



## Western Heights Uniting Church

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WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# May 2023 Newsletter

## 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.

## May at a Glance

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Sunday 7th	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy Rev. Robert Van Zetten—Anglesea
Friday 12th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Learn to play Crazy Whist
Sunday 14th	10:00am	Café Church—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—East Geelong
Tuesday 16th	12:00pm	Tuesday Ladies Friendship Group
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 21st	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion Congregational Meeting following service
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Pentecost—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Rhonda Dingle & Rev. Jan Taylor

## Emergency Pastoral Care (including funerals)

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While Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga is on annual leave;  
[21<sup>st</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> May] please contact:  
(a) Rev Robert Van Zetten  
(b) Rev Amanda Nicholas (funerals only)

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## Mother's Day Service 14th May

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Invitation to all members to bring along their favourite cup and saucer (gifted, inheritance, etc); as well as a photo of a mother figure that has influenced their journey of faith.

Seeking helpers to set up the church on Friday afternoon (2pm) on 12<sup>th</sup> May for Mother's Day worship on Sunday.

Mothers in the past had to wear hats to church. If you have a favourite hat that was part of that era; or some that you still wear on special occasions; please bring it to church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May and leave it in the office for a Mother's Day display.

## Tuesday Friendship

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**Tuesday 16th May 2023**

**Lunch 12.00 mid day**

**Mothers Day**

**Meet in the church**

**All Ladies welcome.**

**Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035**

## Church & Music Rosters

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The Church and Music Rosters for **June, July & August**, will be drawn up for distribution at the start of May. Please use the unavailability book by **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months

## What is your favourite music?

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The WMMT are planning a special celebration of our favourite music.

Please have a think about your favourite hymns and songs and let one of the team know or write it on the list at the back of the church.

## Safe Church Information

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### Code of Conduct

Along with this May Monthly, you will find another attachment titled "Safe Church – Code of Conduct". It lists how we, as a congregation, in our behaviours, can ensure the safety of our children. We need to familiarise ourselves with this 2-page document, for the safety and well-being of our children. Thanks.

## Nominations for the Pastoral Care Co-Ordinating Team

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The Pastoral Care Working Team is seeking up to 8 nominations for the **Pastoral Care Co-Ordinating Team**.

Please consider this matter prayerfully. Nomination forms will be available from Sunday, 30 April, 2023, and nominations close on **Friday, 19 May, 2023, at midday**.

The revised Pastoral Care Model has been endorsed by the Church Council and will be presented to the congregation at a **Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, 21 May, 2023**. If necessary, an election for the Pastoral Care Co-Ordinating Team will be held at this meeting.

Please keep some of the following gifts in mind as you consider potential nominees:

Relationship builder	Knowledgeable and informed
Good communicator	Demonstrates leadership qualities
Compassionate	Listening
Able to respect confidences	Open to Learning
Capable of discernment	Prayerful
Encouraging	Responsive
Empowering	Faith sharing
Generous	Collaborative and able to work in a team
Sensitive	Wise
Inclusive	
Committed	

## Books Needed

**Can you contribute to the outdoor library by cleaning out your home book shelves**



**please.**



You are warmly invited to join us for a joint book launch for *Jesus Sophia: Returning to Woman Wisdom in the Bible, Practice, and Prayer* by Sally Douglas and *Even the Devil Quotes Scripture: Reading the Bible on Its Own Terms* by Robyn Whitaker.

**Jesus Sophia** explores the overlapping theological themes that Jesus and Sophia share within the bible. Questions about biblical interpretation, theology, and faithful practice are investigated in relation to themes including divine hospitality, friendship, anger, and care for the earth.

**Even the Devil Quotes Scripture** looks to the Bible as a guide to interpreting the Bible, and her findings breathe new life into our understanding and use of Scripture. Ultimately, Whitaker proposes a hermeneutic of love—a litmus test for the validity of a scriptural interpretation measured in charity.

**DATE**

May 18, 2023.

**TIME**

5PM to 6.30PM

**COST**

Free.

**LOCATION**

Yuma Auditorium,  
Centre for Theology and Ministry,  
Parkville.

*In-person only, light refreshments will be served.*

**Please RSVP by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May by clicking the link below**

<https://events.humanitix.com/douglas-and-whittaker-book-launch>

For more information contact Robyn Whitaker (Coordinator of Studies: New Testament)  
[Robyn.whitaker@pilgrim.edu.au](mailto:Robyn.whitaker@pilgrim.edu.au)



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# Book sale.



## Nothing over \$1.

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

**272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale**  
**(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)**

Friday 5 May and  
Saturday 6 May  
10am - 2pm

**Uniting**

## Summary of Church Council Minutes 19 April 2023

- ◇ Review of CC – Who will Inherit from Us?
- ◇ The Church Council structure has been revised and the new diagram to be posted around the church.
- ◇ A copy of the new Child Safe Code of Conduct has been distributed with the May monthly. All need to be aware of the contents of this document.
- ◇ Neighbouring churches have been invited to join Western Heights in celebrating the formation of the Uniting Church on Sunday the 25 June, 2023, at morning worship.
- ◇ A letter of appreciation has been sent to Hayeswinckle for the sign board advertising our Easter Services.
- ◇ A revised Pastoral Care Model, with more detail, has been endorsed and will be presented to the congregation at the next Congregational Meeting, possibly on 21 May, 2023. Date to be confirmed.
- ◇ Safe Church Training will be made available, hopefully in a large group setting, as soon as the Safe Church Task Group has completed their training.
- ◇ Mother's Day, Sunday 14 May, will be combined, as a fundraiser, with the "Biggest Morning Tea" in the form of High Tea at the Sunday Morning Service, with a gold coin donation.

Velma Oliver, Chair of Church Council.

### Safe Church

The Safe Church Task Group has reconvened after a long Covid break and now consists of Heather Rookes and Bianca Brant as our 2 Safe Church Contact Persons, as well as Nathan Gibson and Velma Oliver. We are reviewing the Uniting Church's interpretation of the Federal Government's new 11 Child Safe Standards, to which all organisations have to comply. We will keep the congregation informed.

### 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.

### Paper Towel Substitutes

***Available now. \$10 per roll.***

Check out the rolls of cloth towels

(ON table at back of church)

to use in any situation where you would normally use paper towels.

Long lasting and saves our environment.

Just wash and reuse over and over again.

**Proceeds to mission project of WHUC**

### Western Heights Uniting Church Community Garden Project

Simpson Fund Application has been submitted.

Massive thank you to all who assisted.



Watch this space!

# Contact Details

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## **Leadership Advisory Team:**

**Minister:** Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

**Church Administrator:** Roger Dingle  
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**Church Council Chair:** Velma Oliver  
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**Property Co-ordinator:** Graeme Hardy  
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## **Communications**

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

## **Pastoral Care:**

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## **With Love To The World**

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Used With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

## **Light Globes & Batteries**

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Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

## **Postage stamps**

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Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

## **Pew Sheet**

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If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

## **Milk Bottle Tops**

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We are collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the foyer for recycling.

## **Future Monthly Newsletters**

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To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at [office@whuc.com.au](mailto:office@whuc.com.au)