



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 1 DECEMBER 2024

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 1st December 2024– 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Community Garden Group

Birthdays: Eve Wood 5th
Geoff Coots 7th

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 soup, fruit juice, 2 minute noodles, pkts rice.

Thought for the week:

Remember this December that love weighs more than gold.

Jospehine Dodge Daskam Bacon

Diary for This Week

Sunday 1st Dec. 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 5th 8.00pm Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 8th 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

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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.

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 make 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.

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.

Tasks people are doing this 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, Les Oliver

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bruce
Waldron

PA/Data: Peter Morgan, / Jan Grigg

Tasks people are doing next week.

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

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Velma
Oliver

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

ISAIAH 43: 1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

LUKE 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.