



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 OCTOBER 1 2023

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 1st October – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Community Garden Group

Birthdays:	Pat Brooks	2 nd
	Barbara Everett	5 th
	Bettine James	6 th
	Neil Shirley	6 th
	Gwen Woods	6 th

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:

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

Aldous Huxley

Diary for This Week

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 5th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
Saturday 7th	9.00am	Community Garden Working Bee

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Planned Giving Program 2023-2024

At it's last meeting Church Council approved the commencement of this program.

Invitation letters will be issued to each member on the 8th October.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday November 12th, after our Church service, we will be holding an important congregational meeting which will include elections for Church Council.

For the next 6 weeks nomination forms and a box will be on the table at the door.

Please give these nominations your prayerful attention.

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

Windfire Music Festival Geelong, 6 -15 October 2023

Music at the Basilica is proud to present the 14th Annual Windfire Music Festival. Experience a diverse range of concerts ranging from love songs of 17 century England to music for a brass ensemble. We have 6 great concerts featuring local and national and internationally acclaimed performers. We have the Excelsis Choir and the Melbourne Women's Choir. Do not miss your chance to hear these fine musicians perform. For more details and ticket information, visit

www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

EXODUS 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your

own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

MATTHEW 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we

are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Tasks people are doing today.

1st October 2023

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Colin Rookes

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Jean Payne

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Bruce Waldron,
Dudley Holroyd,

Singers: Bruce Waldron, Catherine Van
Zetten

Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

8th October 2023

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Jenni Harper

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Bruce Rookes

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Gwen Woods, Barbara
Everett

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Dudley
Holroyd, Geoff Coots

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Lynda
Scott

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots



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services.

Friday 6th October
and
Saturday 7th
October
10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale

(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

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**YOUNG FAMILIE'S
LUNCH & FIRST AID SESSION**

**Date: Sunday the 22nd of October, 2023
@Wesley: Time -12pm**

**RSVP: Contact the office: 52298866
By Tuesday 17th of October.
Lunch provided.**

