



## Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# June 2019 Newsletter

## 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

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Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Wednesday 5th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Pentecost - wear red
Tuesday 11th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 14th	7.00pm	KFG—Tenpin Bowling
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship—Karen Morgan, Jan Grigg Rev. Jan Taylor—Communion
Tuesday 18th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 25th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Saturday 29th	12.00pm	New Arrivals—Welcome Lunch
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall

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## Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

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Wednesday 5th June 2019

Topic: Where did you go to school and why?

1.30pm

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396

## KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

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Tenpin Bowling

Friday 14th June, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

Meet at Geelong Bowling Lanes Belmont

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by  
Wednesday 12th June 2019

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

## Tuesday Friendship

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Tuesday 18th June 2019

“Antique Road Show”

Hosted by Maureen & Phyllis

Shared Meal

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035



Messy Church @  
WHUC

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Sunday 23rd June 4pm

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

## WHUC Fund-Raising Group

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We have only 3 members in our Fund-Raising Group. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in joining this group. 5 members would be better. We are busy planning our second fund-raiser, the trading table being the first. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 30 May, 2019**, in the Minya Room. Thanks. Velma Oliver.

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**NEW ARRIVALS ---- WELCOME LUNCH**

***Barbecue***

**To be held on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June**

**12.00 till 2.00pm**

Come and show our love for one another by welcoming, interacting and meeting with our newly arrived neighbours living within our community.

Halal Meat Supplied . Bring a Salad or a Sweet to share.

Please register your name for catering purposes.

See Bruce R, Heather R , Joan W or Ring Bruce Rookes 0402 135313 .

## WHUC Trading Table

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A very special THANK-YOU to all who have either contributed items or have purchased items from our trading table. Since its inception in December, 2018, the trading table has traded \$805.70 worth of items. A wonderful effort! Thanks once again.

## Planned Giving Report to 30th April 2019

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	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	14,060	12,940
Direct Debits	<u>29,710</u>	<u>27,180</u>
Sub-total	43,770	40,120
Open Plate	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,320</u>
Total Offerings	<u>47,570</u>	<u>43,440</u>

## Financial Situation to 30th April 2019

Total Income	76,600
Total Expenses	66,770
Operating <b>Surplus -</b>	<b><u>9,830</u></b>

We give thanks to God for our present financial situation.

The surplus is being applied towards the estimated \$40,000 we will need to spend for maintenance/repairs of the Manse before it could be used by a new minister. If our present tenants leave, a large amount of this work would be required before it could be re-tenanted, with the loss of rental income in the meantime.

## 2019 / 2020 Entertainment Books

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The 2019/2020 Entertainment Books can now be purchased from Helen Sleep. 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.



## Synod Meeting

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The Synod meets about every 18 months to hear reports, proposals and other matters that concern the general oversight, direction and administration of the Church's life.

It's not all boring business, however. There is plenty of worship and small group activities to ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

About 300 members attend – all of whom are appointed by our presbyteries – and we ensure there is a healthy mix of gender, ordained and lay people.

The four-day event is also an opportunity for you to have a voice in the way our ministry is carried out. If you would like to participate, contact someone in your congregation or presbytery for more information. Deadlines close on 30 April 2019.

The next meeting is on 5-9 July 2019, at Box Hill Town Hall and will include the induction of our new Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch.

Opening worship of the Synod meeting will commence 7.30pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, corner Russell and Collins St. Thereafter, supper will be enjoyed at The Scot's Church, 156 Collins St.

## Winter Appeal

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As the cost of living continues to rise, an increasing number of families are doing it tough. More than 24,000 Victorians are homeless. In Tasmania, more than 1600 people are homeless. As the colder months approach, Uniting Vic.Tas is holding its annual Winter Appeal.

We need to raise \$660,000 by 30 June to provide support for people in crisis this winter. Our programs are stretched all year round and we rely on the generous support of individuals, congregations and the wider community to provide support.

All tax-deductible donations are crucial for helping people to move from crisis to stability.

## Placements and Minister Movements

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To view Placement Vacancies and Minister Movements, visit <https://victas.uca.org.au/ministry-mission/placements>  
For further information, please contact Anita Beer on 03 9340 8818.

## News from Assembly



## President's Conference

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All members of the Uniting Church in Australia are invited to join President Dr Deidre Palmer at her first President's Conference.

This is a unique opportunity to discuss and explore issues of environment and climate, gender justice and how we grow in Christian discipleship.

**When:** 13-17 July

**Where:** Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

Register and find more information [here](#).

## 2nd Biennial History Conference

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What does it mean to belong to the Uniting Church? Many grew up Congregationalist, Methodist or Presbyterian. Others have grown up in the Uniting Church. Some have only ever known the Uniting Church as their spiritual home and others have transferred in from other denominations. What does it mean to find a home in a church that describes itself as Evangelical and Reformed and is at the same time committed to theological diversity?

### Keynote Speakers:

Dr Meredith Lake, host of ABC Radio's *Soul Search* programme, Honorary Associate of the Department of History, Sydney University, and author of the 2018 Australian Christian Book of the Year, *The Bible in Australia: A Cultural History*.

Dr Joanna Cruickshank, Senior Lecturer in History at Deakin University, author of *Pain, Passion and Faith: Revisiting the Place of Charles Wesley in Early Methodism* and editor of *The Journal of Religious History*.

Dr Graeme Davison, Emeritus Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor, Monash University.

**When:** 7-10 June

**Where:** Centre for Ministry and Theology, 29 College Crescent, Parkville.

Register [here](#).



## Are you up for the challenge?

[Sign up now](#) for the Ration Challenge, during Refugee Week, **Sunday 16 June – Sunday 23 June 2019**

You can make a difference by raising vital funds and sharing your experience to raise awareness of the global refugee crisis.



Eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee during Refugee Week – just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chick peas, beans, fish and oil – and get sponsored to do it. The money you raise will provide food, medicine and education for refugees; and support other communities around the world threatened by conflict and disaster. You'll be making a real difference and showing refugees we're with them, not against them

[Visit the Act for Peace website](#) to register today.

## ARRCC seeks your assistance

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Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) has launched their fundraising campaign.

Help power up a faith-inspired response to the climate emergency. [Read more »](#)

## Celtic Britain & Ireland Pilgrimage

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Pilgrimage to Celtic Britain & Ireland (with Oberammergau option)

Led by Rev Dr Rob & Andrea McFarlane

Depart Australia 29 April, 2020

Deposits due 7 June, 2019

Contact Rob for more details: [rob@pnpuca.org.au](mailto:rob@pnpuca.org.au) OR 0400 825 739

We have more detailed information in the office.

# 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 **roger.dingle@gmail.com** 0407 528 533

**Children & Families Co-ordinator:** Karen Morgan **karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com**  
0404 435 261

**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**

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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.

## **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.

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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**