



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 27 2023

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 27th August – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Worship and Music Group

Colleen Douglas - recouping well after surgery.

Birthdays:

George McKinley 28th

Vanessa Thomson 30th

Lynda Scott 31st

Bruce Waldron 1st

Catherine Van Zetten 1st

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:

The sweetest angel brings happiness to not one, but all.

Matilda Rose

Diary for This Week

Sunday 27th 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

Thursday 31st 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 3rd 8.30am Father’s Day Breakfast. All welcome

10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

People Helping Elsewhere

Michele Hardy – Bellbrae

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

0400 664 991

Share Sunday Appeal Retirement Offering

A retirement offering will be offered today for the Share Uniting Appeal. All donations would be appreciated.

Blue and White, Aqua, Greenish material scraps needed

On the 10th September, WHUC, St. Lukes and Wesley are each holding a Seasons Of Creation Service focusing on water. We've been planning this for a number of weeks and the same service will happen in each of the churches on the 10th September.

We need: scraps of material, big or little, to create a beautiful river, running down from the front of the church. Can you help?

If you can, could you let Bruce Waldron or Lynda Scott have your material please, or let them know it is coming.

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

Tasks people are doing today.

27th August 2023

Vestry Steward: Sharn Waldron

Reader: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Colleen Douglas

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Velma Oliver

Hall Cleaner: Maralann Damiano

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

Singers: Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

3rd September 2023

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Roger Dingle

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Velma Oliver, Vanessa Thomson

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Data: / Allister Coots

MATTHEW 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

EXODUS 1: 8 - 2: 10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the

midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'