



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

June 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.

June at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Taizé Service—Gary Ekkel
Sunday 11th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Friday 16th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Movie Night
Sunday 18th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion Rev Jan Taylor—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Tuesday 20th	12.00pm	Tuesday Ladies Friendship Group
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Winter Hospitality

Sunday 11th June will be our Winter Hospitality Sunday.

All winter woollies will be donated to UnitingCare for distribution among the homeless in our community.

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

Meet in the church

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Friday Fun Night

Friday 16th June

Film Night

More details to come

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

2023 Winter Share Appeal

Donations can be made by placing an envelope marked "Share Winter Appeal" in the offering bowl, visiting their website unitingvictas.org.au/share-appeal or for self-mailing envelopes they will be included in the June Crosslight.

Update Community Garden

After the successful application for a grant we are now looking for someone to design some artwork for some signage. Please consider if you know someone of any age who might be interested in doing this. Contact Joan Walker or Glenn Chidzey.

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Community Garden Project

We have been successful in receiving a grant from the City of Greater Geelong for the community garden.



Safe Church Training Module One 2023

It is again time for those of us with Working with Children Checks to complete the new National Childsafe Training Course. These include all active ministry agents, lay people who hold leadership roles in the church such as church councillors, church administrator, worship leaders, pastoral carers, safe church task group members, Bible readers, stewards, music leaders, organists and pianists, Bible Study/Small Group Leaders.

The Safe Church Task Group (comprising of Velma Oliver, Bianca Brant, Heather Rookes and Nathan Gibson) is committed to implementing the Child Safe Policy of the Uniting Church in Australia –Synod of VicTas, so that all children involved in our activities, services, events and programs are safe and feel safe. We are committed to respecting diversity and providing safe, inclusive environments where children are cared for, respected, nurtured and sustained. Our goal is for everyone who holds a Working With Children Check to complete the training by the end of June, using one of the following three options:

1. Face-to-Face Training at Belmont Uniting Church, Thompson St., Belmont to be held on **Fri. 23rd June at 2 p.m.** or **7 p.m.** Booking arrangements to follow.
2. Online training via the safechurch.ucavictas.org.au website:

Click on "Training", then click on "Safe Church training" in the drop down box. On the right side, under the heading 'Downloads and Resources', click on "Online Training Registration" to register for individual training and submit your details. This will allow you to choose between working through online training modules or work through a paper based Workbook. You will receive a reply when your enrolment has been accepted with further details on setting a password etc.

3. If you would like a hard copy of the Work Book to work through, please let Velma know by **Sunday, 4 June, 2023**, and a hard copy will be ordered for you from Synod.

Many thanks for your willingness to complete the training. If you require further information or support please speak to Velma, Bianca, Heather or Nathan.



90th birthday celebration

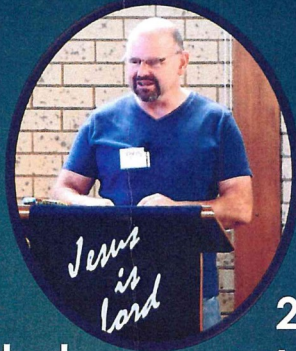
Earlier this year, long standing Western Heights Uniting Church member, John Cahir celebrated this auspicious occasion with a surprise morning tea held at SOFT café, Minerva Rd.

John was in good spirits and delighted to share this celebration with his wife, Joyce and several individuals associated with his former involvement in local churches' tennis and table tennis participation. Present at this event was his daughter Debbie and up to twenty friends – many from John's time at Ashby Methodist, later Trinity and Western Heights Church – who popped in to pass on their congratulations.

John shared many stories and recollections of past Country Week Tennis tournaments and fun times including characters he encountered over these years. John remains a loyal and faithful member of our congregation currently residing at Charles Brownlow Village in Highton with his loving wife Joyce.

Happy birthday John and well done on reaching this milestone.

Singing for the Creek 'Musical Afternoon'



**Singing Groups &
Musical talents presented.
At Grovedale Uniting Church**

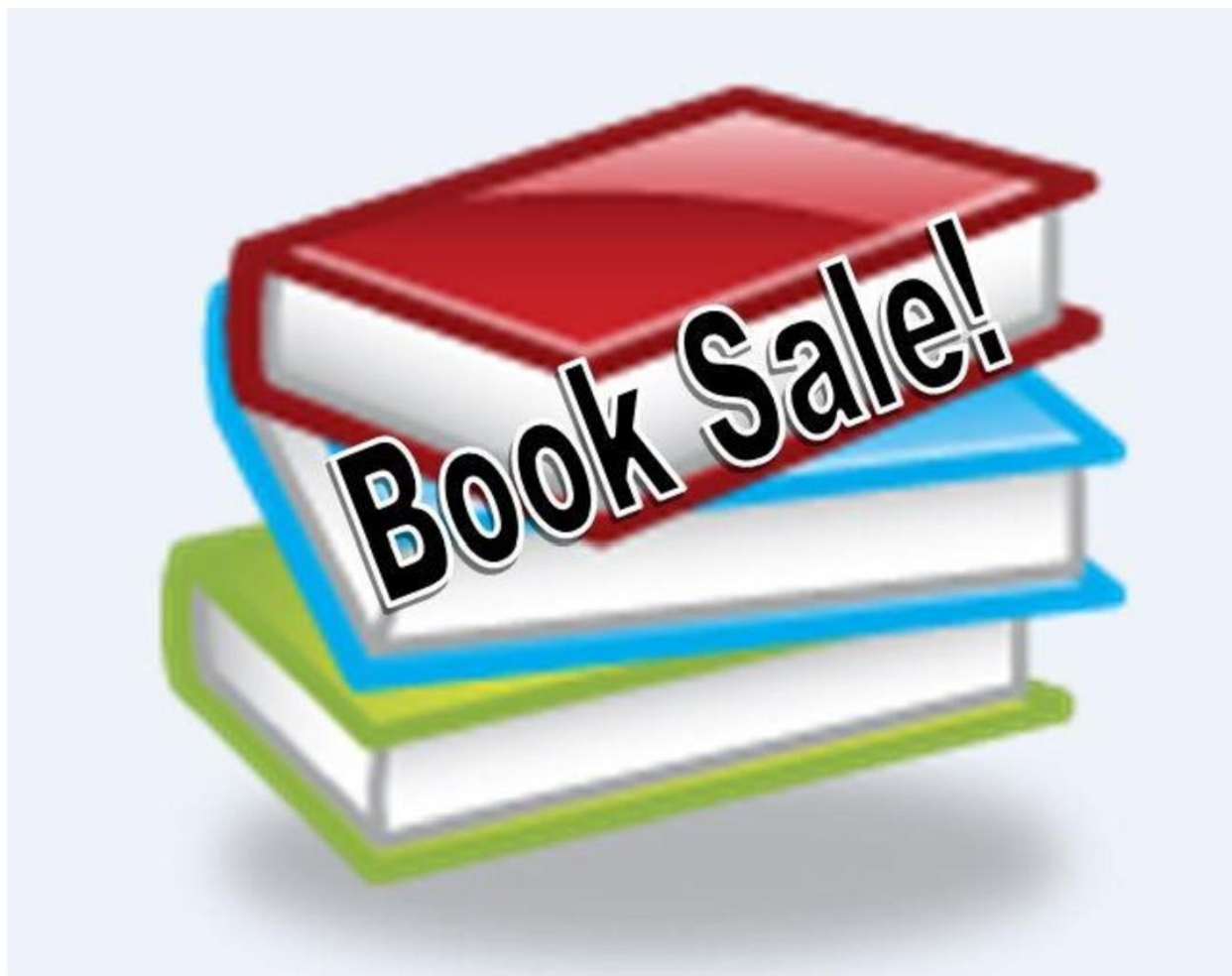
**2pm 4th June 2023
Includes Afternoon Tea
\$10 or donation as able.**



Contact: 0425718224

Proceeds to Armstrong Creek Uniting Faith Community

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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 2nd June and

Saturday 3rd June

10am - 2pm



Help refugees and migrants learn English

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is an Australian Government program that provides free English language tuition to recently arrived migrants and humanitarian entrants.

Our Volunteer Tutors are a part of the Adult Migrant English Program. They meet with students in their homes or at a mutually convenient location such as a public library. Volunteers meet with individual students to tutor them in English and help them settle into Australian life.

Become a Volunteer Tutor and help a new arrival feel at home

Being a Volunteer Tutor is easy:

- You don't need teaching or tutoring experience
- We provide you with training and ongoing support
- We match volunteers with nearby students

CONTACT US

Nerma Kasic
 Volunteer Tutor Project Officer (Monday-Thursday)

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You need to be:

- Willing to help others
- Accepting of diverse cultures
- Available 1-2 hours a week
- Able to commit to volunteering for 6 months



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 Community & Education Services



**learning for
 employment**

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs.

Contact Details

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.

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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.

Light Globes & Batteries

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

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.

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th 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**

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Pastoral Care:

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0400 664 991

With Love To The World

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

Pew Sheet

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

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