



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



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 25 2022

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 25th December 2022 – 9.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Geoff Coots

Safe Church Task Group

Leila & Gil Green

Birthdays:

Ashley Payne	Today	Sandra Neville	5 th
Tom Morgan	29 th	Graeme Willingham	9 th
Jean Payne	2 nd	Val Bray	13 th
Cathy Tingate	3 rd	Albie James	13 th
Daniel Payne	3 rd	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: long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

Thought for the week

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

W.T. Ellis

Diary for This Week

Sunday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 29th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Next Week's Service

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Robert Van Zetten – East Geelong

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

0400 664 991

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.

Tasks people are doing today.
25th December 2022

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Reader: Roger Dingle

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Bev Hunt

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea:

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

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

PA / Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Help Needed

We need to replace the TV that the music group see during services. We need a TV at least 64inch that has RCA connection possibilities. That means it needs to have yellow, white and red cord connections.

Thanks Maralann

Labyrinth

Unfortunately the labyrinth will not happen this year. It's still too wet for them to mow the grass so marking it is not possible.

Tasks people are doing next week.
1st January 2023

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Bruce Rookes

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Doreen Holroyd, Gwen Woods

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

Singers: Lynda Scott, Catherine Van Zetten, Bev
Hunt

PA / Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Sacrededge Queenscliff

"Release 1" Early Bird Weekend
tickets \$156 are available only until
SATURDAY DEC 31

Tickets for May 5-7 2023 Sacrededge
Festival "A Heart for Diversity" are on
sale now!

A limited number of Early Bird tickets
are available until 31 December
(unless sold out prior).

Concerts at Queenscliff Uniting in January

Wednesday, Jan 4

Jimi Hocking Solo 8pm

*His 11th annual Solo concert at
Unitingqueenscliff! The combination
of banter and story-telling, wailing
guitar and mandolin with superb
songwriting and performance makes
Jimi one of the 'must-see' acts in
blues today.*

Tickets \$30 per person. Your ticket
includes interval refreshments. Bar
available from 7.30pm.

Advance

booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CDRWU>

Wednesday, Jan 11

The Original Soul Sister Swing 8pm

*Singing, swinging and soulfully
punching out those nostalgic songs.*

Tickets \$30 per person. Your ticket
includes interval refreshments. Bar
available from 7.30pm.

Advance

booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CDRWX>

Christmas Message



With This Birth

*With this birth,
darkness seems more bearable,
somehow;
fear lessens,
replaced by inexplicable hope;
death is diminished
by the cries of a babe, new-born.*

*With this birth,
angel-hosts fill the heavens,
shining heralds harking praise;
shepherds in fields stop,
look up, in humble, holy awe;
a mother ponders all these things
and stares in wonder at her child.*

*With this birth,
Herod sleeps a little less soundly in his palace;
bosses speculate on profits versus prophets;
religious leaders theologise
on law's limits and limitless love.*

*With this birth,
God is with us, Messiah in a manger.
God is with us, Prince of Peace.
God is with us, glory be.*

[-Spill the Beans]

Let the humility and simplicity with which the baby Jesus was born in the manger, remind us today that there is nothing more important than love. Wishing you all peace, love and happiness as you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones.

*Merry Christmas - Soifua ma ia manuía
Rev Temukisa Amítuana'i-vaeluaga*

Christmas Day

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL
SINCE
1949

Merry Christmas!



Mugisha*, along with her sister and two young children are just some of the millions of families living as refugees around the world. Mugisha fled to Kenya after conflict broke out in her home country of Congo. Since arriving, she has faced many challenges to meet the basic needs for her family. Through the Christmas Bowl, our local partners around the world can continue to share God's love with refugees like Mugisha by providing food, care and lifesaving support. **Please give today.**

*Mugisha's name has been changed for safety reasons.



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 2: 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the

people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.