



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 8 DECEMBER 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 8th December 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Playgroup Task Group

Birthdays: Graeme Hardy 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: long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

Thought for the week:

The golden rule is that there is no golden rules.

George Bernard Shaw

Diary for This Week

Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga BBQ lunch to follow
Wednesday 11th	10.30am	Christmas Morning Tea with Community Partners
	6.30pm	Neighbourhood Carol Singing
Thursday 12th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
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Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

Phone: 0400 664 991

BBQ lunch on Sunday, today, after church

All are invited to a bbq lunch immediately after church today.

Uniting Christmas Gifts

Loving God: Growing together, partnering Community, sharing Faith. Let's spread the Spirit of Christmas by placing an unwrapped gift under the Christmas tree. All generous contributions will be delivered to Uniting to assist those who are in need.

Final date for collection is December 12th.

Christmas Morning Tea with Community Partners

Loving God: Growing together, partnering Community, sharing Faith. Western Heights UC are hosting a Christmas morning tea for our Community Partners.

Please bring a plate to share.

Date: Wednesday 11th December 2024

Time: 10.30am

All are welcome.

Chris Machar Conclusion of Placement

Service to mark the conclusion of placement for Mr Chris Machar within the Uniting Church Armstrong Creek Faith Community.

Saturday Dec 14th at 5pm – 8pm

Where: Armstrong Creek East Community Hub

This will be a bring and share dinner (please bring a savory or sweet dish) with a Christmas reflection and then the service of conclusion. All are welcome.

Note from Jan Davey

Jan passes on her greetings and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. She also thanks the congregation for thinking and praying for her. She very much appreciates this.

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, 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. 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. Forms will be available until the end of December, 2024. Thanks.

Noticeboard

See noticeboard for Queenscliff UC notices for Christmas.

Tasks people are doing today.

8th December 2024

Vestry Steward: Velma Oliver

Reader: Geoff Coots

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Heather Rookes

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

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

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Velma Oliver

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

15th December 2024

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Colin Rookes

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Maralann Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Maralann Damiano

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

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Tim Morgan / Allister Coots

ECCLESIASTES 4: 9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

RUTH 1

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your

husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, 'Is this Naomi?' She said to them, 'Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?' So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.