



**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 15 DECEMBER 2024**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024– 10.00am Worship

## **Please Pray for:**

Working with Refugees Task Group

## **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: tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper.

## **Thought for the week:**

Perfection has one grave defect; it is apt to be dull.

W. Somerset Maugham

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Neighbourhood Carol Singing
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Neighbourhood Carol Singing
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	6.00pm	Community Carols

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	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

## 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.

## Neighbourhood Carol Singing!

- 6.30pm  
to  
7.30pm
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Start at the church. Finish at the church.**

### Tasks people are doing today.

**15<sup>th</sup> 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

### Tasks people are doing next week.

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle

**Reader:** Tim Hunt

**Stewards:** Graeme Hardy, Maralann Damiano

**Greeter:** Barbara Everett

**Morning Tea:** Catherine Van Zetten, Jean Payne

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

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

## **ISAIAH 58: 9b-12**

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

## **LUKE 3: 7-16**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for

I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## **Community Carols at Western Heights**

- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 6-7pm  
in front of the church**
  - **Bring a rug,**
  - **bring a picnic chair,**
  - **bring a drink/snacks.**
  - **Come and sing your favourite carols!**

