



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 24 NOVEMBER 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 24th November 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Pastoral Care Coordinating Team

Birthdays:

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:

Definition of inflation: That's the state of feeling bloated after eating very little.

P.K. Shaw

Diary for This Week

Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 28th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
Sunday 1st Dec.	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Phone: 0400 664 991

BBQ lunch on Sunday, 8 December, 2024, after church

All are invited to a bbq lunch immediately after church on Sunday, 8 December. Please bring a salad and/or slice to share. RSVP on sheet provided at the back of the church.

Tasks people are doing this week.

24th November 2024

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Bruce Rookes, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Barb Everett

Morning Tea: Velma Oliver, Heather Rookes

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

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

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Velma Oliver

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

1st December 2024

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Doug Thomson, Bruce Rookes

Greeter: Heather Rookes

Morning Tea: Joan & David Walker, Vanessa Thomson

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd, David Andrews, Bruce Waldron*

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott

PA/Data: Peter Morgan, / Allister Coots

Feedback on the Life of the Church – Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

As we come to the end of the calendar year, Church Council (on Wednesday, 20 November, 2024,) recommended that we invite all members of the congregation to provide feedback on the Life of the Church at Western Heights. As a Church Community, we are always looking for ways in which we can enhance our worship, our witness and our service in the name of Christ. The feedback survey will help us to articulate and formalise our Strategic Plan which will include the 3 Kite-Flying Goals. This will provide guidance in Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith and encouragement in

leadership. The congregation is greatly encouraged to participate in this process so that 1. a collective reflection of our strengths is affirmed and 2. a collective vision for the future is formed. Forms for the feedback are available at the back of the church, next to the box for completed forms. Please feel free to use as many forms as you require. Forms will be available from today, 24 November, 2024 through to the end of December, 2024. Thanks.

Greater Geelong Steering Group meeting 30/10/24

Attended by Glen Chidzey and Lynda Scott.

Each church took the opportunity to share news about what's going on in their congregations.

WHUC was able to share the news about our fair with regard to raising money, and the numbers of the

public who came through our property.

Noble St are making the move to Wesley and their last service will be at the end of 2024 or thereabouts. St Davids are finding their move to Geelong College very fruitful. Their numbers are healthy and the GC will be given first refusal on the purchase of the church property.

Grovedale are now working closely with Winchelsea UC.

They are also holding a very popular Makers Market once a month to help with their cash flow.

In table groups we discussed what the strategic plan might be for the UC in Greater Geelong.

Some suggestions were

. "increasing trust" in the UC faith which appears to be lacking

. actively welcoming members of the LGBTQI+ (eg St Albans holding "Pride" carols this year)

. engage with the community more and leaving the boundaries of our churches

. advocating for chaplaincy at Deakin uni where there is currently no UC (or other religious?) presence
Linley will be collating all that we have talked about over the last few years and will present us with a plan for the consideration of Church Council in the New Year.

Our next meeting will be 25th Feb at St Lukes.

Summary of Western Heights Church Council (CC) Minutes

Meeting of 20 November 2024

- Devotions by Rev. Temukisa. Sharing Faith.
- The congregation is asked to uphold in prayer and in other ways, those members of the congregation who have recently lost family members.
- As we come to the conclusion of the calendar year, CC decided that it would be useful and valuable to receive feedback from the congregation on the Life of the Church at Western Heights. Feedback forms will be made available soon.
- It is with regret that CC accepted the resignation of Sharn Waldron from CC. We sincerely thank Sharn for her contribution.
- CC will be recruiting new members to the Church Council. Please talk to a member of CC.
- Due to excessive commitments, Bruce Waldron has resigned as our Presbytery Representative. We thank Bruce for his effort.
- CC is seeking a lay member of the congregation as the Presbytery Rep. Meetings are quarterly on a Saturday and can

be attended on zoom. Please talk to a member of CC.

- CC thanks Jan Taylor for keeping the “Kite Flying Goals” alive through her follow-up work since her return from holidays.
- Glenn Chidzey and Graeme Hardy will represent Western Heights at the Geelong Youth Engagement’s annual breakfast on the 6 December.
- The Pastoral Care Team will continue having the afternoon Communion Services. The dates for 2025 are: 26 March, 25 June, 29 October.
- Land Tax of \$5,000 for the manse for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 will be paid in January.
- CC and partners will finish the year with lunch at The Club House Bistro on 10 Dec, 2024.

Velma Oliver, Chair of Church Council.

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,

his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,

ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns
that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with
the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed
in fire on the spot.

John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

