



**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 JUNE 23 2024**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024– 10.00am Worship

## **Please Pray for:**

ECO Group

**Sympathy:** To Graeme Willingham and family on the death of his wife Meryl Willingham on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June aged 84 years.

**Birthdays:** Geoff Everett Today

*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:**

Knowledge can be communicated but not wisdom.

Hermann Hesse

## **Diary for This Week**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## **Diary for Next Week**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

## **Minister & Pastoral**

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

## Congregation Lunch - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

1. Celebrate 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCA
2. Congregation to affirm and own the selected priorities as part of the Mission Development (Strategic Plan) of the Church Council.
3. Bring a plate of sandwiches or slice to share
4. Enjoy a warm cuppa soup and fellowship

Join us after worship for this important celebration and enjoy soup made from cauliflowers from the Community Garden. Other soups will be available also.

**Tasks people are doing today.**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**Vestry Steward:** Jan Taylor  
**Reader:** Tim Hunt

**Stewards:** Colleen Douglas, Neil Douglas  
**Greeter:** Barbara Everett  
**Morning Tea:** Maralann Damiano, Velma Oliver

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver,  
Geoff Coots, Bruce Waldron

**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Bill Fleming,  
Velma Oliver

**PA/Data:** Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

## SHARED COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

The community garden is a project to encourage fresh food production and connections with others in the community. It provides an opportunity to engage with others in a relaxed atmosphere. Our vision is that the wider community will find a place of safety and support as we grow vegetables and relationships together.

To further this vision we are having regular working bees on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of each month commencing in July.

**NEXT WORKING BEE**  
**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**9.30 – 11AM**

Come when you can, leave when you have to.

Refreshments provided.

The **Community Garden Task group** meets regularly to develop further ideas for engaging the community, discuss tasks in the garden and plan future planting and harvesting.

Currently the task group is looking at providing a reflective space on the site and painting a labyrinth.

Signage is also being planned along with the Resources Team, Tennis Club and 4GR.

Keep watching this space for more updates.

**NEXT TASK GROUP MEETING –**  
**Monday 15 July 3.00pm** in the Minya room – ALL WELCOME

## PSALM 133

A Song of Ascents.

How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,

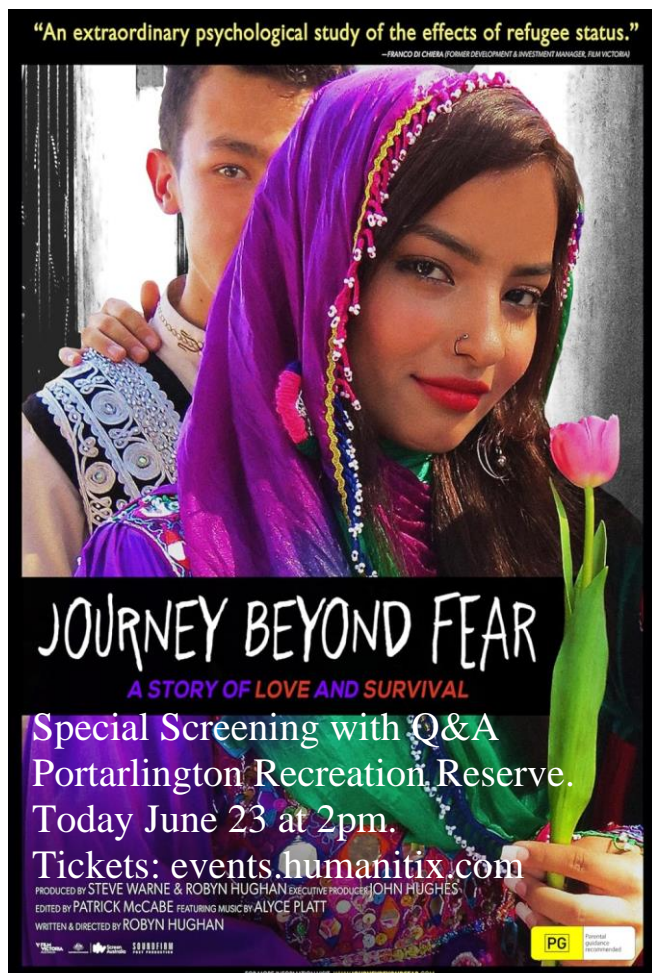
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing,

life for evermore.

## MARK 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'



### Tasks people are doing next week.

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Vestry Steward:** Sharn Waldron

**Reader:** Neil Douglas

**Stewards:** Neil Douglas, Maralann Damiano

**Greeter:** Janet Pavlakis

**Morning Tea:** Michele Hardy

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Bruce Waldron, Les Oliver, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, Craig Collas, Narelle Collas

**Singers:** Bill Fleming, Bev Hunt, Lynda Scott

**Data:** Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

## **Basis of Union statement: Of the whole church**

The **Uniting Church in Australia lives and works within the faith and unity of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.** The Uniting Church recognises that it is related to other Churches in ways which give expression, however partially, to that **unity in faith and mission.** Recalling the Ecumenical Councils of the early centuries, the Uniting Church **looks forward to a time when the faith will be further elucidated, and the Church's unity expressed, in similar Councils.** It thankfully acknowledges that the uniting Churches were members of the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical bodies and **will seek to maintain such membership.** It remembers the special relationship which obtained between the several uniting Churches and other Churches of similar traditions and will continue to learn from their witness and be strengthened by their fellowship. It is encouraged by the existence of United Churches in which these and other traditions have been incorporated and wishes to learn from their experience. It believes that Christians in Australia **are called to bear witness to a unity of faith and life in Christ which transcends cultural and economic, national and racial boundaries,** and to this end the Uniting Church commits itself to seek special relationships with Churches in Asia and the Pacific. **The Uniting Church declares its desire to enter more deeply into the faith and mission of the Church in Australia, by working together and seeking union with other Churches.**