



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



“Advent 2: 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 4 2022

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

Notice Sheet Sunday 4th December 2022 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Geoff Coots

Resources Group

Birthdays:

Eve Wood 5th

Geoff Coots 7th

Graeme Hardy 8th

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: toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets.

Thought for the week

Money talks: the secret is to hold it long enough to hear what it says.

W.G.P.

Diary for This Week

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Advent 2 – Peace
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	Community Vegetable Garden Information Night
Thursday 8th	8.00pm	Music Practice
Friday 9th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night – Christmas Pot Luck

Next Week's Service

Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship Service - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Advent 3 - Joy
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People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Robert Van Zetten – Anglesea

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

0400 664 991

Community Vegetable Garden

As part of this church's Community focus the Church Council has committed to exploring the expansion of 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 or become involved come along to an **information sharing time** on **TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM** or **contact Joan Walker, Peter Morgan or Glenn Chidzey.**

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.

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.

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.
4th 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

Corio-Norlane Uniting Church

Service Acknowledging the Life and Ministry of the Corio Norlane Uniting Church; today Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm

As part of the Uniting Church's closing and sale of the property at 10 Wendover Avenue Norlane the above service will be held as part of the exit from the site of the Corio Norlane Uniting Church Congregation. At this stage It is anticipated the Congregation's final service on the site will be on Sunday December 25th.

Uniting has been advised by the Uniting Church that it will be expected to exit the site by 31st March 2023.

The Service this Sunday will be an opportunity for all of us associated with Uniting to thank the Corio Norlane Uniting Church Congregation for the many years of fantastic support they have given Uniting. We encourage you to be at the service on Sunday.

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.

**Tasks people are doing next week.
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

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace through food rations



It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



JOSHUA 2: 1-21

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, 'Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.' Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.' But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.' She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men: 'I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.' The

men said to her, 'Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land.' Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, 'Go towards the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterwards you may go on your way.' The men said to her, 'We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.' She said, 'According to your words, so be it.' She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

LUKE 1: 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'



**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*