



**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 8 2023**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00am Worship

## **Please Pray for:**

Resources Group

**Birthdays:** Helen Sleep 10<sup>th</sup>  
Bev Hunt 11<sup>th</sup>

*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:**

A friend is one who knows all about you but likes you just the same.

Anonymous

## Diary for This Week

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Amanda Nicholas  
Communion

### Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

## Study Leave

Temukisa will be attending the “Tending to Stories” Conference at Parkville 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October.

# 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 today 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au)

**Tasks people are doing today.**

**8<sup>th</sup> 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, David Andrews

**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Lynda  
Scott, Bianca Brant

**PA/Data:** Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

**Tasks people are doing next week.**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Vestry Steward:** Annette Chidzey

**Reader:** Allister Coots

**Stewards:** Neil Douglas, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Heather Rookes

**Morning Tea:** Joan & David Walker, Doreen  
Holroyd

**Hall Cleaner:** Neil Douglas

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots, Bruce  
Waldron, Dudley Holroyd,

**Singers:** Bruce Waldron, Bill Fleming

**Data:** Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

**EXODUS 20: 1-4**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not

murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

### **PHILIPPIANS 3: 4b-14**

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **MATTHEW 21: 33-46**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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

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

