



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



“Advent 3: Joy”

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 11 2022

Christmas Hamper Items for Uniting

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving.

Our congregational mission includes support for Uniting and this year, I encourage members to bring something for the Christmas hamper. All donations would be much appreciated by those seeking support this Christmas.

The closing date will be the 14th December; and the hamper will be delivered then.

Please drop off your Christmas hamper donation to the church on Sundays or during the weekdays: Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursday or Friday.

May we be a Christmas blessing to others.

Christmas Services at WHUC

24th December at 7.00pm Carols for Everyone

11.30pm "Welcoming Christmas Quietly"

25th December 9.00am Christmas Day Service

Church Office Hours

The office will be closed from Monday 26th December and re-open on Friday 27th January 2023. There will be no pew sheet until Sunday 29th January 2023.

BOOK SALE

Check out the book sale at Belmont Uniting Church.

Saturday 17th December. 9am – 4 pm.

Prices start from 50 cents (children's books).

All proceeds to Uniting Barwon – Emergency Relief.

This is a great opportunity to get some holiday reading

Uniting Job Vacancies

If you know anyone who is looking for a new career, Uniting has the following 3 salaried positions available;

1. Uniting Opportunity Shop Manager in Point Lonsdale.
2. Uniting Relief Opportunity Shop Manager based at Geelong West covering Barwon and Werribee.
3. Uniting Relief Opportunity Shop Manager based at Werribee covering Werribee and Barwon.

For more information please see the Uniting Jobs Board on the Uniting Intranet or the Seek site on the internet.

Tasks people are doing today.

11th December 2022

Vestry Steward: Sharn Waldron

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Maralann Damiano

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, Bruce Waldron, Les Oliver

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt

PA / Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Carols for Everyone

Once again Carols for Everyone will be held at WHUC at 7pm on Christmas Eve 24th December 2022. If you are interested in being a part of this, please let Karen Morgan know asap.

The first rehearsal for Christmas Eve will be held on Thursday 22nd December at 7.30pm at the church.

Blister Packs

Can now be left for recycling in the drawer in the front foyer.

Tasks people are doing next week.

18th December 2022

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Velma Oliver

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Glenn Chidzey

Greeter: Barbara Everett

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Velma Oliver

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Bruce Waldron, Dudley

Holroyd, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne, Velma Oliver

PA / Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas



Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: 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

LUKE 1: 46-55

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.'

RUTH 3: 1-18, 4: 13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.' So she went down to the threshing-floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came quietly and uncovered his feet, and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, 'Who are you?' And she answered, 'I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.' He said, 'May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid; I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. Remain this

night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do so. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.' So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, 'It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor.' Then he said, 'Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.' So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, 'How did things go with you, my daughter?' Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, 'He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, "Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed." ' She replied, 'Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.' So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Christmas Services



WESLEY UNITING CHURCH,
GEEELONG

Carols by Candlelight
7.30pm, Sunday 11th December

Christmas Eve
7pm, Saturday 24th December
At Western Heights Uniting Church
31 Douglass St, Herne Hill

Christmas Day
9.30am, Sunday 25th December

wesleychurchgeelong.net

Christmas Concert

Featuring **David van Elst**
Making Harmony
Sea of UkEs

and a Carol Singalong



Uniting Church
Queenscliff
Cnr Hesse & Stokes

Wed 14

December

6pm

Christmas Roast Dinner

7.30pm

Concert

Book online

www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au



CAROLS FOR EVERYONE



31 DOUGLASS ST Herne Hill
WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH



24th OF DECEMBER, 7:00 PM



**Grovedale Uniting
Christmas Carol's
7pm Friday 16th Dec
Donation appreciated if able**



Share in Singing
And a cuppa
afterward.

*Journey to Joy
Christmas Services*



*Sunday 4th December—Messy Church 3.45pm, Thursday 15th December—Blue Christmas 7pm
Christmas Eve — Nativity Service 3pm, Christmas Day - Family Service 9.30am
Cnr Scenic and Barrabool Roads, Highton*