

#### 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 26 2023** 

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 26th November - 10.00am Worship

### **Please Pray for:**

Community Garden Group

#### Birthdays:

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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes.

# Thought for the week:

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.

William Hazlitt

# **Diary for This Week**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Café Church – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

**Friday 1**st 6.30pm Congregation BBQ

## **Diary for Next Week**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am Taizé Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

#### **Minister & Pastoral**

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga 0400 664 991

## **Retiring Offering**

"Last Sunday we had a retiring offering to help the families of the Samoan people involved in the tragic car crash earlier this month near Mansfield. As it is likely that some people may have been unprepared, the offering has been held open until today, in case there is anyone else who still wishes to contribute to this appeal."

## Congregation bar b que

Friday December 1st 6.30 \$5 each

Come along to share a meal and hear about Chris Howard's trip. RSVP to Maralann or on the sheet at the back of the church.

### Conversation with Duncan MacLeod

Today Sunday afternoon (Nov. 26th) at 2.00 pm share in a conversation with Duncan MacLeod.

Duncan's theme will be "Gospel People – 12 ways in which we live out and articulate Christian gospel in 21st century Australia."

The venue will be Grovedale Uniting Church, Torquay Rd., Grovedale.
This event has been organised by Grovedale and St Luke's Uniting Churches.

# **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.

Tasks people are doing today. 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Vestry Steward: Sharn Waldron

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Bruce Rookes

**Greeter:** Velma Oliver

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Michele

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Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron
Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots,
Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, David
Andrews, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Bev

Hunt

**Data:** Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Joan Walker

**Stewards**: Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten,

Velma Oliver

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Singers:

PA/Data: / Allister Coots

#### EZEKIEL 34: 11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and all the in inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

#### **MATTHEW 25: 31-46**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'