



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



Advent 4—Joy

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 20 2020

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 20th December, 2020 –10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Jan Davey

Safe Church Task Group

those with special needs:

Birthdays:

Val Priddle	21 st	Ashley Payne	25 th
Tom Morgan	29 th (18)	Jean Payne	2 nd
Daniel Payne	3 rd	Sandra Neville	5 th
Graeme Willingham	9 th	Val Bray	13 th
Albie James	13 th		

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 long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

Perhaps the best Christmas decoration is being wreathed in smiles.

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Diary for This Week

Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron – Communion
Monday 21st	8.00pm	Carol Singing
Wednesday 23rd	8.00pm	Carol Singing
Thursday 24th	7.00pm	“Carols for Everyone”
	11.30pm	“Welcoming Christmas.....Quietly”
Friday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day Service

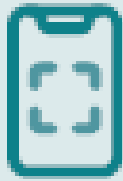
Next Week's Service

Sunday 27th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron
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Have you Checked-In

WHUC has now a QR bar to make signing in quicker. You will find the bar on the back page or posters around the church.

1



Use your phone to scan the code

2



Enter your first name and phone number

3



Look for the tick
You're now checked-in

27th December Service

Once again we are delighted that Gary Ekkel and co will be leading our music in this after Christmas Service. If the last 2 years are to go by it will be very special.

Tasks people are doing today 20th December 2020

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Ian Wood, Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Geoff Coots, Tom Morgan, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt

Data: Allister Coots.

Tasks people are doing today 25th December 2020

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Tim Hunt, Bruce Rookes

Musicians: Geoff Coots, Tom Morgan, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne

Data: Allister Coots.

Tasks people are doing today 27th December 2020

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Stewards: Doug Thomson, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Vanessa Thomson

Musicians & Singers: Gary Ekkel & Co.

Data: Allister Coots.

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.

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LUKE 2: 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



The Covid-19 Task Group would like you to be safe at church at all times:

1. Wear a mask if you wish.
2. Bring your own drink.
3. Sign in and hand-sanitize at the long table next to the sound desk before taking a seat.
4. Keep a 1.5m distance from others at all times, even in the Communion Circle.
5. Communion elements have been prepared by a masked and gloved Vanessa.
6. Once we are in the Communion Circle, we will be assisted to sanitize our hands again before receiving the Communion elements.
7. Communion elements will be distributed by masked and gloved servers.
8. Arm chairs will be provided for those who find it difficult to stand in the Communion Circle. Please avoid standing in front of those who are seated.

Christmas Bowl 2020

The Christmas Bowl appeal is more important this year than ever.

Please place donations in our big Christmas Bowl or use the envelopes which you will find in your seats.

A Very Special Achievement

Well done and congratulations to Karen Morgan, our Children & Families Lay Ministry Worker, who achieved the “Graduate Certificate in Children and Families Ministry”. Karen completed 3 subjects, receiving a High Distinction. Karen, a wife, busy mum and a very busy Lay Worker here at Western Heights, is a real asset and we are very blessed to have her. She intends to continue her studies next year.

Cleaning of the Eastern Buildings

Because of the retirement of our volunteer cleaners of the Eastern Buildings, we now have only one volunteer, Graeme Hardy, left. We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist in this cleaning task. It would require about 3 hours max. The more volunteers that we have, the fewer turns each volunteer will have per year. Please consider this request and talk to Graeme for more information. Thanks.

The Green Room

Gil Green has just retired after being a volunteer cleaner of the Eastern Buildings for about **22 years**. What a tremendous effort! We thank Gil as well as Graeme Willingham, who has done the task for **12 years**, and has now retired.

The new offices for 4GR in the Eastern Building will be named **The Green Room** to honour and thank Gil Green for his selfless effort over many years.

Church & Music Rosters for January and February

The roster unavailability book is ready for you if you are unavailable on any Sunday. Lynda and Velma will be drawing up the music and church rosters for January and February, 2021.

If you are unable to fill in the book up to the 27 December, please ring or text Velma on 0421 271 946. Otherwise, it will be assumed that you are available for January and February. At this stage, due to Covid-19 restrictions, no morning tea will be served.

Third Sunday of Advent



The joy of returning home

Today there are more than 60,000 Sri Lankan refugees in India. With the civil war over, many wish to return home to live in peace and freedom, and help rebuild their nation. Act for Peace's local partner, with your support, is helping returnees rebuild their lives by providing training and livelihood support to help families earn an income. **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