



**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 FEBRUARY 26 2023**

*We welcome you to today's service at*  
**Western Heights Uniting Church**  
**Notice Sheet Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 10.00am Worship**

**Please Pray for:**

Leila & Gil Green

Worship & Music Group

**Birthdays:**

Rebecca Saunders

1<sup>st</sup>

*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: tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper.

**Thought for the week**

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever” does not apply to a vase of fresh flowers.

P.K. Shaw

**Diary for This Week**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship - Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

***People Helping Elsewhere***

Michele Hardy – St. Albans / St. Andrews

**2023 Annual General Meeting**

The 2023 Western Heights AGM will be held after the service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Could all reports be given to Jan in the office no later than today Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Lynda Scott

Congregational Secretary

## Thanks

Gil and Leila Green would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers. As from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Gil will be a resident at Elstoft House in Beulah Street, Hamlyn Heights.

## Parental/Guardian Permission to Photograph or Video Children

In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

**Coming soon**

to Western Height Uniting Church

*A COMMUNITY GARDEN*



*Watch this space*

**Minister & Pastoral**

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

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## **GENESIS 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **Tasks people are doing today.**

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Vestry Steward:** Jan Taylor

**Reader:** Joan Walker

**Stewards:** Glenn Chidzey, Geoff Everett

**Greeter:** Joan Murphy

**Morning Tea:** Heather Rookes, Barbara Everett

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Bruce Waldron, Dudley

Holroyd, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots

**Singers:** Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt, Velma Oliver,

Bianca Brant

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

## **MATTHEW 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Tasks people are doing next week.**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Vestry Steward:** Annette Chidzey

**Reader:** Bev Hunt

**Stewards:** Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Heather Rookes

**Morning Tea:** Catherine Van Zetten, Velma Oliver

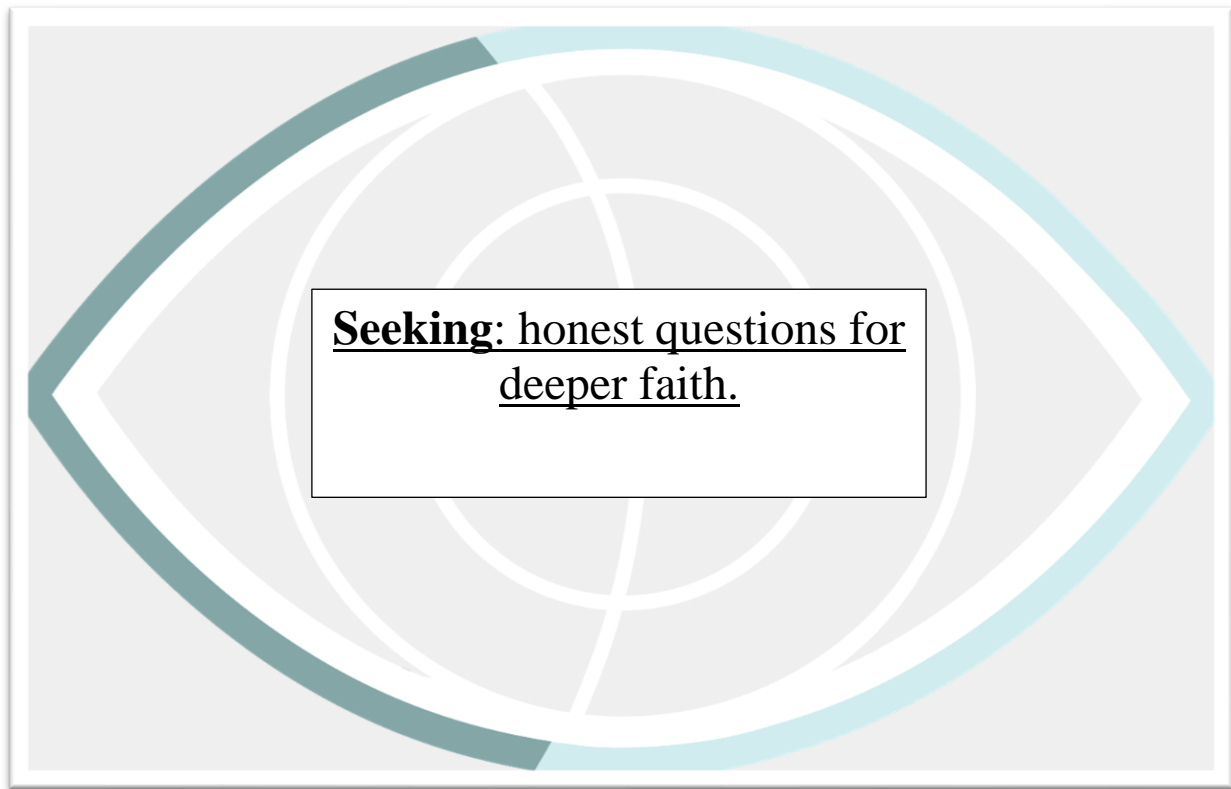
**Hall Cleaner:** Glenn Chidzey

**Musicians:** Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd,

Bruce Waldron, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt

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



## **LENT JOURNEY:**

This Lent we are seeking - seeking clarity, seeking wisdom, seeking a love that makes us whole. Christians have a long tradition of embarking on a spiritual quest, which invites us to look with fresh eyes at our life and the world and listen for the longing in our soul. All you need to begin is a willing heart. May you journey with bravery and discover how trust meets you along the way. And may these questions guide you closer to the heart of God and the sanctuary of your soul.

## **QUESTION MAP**

- What is your soul yearning for?
- What is holding you back from soulful, wholehearted exploration?
- What do you need to know about God to rest God more fully?
- Is there another question your soul needs to ask during this Lenten quest?

## **DAILY DEVOTON CARD**

- Please feel free to take a set of weekly devotion cards for your personal reflection.