



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 NOVEMBER 12 2023

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 12th November – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Church Council

Birthdays: Chris Rookes 15th
Narelle Collas 15th

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:

Nothing exacts a more terrible toll, than a raging bushfire out of control.

Pamela Summers

Diary for This Week

Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Congregational Meeting to follow
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 16th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship – Michele Hardy Communion – Rev. Jan Taylor
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People Helping Elsewhere

Michele Hardy – East Geelong

Reflective Space

A quiet, gentle space for personal reflection has been put in place under the balcony. You are invited to use this space for a moment of peace and stillness, and to light a candle if you wish.

Please respect the privacy of those who choose to use this space.

Congregational Meeting

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

The following are the persons nominated for possible election to Church Council, by today's Congregational Meeting.

Glenn Chidzey	Geoff Coots
Graeme Hardy	Sandra Neville
Velma Oliver	Lynda Scott
Sharn Waldron	

Please give these nominations your prayerful attention.

Worship Sunday 19th November

On Sunday 19th November, the theme for worship will be 'Using our gifts/talents.' People are invited to bring along 'something' that represents a talent used, past and present.

There will be a sharing time during worship.

PASTORAL CONCERNS BOX

Members are invited to write their pastoral concern on the sheets supplied and place it in the Pastoral Concerns 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

Great Litter Pickup Gig!

Saturday 18th November at 9am
Balyang Sanctuary

BYO: Gloves, hat, water, sunscreen, tongs.

Meet up for cuppas afterwards at Barwon Edge Café.

Organised by local Uniting Churches.

For information, call or text Sue on 0437 741 077 or Bruce 0491 663 514.

Tasks people are doing today.

12th November 2023

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Doug Thomson

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Gwen Woods

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Daniel Payne, Geoff Coots, David Andrews, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Bruce Waldron,

Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Presbytery Elections 2023

There are lots of position vacancies. If you are interested, please see Jan in the office today. Nominations close Monday 13th November 5pm.



JOSHUA 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that

you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

MATTHEW 25: 1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Tasks people are doing next week.

19th November 2023

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Allister Coots

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten,
Maralann Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Dudley
Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Les Oliver

Singers: Ashley Payne, Velma Oliver,
Bev Hunt

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots