



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 JULY 28 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 28th July 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Worship Group

Birthdays: Judith Oke 2nd
Dudley Holroyd 3rd

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:

The greatest pleasure I know, is to do a good action by stealth, and have it found out by accident.

Charles Lamb

Diary for This Week

Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 1st	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
Saturday 3rd	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
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Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Congregational Meeting

“A Congregational Meeting will be held today following worship to officially ratify the Kite Flying priorities for the mission and ministry of the Western Heights Congregation as a way forward in the life of this congregation.”

Church & Music Rosters

The Church and Music Rosters for September, October and November will be drawn up for distribution at the start of August. Please use the availability book by Sunday 4th August, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

SHARED COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

NEXT WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 9.30 – 11AM

Come when you can, leave when you have to.

Refreshments provided

Vacancy: The Role of Secretary of the Congregational Meeting

After the Congregational Meeting of the 28 July 2024, the role of Secretary will be vacant. Lynda Scott has been Secretary for a number of years, and we thank her for her loyal service to the congregation. If you would consider filling the position of Secretary of the Congregational Meetings or know of someone who would be suited to this task, please let Velma Oliver know. This would entail attending and taking detailed minutes of possibly 4 meetings per year (one per term), in which the Congregation is kept informed of Church matters, as well Presbytery, Synod and Assembly matters. It also gives the congregation an opportunity to have their say. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration. Thanks. Velma Oliver, on behalf of the Congregation.

Tasks people are doing today.

28th July 2024

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Joan Walker

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Bruce Rookes

Greeter: Velma Oliver

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Michele Hardy

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Musicians: David Andrews, Les Oliver, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Bill Fleming

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

4th August 2024

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Reader: Allister Coots

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Jean Payne, Maralann Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd, Les Oliver, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots



WANTED STALLHOLDERS SPRING MARKET

5th October 2024

**Western Heights Uniting Church
31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill**

9.00am—2.00pm

Over 50 indoor stalls available

\$30 per site—large table and chairs provided

**Applications: email to candcrookes@gmail.com
or contact 0400 342 409 for further information**

2 SAMUEL 11: 1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As

you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

JOHN 6: 1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves,

and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

PSALM 14

To the leader. Of David. Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. Have they no knowledge,

all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

EPHESIANS 3: 14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ.