st October 2018

Total Income	171,570
Total Expenses	173,950
Operating Deficit	- 2,380

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION THIS CHRISTMAS

ANYTIME DURING DECEMBER

“Walk the Labyrinth” beside Barwon River, end of Craigie Rd, Newtown

To learn more about labyrinths go to <http://whuc.com.au/with-intention/>

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

5:30-7pm Christmas Party

BYO food/drink for tea. BBQ available

Beside Barwon River, end of Craigie Rd, Newtown

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

10am A reflective service

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER

7pm “Carols for Everyone”

Carols for all ages

11:30pm “Welcoming Christmas... Quietly”

A gentle candlelit service

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

9am “Christmas Day Celebration”

A service for all ages



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 14th.

Thank you for your help in giving joy to others.



Thriving Ministry Leadership

**Lessons from a duck,
an echidna,
a caterpillar and
a tree**



**ANDREW MCDONOUGH,
BEST KNOWN AS THE AUTHOR
AND ILLUSTRATOR OF THE LOST SHEEP BOOKS,
IS COMING TO VICTORIA!**

Drawing on his wide experience in ministry, including working as a pastor amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions and advocating for refugees, Andrew will be facilitating a series of workshops entitled Thriving Ministry Leadership: lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree.

Focused on those in ministry leadership, such as ministers, deacons, pastors, chaplains, lay preachers, church council members and those with specific responsibility for children, young people and families, these sessions will be immensely inspiring, encouraging and practical.

**Andrew will also highlight his latest book
Jesus was a refugee.**



Dates

Thursday	February 21	2pm	Geelong
Sunday	February 24	2.30pm	Surrey Hills
Monday	February 25	10am	Ballarat
Monday	February 25	7pm	Bendigo
Tuesday	February 26	10am	Shepparton
Tuesday	February 26	3.30pm	Wodonga
Wednesday	February 27	7pm	Mitcham
Thursday	February 28	10am	Murrumbena

Cost: \$20

Duration: 2.5 hours

Register and pay on-line:

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/thrivingministryleadership>

Registrations appreciated by Friday February 22

More information or off-line registration:

03 9340 8800 or ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

Addresses:

Western Heights Uniting Church,
Surrey Hills Uniting Church,

Ballarat Central Uniting Church,
Bendigo (St. Andrew's) Uniting Church,
Shepparton Uniting Church,
Wodonga Uniting Church,

Mitcham (Mountview) Uniting Church,
Murrumbena Uniting Church,

31 Douglass St,
Cnr Canterbury Road & Valonia Avenue

Cnr Lydiard South & Dana Streets
26 Myers Street

Cnr Fryers Road & Corio Street,
Cnr Beechworth Road & Nilmar Avenue,

Cnr Maroonah Highway & Doncaster East Road
117 Murrumbena Road

HERNE HILL
SURREY HILLS
BALLARAT
BENDIGO
SHEPPARTON
WODONGA
MITCHAM
MURRUMBEENA

These events are supported by funding from the Jean & Farquhar Gunn Fund.



Summary of CC Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November, 2018

1. Lynda Scott did devotions on the topic of Sharing Faith.
2. Long-Term Planning: CC is up-to-date with October and November actions. CC hopes to have a retreat in early February, 2019.
3. The next CC meeting is on the 12 Dec., 2018 and reports from Church Groups need to be e-mailed to Velma by Friday, 7 Dec.
4. LAT has been working on the "New Approach to Pastoral Care". A PC Learning Group and a PC Referral Group have been identified as necessary. People will be approached to become part of one of these 2 groups.
5. CC members will visit each of the Church Groups in early 2019, as part of its pastoral care of the congregation, to support each group better, to clarify any issues and to share the 3rd Year of the Strategic Plan.
6. CC has asked LAT to arrange the formation of a Fund-Raising Task Group.
7. The commissioning of this CC will take place during the service of the 2nd December, 2019.
Velma Oliver, Chair of CC.

Christmas at Queenscliff Uniting Church

The Geelong Chorale

A Christmas Celebration

Sat 8th December 5.00pm

Queenscliff Uniting Church

Tickets \$25

See Noticeboard

Special Christmas Concert

Soul Estate Singers

7.30pm Wed 12th December

Queenscliff Uniting Church

Tickets \$30

See Noticeboard



The Christmas Bowl is coming

Order your own Christmas Bowl

On Christmas Day 1949, Reverend Frank Byatt placed a bowl on his table and asked his guests to give a gift for people suffering around the world. This year, keep this tradition alive by placing a bowl on your table in remembrance of others in need. **Order your bowl today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Christmas Bowl

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 roger.dingle@gmail.com 0407 528 533

Children & Families Co-ordinator: Karen Morgan karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com 5276 1042

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

Communications

Administrator: Jan Grigg 5229 5889

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Fri : 9am – 1:00pm

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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.