



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

October 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.

October at a Glance

Sunday 1st		Daylight Savings Start
	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Saturday 7th	9.00am	Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 8th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 15th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Tuesday 17th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Saturday 28th	11.00am	Launch of Community Garden
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga



WHUC Lay Presbytery Representative Vacancy

The position for a Lay Presbytery Representative to represent Western Heights is still Vacant. The meetings are held on zoom quarterly. If this is something you wish to offer your services or for more information please see Temukisa.

Community Garden Working Bee

Saturday 7th October - 9am start.

Filling 4 Wicking Beds for the Summer crop.

Come if you can, morning tea provided.

Friday Fun Night

**Friday Fun Night will be taking a break
for October**

Tuesday Friendship

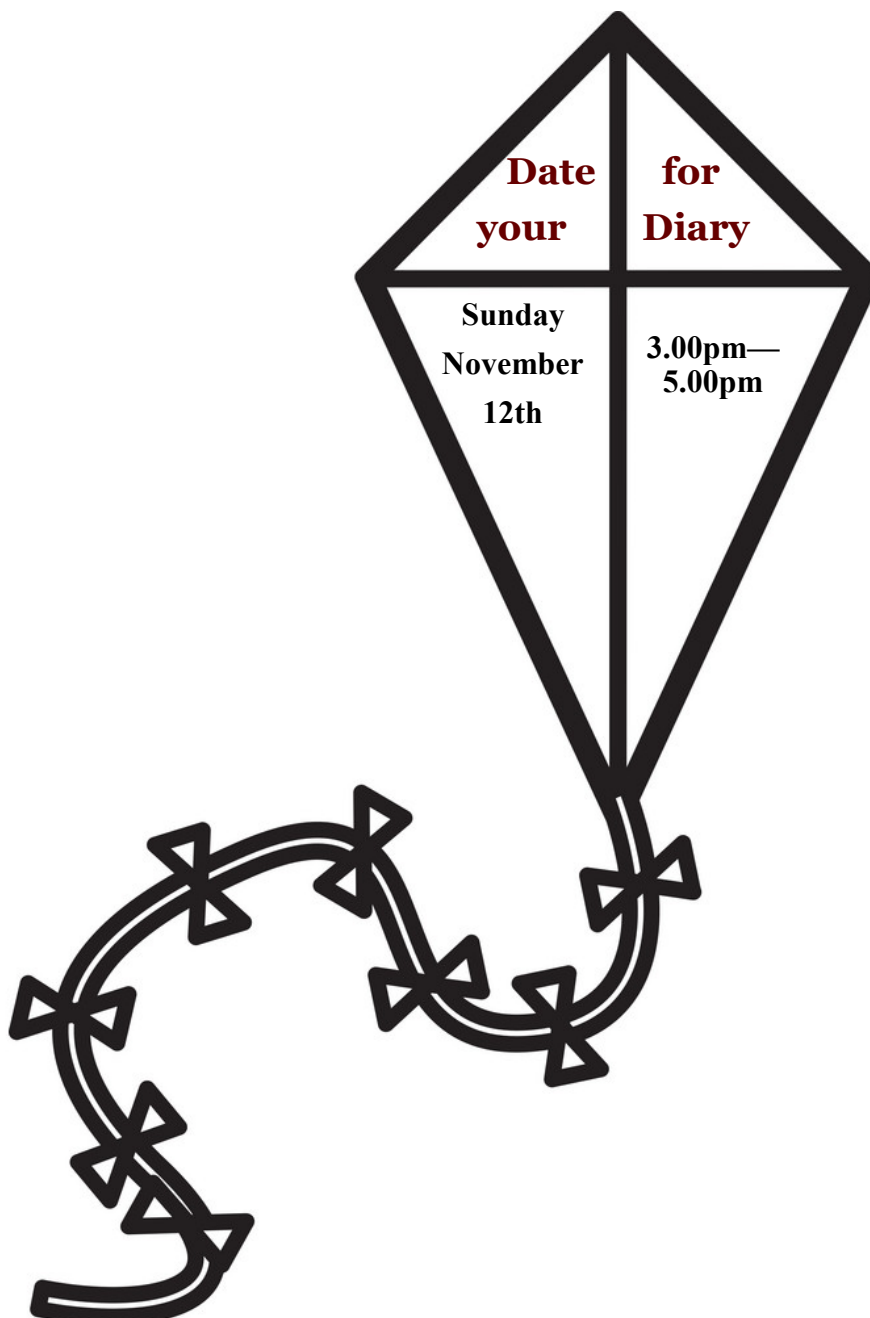
Tuesday 17th October 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

“Pizza”

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035



Sharing the Warmth in Winter

On Sunday June 11th, the worship space at Western Heights was transformed into a giant winter wonderland. Not a mountain of snow and ice as you may have imagined, but rather a mountain of woolly scarves, gloves, jumpers, coats and blankets. Having been challenged and inspired to go through our wardrobes at home and set aside items we no longer wore or required prior to that service, the invitation was to bring these discarded items to our worship service as a sign of our readiness to share what we have with those who needed it more.

The end result was surprising, dramatic and quite transformative for us as Christians. Why? We came face to face with our capacity to give in ways that could make a difference and the visual evidence of our efforts remained with us long after the worship concluded.

Thanks to Temukisa, Michelle Hardy and Glenn Chidzey who packed up our 'winter woollies' and delivered them to the Uniting Centre at Grovedale where they were received with much gratitude prior to being distributed to those who would most benefit from them in the chilly weeks and months ahead.



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.

WHUC Community Garden Facebook Page



Western Heights UC Community Garden now has a facebook page that you can join to keep up to date with what is happening in the Community Garden.

You will find it under



WHUC Community Garden.



SHARED COMMUNITY GARDEN

31 Douglass St Herne Hill

You are invited to the

Launch of the Community Garden

Saturday 28th October 11am – 1pm

- Demonstration of how to make a wicking (self watering) veggie bed.
 - Sausage sizzle/ Tea and Coffee/snacks
 - Fun activities and make and take seeds to plant

For information: Phone: 0437 878 187 or

Email: office@WHUC.com.au



Follow us on Facebook: WHUC Community Garden





GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Nov 4th

TO BOOK:
CONTACT - RAY NICHOLLS
R.PREMIERBOOK@GMAIL.COM
OR 0408 702 241

**\$70 PER TABLE
OR \$10 PER PERSON**

6:30 PM FOR 7PM START

EACH TABLE CAN BRING THEIR OWN
SNACKS, DRINKS AND CUPS

ST LUKE'S UCA HIGHTON

FUNDRAISER FOR UNITING CHURCH ARMSTRONG CREEK

Let Christmas wishes support those in need.



1 **Australiana Wreaths**
(Mixed Pack 1)

Flowering Gum Wreath sentiment: Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year.
Pine Wreath sentiment: Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and an especially happy New Year.



2 **Holly**
(Mixed Pack 2)

Green Holly sentiment: Warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.
Red Holly sentiment: May the festive season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.



5 **Peace Dove**

Sentiment: May peace, love and prosperity follow you always.



3 **Joy**


Sentiment: Joy to you at Christmas and happiness in the coming year.
Bible Verse: For to us a child is born, Isaiah 9:6.



4 **Nativity**


Sentiment: May you be blessed during the season of goodwill and may the new year bring peace and joy.

Each pack of 10 cards is only \$11




Scan to order online.

Order forms available from:



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.




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Parental/Guardian Permission

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.

Eco Group

The Eco Group has started an Eco Books library, in the entry foyer. Please borrow books and if you have good books on the subject, you would be willing to share, see Bruce W.

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.

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**