



## Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# September 2021. 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.

## September at a Glance ????

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Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Friday 10th	7.00pm	Friday Fun Night—postponed
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 18th	9.00am	Working Bee
	3.00pm	Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron—Communion
Tuesday 21st	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Sunday 26	10.00am	Worship—TBA
	3.00pm	Messy Church Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews

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## Staff Leave

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Bruce will be on leave from **Monday 20th September to Sunday 26th September** inclusive.

## Working Bee 18th September

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Starting @ 9.00am—11.00am

Purpose: To prepare the Community Garden so Messy Church can plant it out the following Sunday.

Please come for as long as your can. BYO Gardening Tools, Gloves. "Flask of Tea" or whatever.

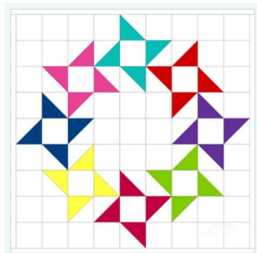
For info, contact Graeme Hardy on 0408630391 or email [graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com](mailto:graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com)

## Friday Night Fun

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Postponed  
Friday 10th September 2021  
7.00—8.30pm  
Everyone is welcome

Women of the Bible



Study & Quilt-A-Long

Join Us...

Each third Saturday, 3.00—4.40pm

September 18th, October 16th,  
November 20th

WHUC 31 Douglass St., Herne Hill

See Joan Walker or Rhonda Dingle

## Tuesday Friendship

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Tuesday 21st September 2021  
at 6.30pm  
All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy  
Phone 0438 722 035



**Messy Church @  
WHUC**

**Sunday September 26th**

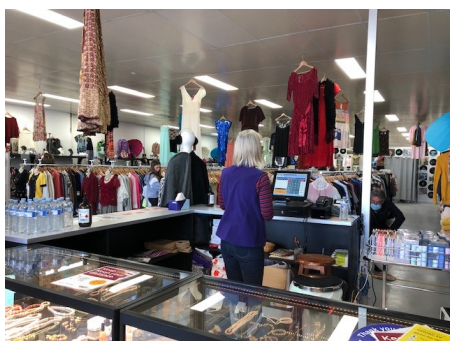
**3.00pm—5.00pm**

Contact: Bruce (0491 663 514) for more info or if  
you'd like to help!

### Summary of Church Council Minutes 18 August 2021

- Devotions by Graeme Hardy: What never fails, what never ends and what lasts forever?
- Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga has accepted the call to Western Heights. She will be inducted on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, at 2 pm.
- Newly elected Church Council members for the next two years were welcomed: Glenn Chidzey, Geoff Coots, Graeme Hardy, Peter Morgan, Sandra Neville, Velma Oliver Lynda Scott and Sharn Waldron.
- Elected office bearers: Velma Oliver – Chairperson, Peter Morgan – Secretary, Geoff Coots – Treasurer.
- The playgroups will be discontinued until such time that support is found to resume this ministry.
- The Children and Families Task Group to meet once more to prepare a final report to Church Council.
- An application has been submitted for a 3 month extension of the Supply Ministry of Rev. Bruce Waldron to 21 November 2021, at which time he will conclude his Supply Ministry.
- Rev. Bruce Waldron to be on leave from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- Messy Church team has planned monthly Messy Church up to November 2021
- Draft guidelines for Funerals at Western Heights was discussed.
- Next Church Council meeting is on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7:00 pm. This is a reporting meeting, where all Church Groups provide a report.

Peter Morgan, Secretary of Church Council



### **New Uniting-Op Shop**



AT 23 PAKINGTON STREET GEELONG WEST.

The goal of this store is to raise funds to support the work with those needing a helping hand in the Barwon Community for the Uniting Emergency Relief programs. Tell your family and friends, your support is needed to make a difference.

## From The Minister's Desk

I am excited about the next couple of months. It will be a time for us, as a church, to prepare for our partnership with the Rev. Temukisa as our minister, and that is going to be a whole new experience, learning what it is that God has given her, that will become, now, God's gift to us as we work with her in God's mission for us. On the opposite side of the same plate, is what God has given to us, and that will be, now, God's blessing to her as we forge our new partnership for God's work in this place. It will be a very exciting, dynamic and interesting time for us all.

I'm also very excited about the formation of a Western Heights Uniting Church Eco-group. The initial members are Heather and Bruce Rookes, Lynda Scott, Rhonda Dingle and myself. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> we will have introduced the group as we share in a service of celebration of God's creation, of which we are, of course, a part.

I'm excited about Messy Church. If you see some Bug Hotels around the church, it means that our Messy Church members have been building things for their homes and our church home, to help the insect life that is so much a part of a healthy, thriving eco-system. And our Property Group are going to organise a working bee to dig up the Community Garden so that in September, Messy Church can plant it out.

I'm excited about Messy Church in October, when we hold a Pet Blessing service on the Sunday afternoon, to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of our furry, finned, and feathered friends who have helped us get through our lockdowns; also part of God's creation.

And there's more, but that will do it for the moment. And while I'm excited, thank you to all you wonderful people who in so many ways, often unsung and unseen, have displayed God's love in acts of pastoral care and kindness to each other in our community. I so often hear about it, just small things, sometimes so big. Thank you God for our church.

## "The Eagle Has Landed"

At Last! Six months after the day that it was ordered, our new organ has finally arrived, and has now been installed into our church. A Dedication will be held as soon as we are able to meet together in the church again.

## Uniting

- ✓ Volunteer in the best Op Shop in Geelong!
- ✓ Help Uniting Barwon raise funds to provide food and emergency relief to those in need.
- ✓ Make a difference in your local community.

Do you have a few hours to spare each week?

Do you need up to 15 hours volunteering per week?

Uniting Barwon needs motivated, reliable volunteers to join our passionate team at our new Op Shop in **Pakington Street Geelong West**.

Uniting Barwon (formerly UnitingCare Geelong) is an emergency relief agency providing assistance to individuals and families in our local community who need practical support during times of financial and personal struggle.

We need more volunteers to join the retail teams based at our Op Shops in Geelong West, Point Lonsdale, Drysdale, East Geelong, Corio, Norlane and Highton, and our welfare teams in Grovedale and Norlane.

Our current vacancies include:

- retail roles at our 7 Op Shops (customer service, merchandising etc.)
- receptionists (organising client appointments)
- food distribution (assisting our clients)
- pickups and deliveries (van crew member or driver)
- grounds and maintenance (mowing, weeding, cleaning etc.)
- interviewers (assisting our clients)
- sorting of donations (clothing and bric a brac etc.)

If you—or someone you know—would enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, even for a few hours a week, please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on **4210 1113** or email [Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org)

**Support vulnerable people in the community and help make a difference.**

*Volunteer appointments are subject to satisfactory criminal history checks, reference checks and Working with Children Check prior to commencement.*



## Prayers for our church council from 15th August Dedication of Church Council Service

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*At our Service of Dedication of our new church council in August, I asked people to form some small groups and in those groups to write prayers for our new church councillors. These prayers were then used as our closing devotions at the newly formed church council meeting on August 18th. Here are the prayers you, our congregation, offered to them.*

*St Paul wrote "But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*

### My prayer for you, my church council:

- Lord, we give thanks for the commitment of the church councillors and the gifts they bring. We pray they will use these gifts in discernment of the mission of the church.
- I pray for them
  - Wisdom
  - Grateful for them all taking on the responsibility
  - Compassion
  - "What would Jesus do?"
- God's blessing for helping support, and loving God, and support our purpose statement and being able to carry out duties to build up faith and service to our congregation.
- That you discern the voice of God through listening to each other's opinions, that God gives you patience, love and understanding.
- We wish to thank them for their work during the difficult time during Covid-19 and the introduction of a new minister. We pray that the council will be able to maintain an ongoing Christian doctrine and fellowship for our church.
- We pray for the new church councillors that they may have:
  - Clear thinking and inspiration
  - Be open to God's leading
  - Courage and insight
  - Love and support for one another
- We pray for making good decisions, common sense, and have your finger on the pulse, be financially responsible and promote people's talents and above all ENJOY the role ☐
- To be guided by the Holy Spirit, continue to bring fresh hope and seek the will of God for church and community.
- Unbiased judgements.
- Loving God, we give thanks for the sharing of gifts that have brought you together. We pray that you have patience and understanding that will allow you to work together and build the community with humility and love.
- To trust in them to give us guidance.
- May the members of the church support you, the Church Council, in your endeavours to make decisions to build up the church and for outreach into the wider community. We pray for wisdom, love, humility to wait upon God for your guidance

### Eco Tip—from you church Eco-group.

Recently I saw an article on how much plastic gets thrown back into the world with disposable razors. We all use them. So, I went to a second hand shop, bought a used safety razor for \$25, and found that chemists and supermarkets still sell those double sided razor blades. The modern version of these razor blades are brilliant. Suddenly, no plastic waste, and I lather up with blocks of organic home made soap. No more plastic. Great shaving



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## WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

Douglass St. Herne Hill

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**3.00 PM**

**THEME:** Planting and Growing our faith



*All age worship with a difference.*

*Shared ~ Music, Stories,*

*Prayers, Activities, Snacks.*

## You are Welcome

Enquiries to Supply Minister Rev Bruce Waldron - Mob: 0491663514

# Contact Details

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## **Leadership Advisory Team:**

**Supply Minister:** Rev. Bruce Waldron  
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Bruce's days off are **Monday** and **Tuesday** so please refrain from contacting him on these days.

**LAT Administrator:** Roger Dingle  
**roger.dingle@gmail.com** 0407 528 533

## **Children & Families Co-ordinator:**

**Congregational Member** Janet Pavlakis  
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**Property Co-ordinator** Graeme Hardy  
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## **Communications**

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

## **Pastoral Care Referrals Group**

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Bruce Waldron 0491663514

Graeme Willingham 0432864727

## **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.

## **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.

## **Future Monthly Newsletters**

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**

## **Milk Bottle Tops**

We are now collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the bucket in the foyer for recycling.

## **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.