



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

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



## *“Advent 1: Hope”*

### **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 NOVEMBER 27 2022**

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

**Notice Sheet Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 10.00am Worship**

**Please Pray for:**

Geoff Coots

Eco Group

**Birthdays:**

*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.

**Thought for the week**

Action is the foundational key to all success.

Pablo Picasso

**Diary for This Week**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
Advent 1 - Hope

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Music Practice

**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
Advent 2 - Peace

**Tasks people are doing next week.**

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Vestry Steward:** Jan Taylor

**Reader:** Joan Walker

**Stewards:** Glenn Chidzey, Geoff Everett

**Greeter:** Colleen Douglas

**Morning Tea:** Heather Rookes, Catherine Van Zetten

**Musicians:** Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, Bruce Waldron

**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott

**PA / Data:** Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

**Tasks people are doing today.**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy

**Reader:** Bev Hunt

**Stewards:** Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Heather Rookes

**Morning Tea:** Joan & David Walker, Velma Oliver

**Musicians:** Melinda Bell, Bruce Waldron, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Catherine Van Zetten, Bev Hunt

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

# Community Vegetable Garden

As part of this church's Community focus the Church Council has committed to expanding the current vegetable patch next to the hall, which has been planted out several times and most recently in October 2021. There are still some edible plants to pick, so help yourself. Building on this idea a small group of people have given some thought to the expansion of the garden for the church and wider community, with access for all abilities and ages. If you would like to know more come along to an **information sharing time** on **TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30PM** or **contact Joan Walker, Peter Morgan or Glenn Chidzey.**

## Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-  
Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

# Advent 4

Advent 4: Sunday 18th December 2022 will be Lessons and Carols Sunday.

An opportunity to sing our favourite carols and hear the story of Jesus. All are welcome.

# Advent Labyrinth

Due to the current flooding of the Barwon River we are unable to mark the temporary Labyrinth, for the season of Advent.

After conversation with Silvana from Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, we are still hoping to be able to mark it around mid-December.

However, this is now highly unlikely, due to the more recent rainfall.

We are sorry about this. We know that people in the community look forward to the labyrinth coming. It provides a place for quiet and intentional reflection leading into Christmas.

We still hope that the ground will dry out, but only time will tell.

First Sunday of Advent



## Hope for families forced to flee their country

Eugene and her family were forced to make the heartbreaking decision to flee their country Ukraine when the fighting escalated. They are just one of the millions of families who have been forced to flee their home in recent months. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help local partners, like HIA, respond immediately to emergencies, giving families like Eugene's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101

VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](https://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

## **GENESIS 38: 13-19, 24-27**

When Tamar was told, 'Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep', she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. He went over to her at the roadside, and said, 'Come, let me come in to you', for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, 'What will you give me, that you may come in to me?' He answered, 'I will send you a kid from the flock.' And she said, 'Only if you give me a pledge, until you send it.' He said, 'What pledge shall I give you?' She replied, 'Your signet and your cord, and the staff that is in your hand.' So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him. Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood. About three months later Judah was told, 'Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the whore; moreover she is pregnant as a result of whoredom.' And Judah said, 'Bring her out, and let her be burned.' As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, 'It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.' And she said, 'Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.' Then Judah acknowledged them and said, 'She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.' And he did not lie with her again.

When the time of her delivery came, there were twins in her womb.

## **LUKE 1: 26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.