



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



***Hope, Peace, Joy, Love
in Christ***

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 26 2021

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 26th December, 2021 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for: ...

those continually in our thoughts and prayers:

Jan Davey

Safe Church Task Group

those with special needs:

Joan Murphy (Grateful for all the care)

<i>Birthdays:</i>	Tom Morgan	29 th	Graeme Willingham	9 th
	Jean Payne	2 nd	Val Bray	13 th
	Daniel Payne	3 rd	Albie James	13 th (90)
	Sandra Neville	5 th	Robyn Howard	16 th

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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes. Please place in trolley in the foyer.

Thought for the week

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us.

Hal Borland

Diary for This Week

Sunday 26th	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 30th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Practise

Next Week's Service

Sunday 2nd	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. It was a very special occasion for Temukisa and for our church. Whatever you did, it is very much appreciated. Velma Oliver, CC Chair.

Masks are Mandatory

As of Thursday, 23 December 2021, at 11.59 p.m. it is mandatory for everyone from 8 years old upwards to wear a mask in all indoor settings. That includes all worship services.

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.

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.

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.

Minister

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Pastoral Care Referrals Group

Rhonda Dingle 0437 245 671
Graeme Willingham 0432 864 727

Tasks people are doing today. 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, Bev Hunt, Karen Morgan

PA / Data: ? , Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week 2nd January 2022

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Stewards: Clen Chidzey, Bev Hunt, Doug Thomson

Greeters: Barb Everett

Morning Tea: Vanessa Thomson, Doreen Holroyd

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Les Oliver, Tom Morgan, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Karen Morgan

PA / Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

First Sunday after Christmas



Thank you!

In a world that often feels divided, you've come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love and light – to people in urgent need around the world.

By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**



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

1 SAMUEL 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

LUKE 2: 41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a

day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.