



**WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH**  
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***Our Purpose***

**Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith**



***Peace***

**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 5 2021**

*We welcome you to today's service at*  
**Western Heights Uniting Church**  
Notice Sheet Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – 10.00am Worship

**Please Pray for:** ...

*those continually in our thoughts and prayers:*

Rosemary Elder                                  Resources Group

*those with special needs:*

Joan Murphy (Grateful for all the care)

**Sympathy:**

To Neil and Colleen Douglas on the death of Neil's mother Beryl Douglas on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. The funeral will be held at WHUC on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.  
To Velma and Les Oliver on the death of Velma's sister Jeanette Steenveld on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**Birthdays:**

Eve Wood	Today
Geoff Coots	7 <sup>th</sup>
Graeme Hardy	8 <sup>th</sup>

*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: tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper. 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

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	Worship Service – Gary Ekkel – Taize Service
	2.00pm	Intergenerational Concert
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Practise

## Next Week's Service

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	Worship Service – Rev. Robert Van Zetten
	2.00pm	Temukisa's Induction

## 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.

## 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 we have the concert this afternoon and the Induction of our new Minister next 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.

## 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.

## Temukisa's Induction on 12 December at 2:00 p.m.

Our newly called minister, Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga will be inducted at Western Heights on Sunday afternoon, 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 such as slices, patty cakes, muffins, date/fruit scones etc. that will be served at the afternoon tea. Please see Heather Rookes if you can assist in the kitchen or bring a plate on the day. Thanks.

## 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.

**Tasks people are doing today.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy  
**Stewards:** Glen Chidzey, Geoff Everett, Velma Oliver

**Greeters:** Janet Pavlakis

**Morning Tea:** Barbara Everett, Gwen Woods

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Melinda Bell, Tom Morgan, Gary Ekkel

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Sue Ekkel, Melinda Bell

**PA / Data:** Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

**Tasks people are doing next week.**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle  
**Stewards:** Graeme Hardy, Bev Hunt, Ian Wood  
**Greeters:** Joan Murphy  
**Morning Tea:** Heather Rookes, Velma Olive  
**Musicians:** Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, Tom Morgan, Les Oliver  
**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Velma Oliver  
**PA / Data:** Tim Hunt, Allister Coots

**Second Sunday of Advent**



## Bringing Peace to children in Gaza

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**



**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://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

## ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He



shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### Minister

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

### Pastoral Care Referrals Group

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