



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



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 19 2021

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 19th December, 2021 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Elder

Worship & Music Group

those with special needs:

Joan Murphy (Grateful for all the care)

Birthdays:

Val Priddle

21st

Ashley Payne

25th

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: toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

Author Unknown

Diary for This Week

Sunday 19th	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
Thursday 23rd	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Practise
Friday 24th	7.00pm	Carols for Everyone
	11.30pm	Welcoming Quietly
Saturday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

Next Week's Service

Sunday 26th	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
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Thank you to All

A very special **Thank-You** to all who attended, participated in and assisted with Temukisa's induction last Sunday. It was a very special occasion for Temukisa and for our church. Whatever you did, it is very much appreciated. Velma Oliver, CC Chair.

Cleaner Wanted

A client of Uniting Employment Services is looking for a Cleaner in the Geelong area. 15 hours per week cleaning at a major flooring manufacturing factory site in South Geelong, 6am -11am, 3 days per week. Interested persons please contact Farida Poonawala on 0435397456 on or before 20.12.2021

Entering the Worship space

In order to facilitate QR 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.

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. 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.

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> .

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.

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.

LUKE 1: 39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sharing God's love this Christmas



It's been 10 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. The challenges refugees face no longer make front page news, and now COVID-19 has made life even harder. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner provide support for families, including food rations and hygiene kits, along with psychosocial care. **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

Tasks people are doing today 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: Geoff Coots, Les Oliver, Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Ashley Payne, Joan Walker, Karen Morgan
PA / Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing Christmas Day. 25th December 2021

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Tim Hunt, Doug Thomson

Greeters: Bev Hunt

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

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Velma Oliver
PA / Data: Peter Morgan, Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week. 26th December 2021

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Velma Oliver, Bruce Rookes

Greeters: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten, Colleen Douglas

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

Singers: Lynda Scott, Joan Walker, Karen Morgan
PA / Data: ? , Allister Coots

Minister

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