



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



“Advent 1 – Hope”

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 DECEMBER 3 2023

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 3rd December – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Resources Group

Birthdays:	Eve Wood	5 th	(90)
	Geoff Coots	7 th	
	Graeme Hardy	8 th	
	Ralph Taylor	9 th	(90)

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: tinned soup, fruit juice, 2 minute noodles, pkts rice.

Thought for the week:

There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice.

Joseph Addison

Diary for This Week

Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Taizé Service – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Tuesday 5th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Thursday 7th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
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Tasks people are doing today.

3rd December 2023

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Joan Walker

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten, Gwen Woods

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Gary Ekkel

Singers: Bianca Brant, Bruce Waldron, Lynda Scott

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Jan Grigg

People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Robert Van Zetten –
East Geelong

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-
Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Retiring Offering

Thank you to all those people who contributed to the Retiring Offerings for the families of the Samoan victims involved in the tragic car crash near Mansfield. A total of 295.00 was provided.

Walk the Labyrinth

The labyrinth once again will be at the Barwon River at the end of Craigie Road Newtown. You are most welcome to walk the labyrinth at any time that suits you.

Uniting

A late message has been received that Uniting Christmas Appeal distribution is on December 8th. All donations of toys or food must be in by December 6th.

Please Note:


No morning worship service on Sunday, 24th December, 2023.

Church Council has approved the recommendation that, instead of a morning worship service on Sunday, 24th December 2023, the congregation gathers for a pre-Christmas finger food meal (bring a plate to share) at church at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Carols for Everyone Service at 7:00 p.m. and the Reflective Christmas Eve Service at 11:30 p.m.

Presbytery Representative

Church Council has graciously accepted Bruce Waldron's offer to be our Presbytery Representative. On behalf of the church, we thank Bruce for his kind offer.

First Sunday of Advent **Hope for families forced to flee**




Jehan*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

*Name changed for safety reasons

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Christmas Bowl

Tasks people are doing next week.

10th December 2023

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Vanessa Thomson

Hall Cleaner: Maralann Damiano

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

ISAIAH 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

MARK 13: 24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’