



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 AUGUST 20 2023

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 20th August – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Resources Group

Colleen Douglas - recouping well after surgery.

Birthdays:

Felicity Harper

22nd

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: spreads, tinned fruit, tinned meat, DB blankets, men's t/pants.

Thought for the week:

Being in love is like waking up knowing that your reality is better than your dreams.

J. Cristobal

Diary for This Week

Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Thursday 17th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 27th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Bruce Waldron – St. Lukes

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Share Sunday Appeal Retirement Offering

A reminder: On Communion Sunday (third Sunday of every month); we will have a retirement offering. All donations would be appreciated.

Pastoral Care Coordinating Team

The Pastoral Care Coordinating Team are Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga, Glenn Chidzey, Vanessa Thomson, Helen Sleep, Jan Taylor and David Walker. New members will be endorsed by the Congregation at the next Congregational Meeting.

Safe Church Training

1. This is a friendly reminder that, if you are required to have a Working With Children Check for the task that you perform at Western Heights UC, you are also required to do the new Safe Church Training. Please see Velma, Bianca, Heather or Nathan for more information.
2. Thanks to all who have completed the training. Please show Jan Grigg your certificate when you have received it.

Safe Church Group

Concert at St Paul's LaTrobe Terrace

VOX ANGELICA GEELONG CHAMBER CHOIR

5pm Sunday 17th September.

Directed by Tom Healey

A repeat of our May 2023 concert for Geelong Gallery of stunning music to accompany the exhibition of the paintings of Clarice Beckett, and sung by this very fine choir.

\$25/\$20/Under 18 free. Tickets at the door or

www.trybooking.com/CGDSQ

Update of Postcards to CommBank

A lot of our people sent postcards on this subject, through Bruce Waldron and Sue Strong, to the manager of Belmont CommBank. She took it to her regional managers' meeting, so our church had a hand in this.

Thanks to our collective people power - Australia's biggest bank has essentially ended fossil fuel finance for good.

After over a year of campaigning, our efforts have seen CommBank rule out lending to all new and expanding oil and gas projects, and by 2025 will stop lending to companies who refuse to transition away from fossil fuels.

This is what people power looks like, and wouldn't have been possible without your voice, and the voice of our friends in the movement like Market Forces.

This sets a precedent for other Australian banks to follow suit, and if they do, it would make it much more difficult for gas corporations to secure finance for their climate-wrecking projects like fracking in the NT, massive gas rigs off WA and pipelines across the country.

I can't overstate how huge this is.

Over the past year, we've visited 80 CommBank branches, spoken to staff, held stunts at major offices, put ads in newspapers, crashed major banking summits and AGMs, and so much more.

Kelly, for the whole 350 Australia team

Tasks people are doing today.

20th August 2023

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Geoff Coots

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Colleen Douglas, Maralann
Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Les Oliver,
Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, David Andrews

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne,
Christine Dunn

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

27th August 2023

Vestry Steward: Sharn Waldron

Reader: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Bruce Rookes

Greeter: Colleen Douglas

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Velma
Oliver

Hall Cleaner: Maralann Damiano

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

Singers: Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt, Catherine
Van Zetten

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

GENESIS 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine

to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

MATTHEW 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.