



**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 AUGUST 18 2024**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024– 10.00am Worship

## **Please Pray for:**

Church Council

**Birthdays:** Felicity Harper 22<sup>nd</sup>

*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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes.

## **Thought for the week:**

When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate one another.

Eric Hoffer

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	3.00pm	Shared Community Garden Task Group Meeting
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
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## *People Helping Elsewhere*

Geoff Coots - Grovedale

### Minister & Pastoral

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

## The community oven

Like a hobbit's cave  
the oven sits beside  
the village square.

The villager's kitchen has no oven.  
Here mix flour, salt, yeast, water,  
knead the dough.

Gathering in the square,  
they take the dough to the baker.

As the wood-fired oven goes to work,  
villagers keep company  
with neighbours.

When their bread is cooked  
they return to their homes,  
nourished before they eat.

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## Keeping Everyone Safe

Please be aware that new signage has been placed around the Church space with easy step by step instructions to follow in the event of a medical incident.

Falls. In the event of a person falling, before assisting them to stand, please check that they have no physical injuries such as fractures, concussion or collapse. Do not attempt to get them off the floor on your own or if it will put yourself at risk of injury.

There is a First Aid Kit available in the labelled cupboard in the Horizons Room.

There is a wheelchair in the Minya Room if required.

Reminder that the Defibrillator is kept under the cover of the verandah near the exit doors of the Horizons Room to the Carpark.

## Task Groups

As the congregation has now ratified "Establishing a Playgroup," "Working with Refugees" and "Exploring Music Opportunities" as the main focus of WHUC mission and ministry goals over the next 5 years, we need to now set up small task groups to begin exploring the "how" to bring these opportunities to fruition. This is the model used to set up the Community Garden – a small task group initially to explore possibilities for all that was needed. Subsequently this group has grown to become a very successful working group within WHUC.

Please place your name on the sheet available on the table at the back of the worship space if you are willing to take up this challenge. Please also take the opportunity of speaking with Rev. Temukisa, Heather Rookes, Maralann Damiano, Joan Walker, Jan Taylor, Jan Grigg, or Sue Andrews if you need more information.

Please pray for these ministry and mission opportunities that we have identified as those we wish to pursue.

**Tasks people are doing today.**  
**18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Vestry Steward:** Jan Taylor

**Reader:** Allister Coots

**Stewards:** Graeme Hardy, Neil Douglas

**Greeter:** Joan Murphy

**Morning Tea:** Joan & David Walker,  
Michele Hardy

**Hall Cleaner:** Bruce Waldron

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Les  
Oliver, Bruce Waldron

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

**PA/Data:** Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

**Tasks people are doing next week.**

**25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle

**Reader:** Trish Fleming

**Stewards:** Glenn Chidzey, Bruce Rookes

**Greeter:** Doreen Holroyd

**Morning Tea:** Heather Rookes, Velma Oliver

**Hall Cleaner:** Bruce Waldron

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

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

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

**1 KING 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14**

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so

numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

**EPHESIANS 5: 15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.