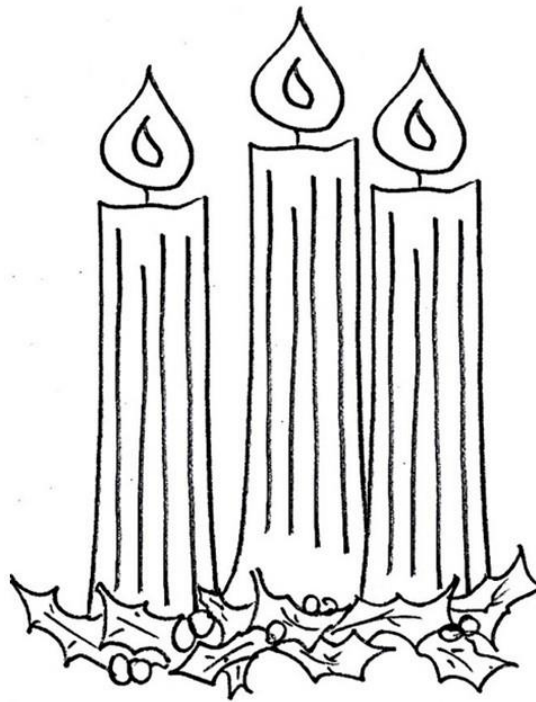




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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



Advent 3—Love

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.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 2020

We welcome you to today's service at
Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 13th December, 2020 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Warren Lamont

Worship and Music Group

those with special needs:

Congratulations: To Sarah Rookes and Tobias Willow announcing their engagement on the 19th November 2020.

Birthdays: Loris Taylor Today

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways and because of privacy protocols, names are not included for prayer unless we have received your permission.

Uniting Barwon

Items that would be appreciated this week include tinned soup, fruit juice, 2 minute noodles, pkts rice. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

A wise man makes more opportunities than he finds.

Francis Bacon

Diary for This Week

Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron
Thursday 17th	8.00pm	Singers & Musicians Practice

Next Week's Service

Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron
		Communion

Tasks people are doing today
13th December 2020

Musicians: Craig Collas, Narelle Collas, Geoff Coots, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Eve Wood

Manse Update

Congratulations to Graeme Hardy, Colin & Bruce Rookes and any others who worked on the manse renovations.

The final result has been an outstanding success as agreed by the many visitors who surveyed the building on Wednesday last.

The hundreds of hours spent by these handy-men has restored the manse and saved our congregation thousands of dollars.

Many thanks for a great job.

Target Christmas Appeal

Christmas can be a difficult time for many people in our community, especially this year. The Target Christmas Appeal has partnered with UnitingCare Australia for the past 29 years to give customers the chance to support those in need. Giving to the appeal will help make Christmas a better day for thousands of people and families who might otherwise go without.

Advent video series

Assembly's Transforming Worship Circle invites you to participate in this time of preparation through an online video series. Each week of Advent, the TWC will release a new part of the song Tell a Story of Hope. Fairfield Uniting Church minister and TWC advocate Rev Alex Sangster introduces the series in [this video](#). To view the whole series, keep an eye on Assembly's [vimeo page](#) <https://vimeo.com/unitingchurch>

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The City of Greater Geelong is looking for people with experience and/or expertise in sustainability to form part of the new Sustainability Advisory Committee. The committee is being established to support the delivery of the City's social, economic and environmental sustainability goals contained in the new Sustainability Framework and Action Plan 2020-22.

We are looking for 8 to 12 community representatives who live and/or work within the City and have expertise and/or experience of sustainability in the following areas (but not limited to):

- Climate change
- Emissions reduction
- Waste management
- Biodiversity and natural resource management
- Land use planning
- Built environment
- Sustainable food production and systems
- Public health
- Social planning
- Community engagement and education
- Risk management
- Financial analysis

The Expression of Interest process is open until **5.00pm on Friday 18 December 2020**. Full details and the online application form are available at www.yoursay.geelongaustralia.com.au/SACEOI.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:1-14

The opening words of the Gospel, according to John the Apostle, reading from Chapter 1, verses 1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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Second Sunday of Advent



Bringing peace to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The coronavirus has reached the world's largest refugee camp and widespread misinformation about the virus is making it harder for doctors to contain the virus. Act for Peace's local partner is working with doctors, community workers and religious leaders to dispel myths and teach people how to stop the spread. Your Christmas Bowl gift will help give refugees around the world the long-term support they need. **Please give 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