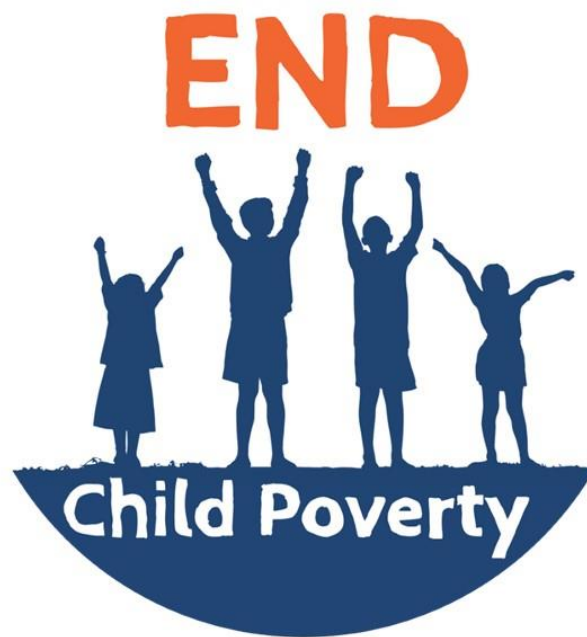




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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



Together, we can build a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

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 APRIL 21 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 21st April 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

ECO Group

Birthdays:	Heather Rookes	Today	(70)
	Bill Fleming	22 nd	
	Neil Douglas	23 rd	

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: long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

Thought for the week:

One of the problems with mass producers is that they're inclined to be mess producers.

P.K. Shaw

Diary for This Week

Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Robert Van Zetten Communion
Thursday 25th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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“Don’t forget the reason for the Kite Flying theme of worship on the 28th April is “the future of ministry and mission” within the community surrounding the Western Heights Uniting Church.”

At present it seems that the challenge to the Uniting Church is that it is in decline, even dying. Is this the future that God is calling the Uniting Church to? Or is God calling the Uniting Church, therefore this congregation, to pause – to pray – to dream – to take action.

On Sunday 28th April the theme of our worship will be **“Let’s Fly Kites”**??

No, not real kites but a time of flying ideas as to how this property, known as Western Heights Uniting Church, could be transformed from how it is used now to how it could be used as a focal point for the community which surrounds it. As you keep this in mind, talk to other churches to see what they are doing and bring along any ideas that you may have. But most of all pray for the church, this congregation so that we may sense the movement of the Spirit around and amongst us.

Community Garden News

We are excited about the 4 new wicking beds to be installed in May. **Working bee if you are available on Monday 29 April from 2pm** to help with preparation of the sites for the new beds. Wheelbarrow and shovel/rake would be helpful as we will be moving sand to level the ground.

Installation of 4 wicking beds and planting a new crop.

Saturday 4 May from 9.30am. Bring a shovel / wheelbarrow.

Hope you can come and join in.

Many hands make light work.

Bike Rack

Bruce W is building a "Bike Rack" to go alongside the Horizons Room. He is making it out of old metal bicycle frames, adult size, and needs two more. Could you help please?

Phone Bruce on 0491 663514

Uniting Winter Appeal

As winter approaches and many are struggling to make ends meet, we call on your generosity to donate some winter woolies to help these families in our community. The date is the 12th May.

Tasks people are doing today.

21st April 2024

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Tim Hunt, Geoff Everett

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Catherine
Van Zetten

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

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

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bianca Brant,
Velma Oliver

PA/Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

28th April 2024

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Reader: Roger Dingle

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Velma Oliver

Morning Tea: Jean Payne, Maralann
Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots,
Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, Bruce
Waldron

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt,
Catherine Van Zetten

Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

JOHN 10: 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

1 JOHN 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.



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ABOUT END CHILD POVERTY

The Valuing Children initiative has launched a campaign calling on all Governments, state and federal, to legislate an end to child poverty.

The campaign is called End Child Poverty www.endchildpoverty.com.au

The existence of child poverty in Australia is undeniable with one in six children living below the poverty line. In real numbers, that's 761,000 Australian children living in poverty.

The negative impact of poverty on a child's development and life outcomes is significant, well documented and can last a lifetime.



What is poverty for children and how is it different to adult poverty?

Kids growing up in poverty too often go to bed or school hungry, they can feel left out if they can't join a local sport team or go on school camps, they may be living in an overcrowded home where there's no quiet place to do homework and they worry about their parents. Multiple studies have found that child poverty isn't just about not having enough to eat and a secure home. A lack of money limits children and young people's lives and learning and seeps into other aspects of their life. Children at the forefront of the housing crisis are often frequently moving due to high rents, which disrupts school and friendships. You cannot end child poverty without addressing 'non-material' poverty for children. And you can't end all poverty, without addressing child poverty.

[Find out more www.endchildpoverty.com.au](http://www.endchildpoverty.com.au)