



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

October 2022 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.

October at a Glance

Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Daylight Savings starts
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. John Evans Frontier Services Outback BBQ
Friday 14th	7.00pm	Friday Fun Night
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale
Tuesday 18th	12.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Robert Van Zetten Michele Hardy—St. Andres/St. Albans
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Narelle Collas



Staff on Leave

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga	Monday 3rd October—Friday 4th November
Jan Grigg	Wednesday 5th October—Friday 4th November

Please contact Presbytery Minister Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale on
0432 284 279 for urgent pastoral concerns during this time of Temukisa's leave.

Stewardship Sunday—Uniting Donation

On the **2nd October**, (Stewardship Sunday) - the WHUC will be having a 'Uniting donation' - [Harvest like Sunday] and our goal is to fill four shopping trolleys with non-perishable goods. Your donation will be much appreciated, especially by those in our community who need it most.

Let's all work together for this important mission outreach.

Blessings Temukisa

The Great Outback BBQ

On **Sunday, 9 October**, following the church service, we will be having a BBQ to support Frontier Services in their program to assist Aussie farmers doing it tough. Communities are still struggling with drought, and in the past 12 months have been hit with bush fires, floods and a pandemic. By participating in the BBQ, you will be supporting the farming families who put food on our tables. So come along straight after church on this day and purchase a delicious sausage in bread with onion and coleslaw, followed by lamingtons and tea, coffee or milo for \$10. All profits will go to Frontier Services. Please RSVP on the attendance sheet on the small table near the sound desk.

Helpers and Donations Needed

The following **helpers and donations** are required to make a great success of the Great Outback BBQ Fundraiser at Western Heights on the **9 October**: People to set up on **Saturday 8 October**, 1 person to collect \$10 donations on the day, 9 people to serve food, 3 people to make a large bowl of coleslaw each, donations of white / wholemeal bread, 2 bottles of sauce, frozen chopped onions and lamingtons. Please see Vanessa or Velma today if you can help and/or donate.

From the ECO Group

I've just listened to a terrific interview on Youtube with one of Australia's great people, a climate scientist called Joelle Gergis. She's been one of our scientists on the IPCC and part of the COP meetings. She's written a book called Humanity's Moment, and in amongst all the information in it, asks questions like, Are we going to choose to be custodians or exploiters?

Are we going to live as people who love this amazing planet?

In this moment, which side am I going to be on.

It is a great interviewing to watch. I want that book.

Here is the URL: ENJOY!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NprAiw4EAj4&feature=share>

Friday Fun Night

Friday 14th October 2022

7.00pm

Card Night

Bring a card game to teach or play

Everyone is welcome

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Lunch 12.30pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Response to Climate Change

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is organising a Day of Action on climate change in solidarity with Pacific and Australian First Nations peoples. Prominent faith leaders will be publishing an open letter and speaking out in the media, to urge the Government primarily to stop approvals for new coal and gas projects and end public subsidies for fossil fuel industries. Multi-faith services in cathedrals and other events are being held across Australia and the Pacific to show grassroots support for their message. All-night prayer, meditation and fasting Vigils will also be held for those interested.

People of all faiths and none are invited to attend a multi-faith service to be held:

Where: Christ Church, cnr of Moorabool and McKillop Streets, Geelong

When: Thursday, 13th October, at 8 am

All Saints Service 2022

Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year will be held on **Sunday 6th November**. This is specifically to remember those who were associated with our church and those whose family is associated with us. If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this years service please contact the office on 5229 2681 or by email: office@whuc.com.au by **Thursday 3rd November**.

Uniting

- Do you know someone—a friend, family member, neighbour, workmate—who would benefit from a community volunteer role?
- A few hours to spare each week?
- Looking for **15 hours** volunteering per week?
Motivated, reliable and keen to make a difference in the community?

Uniting Barwon URGENTLY needs volunteers in the following roles:

****Logistics Head Volunteer (ongoing)**

- o Lead the maintenance and transport van crew volunteer team – ideally 3 mornings per week, e.g. Mon/Wed/Frid or Tues/Thurs/Frid
- o Roster volunteers and schedule tasks - computer skills an advantage
Ideal opportunity for a retired tradesperson looking for a rewarding challenge

****Christmas Programs Head Volunteer (end Sept - end Dec)**

- o Proactively assist our Emergency Relief Co-ordinators with the co-ordination and running of the Uniting Barwon Christmas Appeal
- o Use your highly developed interpersonal communication skills, professionalism and rapport building skills
- o Develop partnerships with key stakeholders (including businesses, shops and schools)
Co-ordinate team members to carry out admin tasks, pick up and sort donations (including food and toys) and assist our clients during the lead up to Christmas

****Retail Volunteers (Saturdays and mid-week shifts)**

- o Join the Saturday team at Highton, Geelong West or Point Lonsdale for one or more shifts per month
- o Be a regular mid-week volunteer at Highton, Geelong West, Point Lonsdale or Norlane
- o Indulge your LOVE of op shops
Enjoy customer service, make new friends and have fun!

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. Our current vacancies include:

- ✦ Retail Team Members at our Highton, Geelong West, Norlane and Point Lonsdale Op Shops
- ✦ Christmas Program Team Members (November and December)
- ✦ Sorting of Donations (clothing and bric-a-brac etc.)
- ✦ Van Crew Members or Drivers (Tuesday afternoons Melbourne round trip and Thursday mornings in greater Geelong)
- ✦ Grounds and Maintenance Team Members (mowing, weeding, cleaning)
- ✦ Food Distribution Team Members (assisting our clients)
- ✦ Receptionists (organising client appointments)
Interviewers (assisting our clients)

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



ALLIANCE FOR
GAMBLING REFORM

Progress in Gambling Reform

NEXT STEPS

With Reverend Tim Costello

SUN, OCT 9 - 2PM

St Luke's Uniting Church
174 Barrabool Rd, Highton VIC 3216

Contact Rev Paul Stephens for RSVP
or more information (03) 5244 2997.



Join Tim and help
#EndGamblingHarm
in Geelong



BOOK SALE

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER
&
SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER

10:00am – 2:00pm

272 Torquay Rd Grovedale
(Cnr Reserve and Torquay Roads)

NOTHING

OVER \$1.00

Proceeds to **Uniting**



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday 2nd October 2022 2pm—4pm

*BYO Animals ... all Dogs on leads, Cats & Rabbits in cages etc.
or BYO your favourite stuffed animal toy
or a picture of your favourite animal!*

*Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.
(Drinks provided).*



St Luke's Uniting Church Highton
Cnr Barrabool & Scenic Roads

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

Minister: Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

LAT Administrator: Roger Dingle
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Children & Families Co-ordinator:

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Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver
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Communications

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With Love To The World

With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

Blister Packs

Your blister packs from Panadol, and other medications can be left in the 4th drawer in the foyer.

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

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.

Milk Bottle Tops

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

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th 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**