



## Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

# November 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.

## November at a Glance

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Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Robert Van Zetten All Saints Service
Sunday 12th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Followed by Congregational Meeting Michele Hardy—East Geelong
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19th	10:00am	Worship—Michele Hardy
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

## Carols by Candlelight Service

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Wesley is holding a Carols by Candlelight service on **Sunday 17th December** at **7.30pm**.

We warmly invite you all to join with us to make this a memorable evening. In particular we are looking for singers of all abilities to form a combined choir to lead the carol singing, and sing one or two items on our own.

Rehearsals will be held **7.30pm** on Wednesday nights **November 22nd, and 29th**, and **December 6th and 13th**.

Please contact Heather Cooney on 0477 805 234 or [handpcooney@gmail.com](mailto:handpcooney@gmail.com) and indicate your voice part.

## WHUC Lay Presbytery Representative Vacancy

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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.

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## Summary of Church Council Minutes 18th October 2023

- Devotions by Sharn Waldron: Little encounters with marginalised people seem insignificant on face value but they are important.
- Church Council viewed videos prepared by the National Assembly's Act2 Project on 'directions for faith communities' and 'governance options' and completed a feedback form. These videos to be shown to the congregation as part of a future Sunday worship service.
- Support was provided to establish an Advent Labyrinth near the Barwon River again this year.
- Support was provided for the Eco Group to place an A-frame notice board in the church foyer on Sunday mornings to advertise activities, events, books and films.

## Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 5th December 2023

Christmas Lunch

12.00pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

## Church & Music Rosters

The Church and Music Rosters for **December, January and February**, will be drawn up for distribution at the start of November. Please use the unavailability book by **Sunday 5th November**, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months

### WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH PASTORAL CARE COORDINATING TEAM [PCCT]

The current PCCT team members are:

- *Glenn Chidzey*
- *Jan Taylor*
- *Vanessa Thomson*
- *Helen Sleep*
- *Temukisa Amituanai-Vaeluaga*

The Pastoral Care Coordinating Team [PCCT] is responsible for:

Providing Pastoral Oversight: guidance, support, assistance to the 8 fundamental teams and individuals

Please refer to church directory for the contact details.

For emergency pastoral matters – please call the office or one of the team members.



### PASTORAL CARE CONCERN BOX

*Members are invited to write their pastoral concern and place it in the Concern Box in the foyer.*

*The PCCT will empty the box regularly to ensure all the concerns are noted and followed up accordingly.*

*All concerns will be dealt with confidentially.*

*Peace - PCCT*

## Uniting Coffee Cup Challenge

Join us for the Coffee Cup Challenge.

**Making a small sacrifice regularly, can make a big difference for people in need.**

Put aside the cost of a cup of coffee each week from International Coffee Day on 1 October until Shrove Tuesday on 13 February 2024.

Each coffee cup donation is placed into a Coffee Cup Challenge collection. When you register, you will receive information on how participants can access a tax deductible receipt.

All funds raised from the Coffee Cup Challenge will support people experiencing crisis, vulnerability and disadvantage.

[Join the Coffee Cup Challenge | Uniting Vic.Tas \(unitingvictas.org.au\)](https://unitingvictas.org.au)



## 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



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.

## Trivia Night

Western Heights Uniting Tennis Club

Trivia Night

18th of November from 6 to 9.

- Horizons Room

\$15 for a person wanting to attend

\$100 for a table

BYO drinks and nibbles

Prizes from local community

- as part of our trivia night we were thinking of doing a cake sale auction. Wondering if some of the church community would like to contribute. If so please let Bruce Waldron know.

## Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race

Cadel Evans fundraising event on the 27th to 28th of January.

We would love for the church to be part of our team of volunteers next year for the race. Every shift filled raises \$50 towards the Western Heights Uniting Tennis Club. Additionally, for every 10 shifts filled, the club receives a bonus \$200. Shifts available are at Aid Stations (Juniors 15 years and older can fill a shift with a parent) and Course Marshalling (Anyone over 18 can fill a shift). Last year we had 63 shifts, raising \$3150. This year, we would like to aim for 80-100 shifts to raise as much money as possible towards getting our courts resurfaced and installing lights. Register using the link and contact Bruce 0402 135 313 once completed. <https://spark.rosterfy.co/invite/cadels>

# HOLDING THE LIGHT

AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

REMEMBERING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS  
OF FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

7.30pm



*Hosted by*

ST ALBANS-ST ANDREWS

GEELONG

*276-282 Wilsons Road, St. Albans Park*

*Uniting Church in Australia - Presbytery of Port Phillip West*



Join us at  
the **Uniting**  
book sale.

## 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.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November

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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November

10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale

(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

**Uniting**

# Contact Details

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**Minister:** Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

**Church Council Chair:** Velma Oliver  
**lv.oliver@iinet.net.au** 0421 271 946

**Property Co-ordinator:** Graeme Hardy  
**graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com** 0408 630 391

## Communications

**Administrator:** Jan Grigg 5229 5889

## Pastoral Care:

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
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## Parental/Guardian Permission

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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

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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

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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

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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

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

## Pew Sheet

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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

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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

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