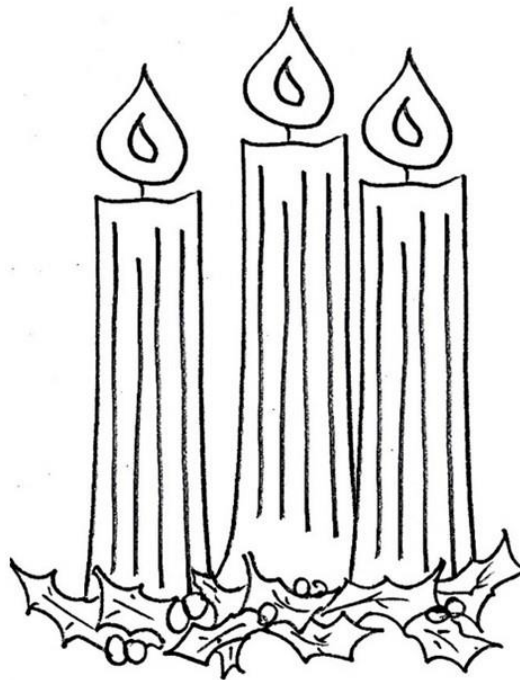




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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



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 12 2021

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 12th December, 2021 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Jan Davey

Church Council

those with special needs:

Joan Murphy (Grateful for all the care)

Birthdays:

Craig Collas

13th

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways; 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: spreads, tinned fruit, tinned meat, DB blankets, men's t/pants. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

He that expecteth nothing is never disappointed.

W.G.P

Diary for This Week

Sunday 12th	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Robert Van Zetten
	2.00pm	Temukisa's Induction
Tuesday 14th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 16th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Practise

Next Week's Service

Sunday 19th	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
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People Helping Elsewhere

Michele Hardy – Aireys Inlet & Bellbrae

Offering at the Induction Service

An offering will be taken at this afternoon's Induction Service. This money will be used to support Ministry Candidates at the College.

Entering the Worship space

In order to facilitate QR and validation of COVID vaccination the COVID Task Group emphasise the necessity for all people to enter through the front door. All other doors will be locked from the inside; note that any emergency requiring us to exit quickly can be facilitated without delay. Thank you all for adhering to the ever changing "restrictions" as they arise. Feel free to wear a mask at any time and TRY to keep the 1.5 metre distancing.

Temukisa's Induction today at 2:00 p.m.

Our newly called minister, Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga will be inducted at Western Heights today Sunday 12 December at 2:00 p.m. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. The service will be followed by an afternoon tea in the Horizons Room. The congregation is asked to bring a plate of small, individual, sweet treats that will be served at the afternoon tea. Thanks.

Morning Tea:

Please bring your own cup to keep our morning tea as environmentally responsible as possible. Paper cups will be available for visitors and of course for those who of us who forget to bring our own. At the conclusion of worship please move from the worship space into the Horizons Room as quickly as possible and find a seat at a table before you collect your tea or coffee. All of these "rules" are simply that we all do our best to keep each other safe.

As there is an Induction of our new Minister today Sunday afternoon, could we leave plenty of time between morning tea and lunchtime for afternoon tea preparations to begin.

Thank you everyone for all that you are doing to keep safe as we journey through these very difficult times – COVID isn't going away in a hurry. COVID Task group.

Walking the Labyrinth

Have you been to visit the labyrinth at the end of West Fyans Street along the Barwon River? Walk the labyrinth, in a quiet reflective place while taking time out of your busy schedule.

Minister

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Pastoral Care Referrals Group

Rhonda Dingle 0437 245 671
Graeme Willingham 0432 864 727

Intergenerational Concert 2021

A big thank you to all those numerous people who helped make our concert such a success.

A special thanks is due to our artists who agree to present such a variety of music for us.

We raised \$1,060 as a result.

Well done and thank you to all and if you missed the concert, you can now view it on our vimeo site

<https://vimeo.com/655128336> .

Christmas Carolling in the Neighbourhood

Church Council is looking for someone to organise a group of singers to sing some Christmas Carols in the neighbourhood on one night in the week starting 20 December. Please see Velma if you are interested. Thanks.

LUKE 3: 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,

whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Tasks people are doing today.

12th December 2021

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Bev Hunt, Ian Wood

Greeters: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Velma Oliver

Musicians: Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, Tom Morgan, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Velma Oliver, Karen Morgan

PA / Data: Tim Hunt, Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week

19th December 2021

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Bruce Rookes, Colleen Douglas

Greeters: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Maralann Damiano, David & Joan Walker

Musicians: Daniel Payne, Geoff Coots, Les Oliver, Tom Morgan, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Ashley Payne, Joan Walker, Karen Morgan


PA / Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Name Badges

As we enter the new year and our time working with Temukisa, it will be very helpful if everyone has a name badge, and wears it!!! If you don't have one, could you please contact Jenice or Geoff Coots. Orders are now being taken \$9.50.

Third Sunday of Advent

Finding Joy in times of COVID-19



Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **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