



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 FEBRUARY 25 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 25th February 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Resources Group

Birthdays: Rebecca Saunders 1st

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 spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper.

Thought for the week:

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James Baldwin

Diary for This Week

Sunday 25th 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 29th 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 3rd 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Pancake Morning Tea – donations to Uniting

Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Congregational Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Western Heights Congregational Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on Sunday 24th March 2024.

Could all reports be given to Jan in the office no later than Sunday 10th March.

Lynda Scott

Congregational Secretary

Tasks people are doing today.

25th February 2024

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Maralann Damiano,
Barbara Everett

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd,
Geoff Coots, David Andrews

Singers: Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt, Lynda
Scott

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

3rd March 2024

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Maralann Damiano,
Catherine Van Zetten

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians:

Singers:

Data: / Allister Coots

GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a

multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

ROMANS 4: 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to

death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

MARK 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'