



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

SAFE CHURCH

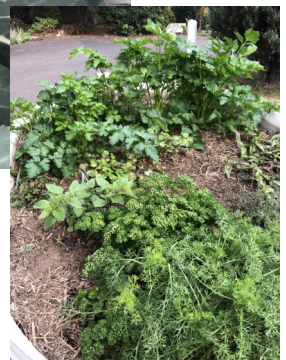
Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

September at a Glance

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Saturday 7th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Wednesday 11th	2.00pm	Afternoon Communion Service and Fellowship
Friday 13th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—
Sunday 15th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Monday 16th	3.00pm	Shared Community Garden Task Group Meeting
Tuesday 17th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Friday 27th		Public Holiday—Office closed
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron & Eco Group

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Shared Community Garden News

The community garden 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.

COMPOST of fresh vegetables scraps is always welcome – at the moment in the middle bin.

NEXT WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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.

NEXT TASK GROUP MEETING – Monday 16 SEPTEMBER 3.00pm in the Minya room – **ALL WELCOME**

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Lunch

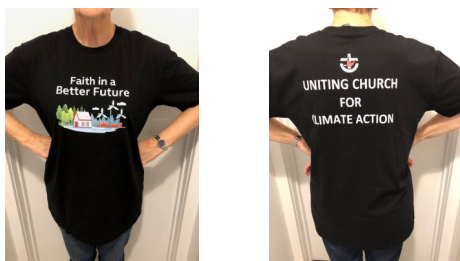
12.00pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Eco Group

In September we are celebrating Seasons of Creation and as part of this we have T-shirts available that look like this.



They cost \$27 and are 100% cotton.

Some of us are wearing them to church, to activities such as environment meetings, workshops, social events, clean up days,any time when we gather together.

Let Bruce Waldron or Lynda Scott know if you would like one.

There will be an orders list at the back of the church too.

Afternoon Communion Service and Fellowship

Wednesday 11th September 2024

2pm

All Welcome

Friday Fun Night

Friday 13th September 2024

6.00pm

Everyone is Welcome

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 for it will put yourself at risk to 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.

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.

Groups Reporting to Church Council

It would be most helpful if groups reporting to CC could email their reports to Sandra Neville at sandra@smallcoilrewinds.com.au by the Friday before CC meets on the following dates for this year: **13 September and 15 November**. It is understood that, as volunteers, we are all very busy people in our own groups and your efforts are highly valued. Velma Oliver, on behalf of CC.



Join us at
the Uniting
book sale.

Nothing over \$1
Children's books
\$0.50!

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

Friday
6th September
&
Saturday
7th September
10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA
Saturday 14 September, 3pm
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St., Geelong

TO CHASE THE STARS

Australian Boys Choir | The Kelly Gang
Timothy Mallis, piano | Nicholas Dinopoulos, conductor

A thought can learn to fly if you give it wings. This concert of inspirational and aspirational music examines the nature of human achievement and celebrates the remarkable things that we are capable of as people when we truly put our mind to something.

Tickets \$40 Full and Seniors; \$35 Concession
available from www.trybooking.com/CPDRD
or at the door. Children and school students – free

Contact Details

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Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

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Parental/Guardian Permission

In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

Light Globes & Batteries

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

Eco Group

The Eco Group has started an Eco Books library, in the entry foyer. Please borrow books and if you have good books on the subject, you would be willing to share, see Bruce W.

With Love To The World

Used With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

Milk Bottle Tops

We are collecting plastic **milk** bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your milk bottle tops in the foyer for recycling.

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at office@whuc.com.au

Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: safechurch.ucavictas.org.au