

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH 31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill Tel: 5229 2681 : Email: office@whuc.com.au Website: www.whuc.com.au

**Our Purpose** 

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



#### SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and wellbeing 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 26 JANUARY 2025

# Western Heights Uniting Church

#### Notice Sheet Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 10.00am Worship

**Please Pray for:** 

**Resources 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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes.

### Thought for the week:

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

Will Rogers

## **Diary for This Week**

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
Saturday 1st	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee

### **Diary for Next Week**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Worship – Michele Hardy

### Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Phone: 0400 664 991

# Church & Music Roster

The Church and Music Rosters for March, April & May, will be drawn up for distribution at the start of February. Please use the unavailability book by 2<sup>nd</sup> February, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

## Nominations for Presbytery Representative

Nominations are called for a Western Heights Congregational Presbytery Representative for the quarterly Presbytery in Council meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 10am – 2.30pm; commencing in February 2025. Presbytery in Council meeting is held in person at St Albans Uniting Church (Melbourne) or on zoom.

Please prayerfully discern this calling and with those whom you consider to have the gifts and graces for this ministry. The representative will speak and vote on behalf of the congregation at the Presbytery meetings, so their knowledge of the congregation is crucial.

Nomination forms will be available from the office. All nominations close on Sunday, 2 February, 2025.

A short Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday 9th February 2025**.

# **Uniting Donation**

At its last meeting in November 2024, Church Council agreed to make a donation from our Benevolent Fund of \$800.00 to Uniting Barwon. A Thankyou letter has now been received from Uniting to all at Western Heights Uniting Church for our donation, which was applied in support of "Food for Families", which had been experiencing an increased demand for help. A copy of their receipt letter has been placed on the noticeboard in the foyer. Tasks people are doing today. 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy Reader: Trish Fleming Stewards: Glenn Chidzey Greeter: Doreen Holroyd Morning Tea: Maralann Damiano, Barbara Everett Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, David Andrews Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming PA/Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots Tasks people are doing next week. 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey Reader: Geoff Coots Stewards: Colin Rookes, Neil Douglas Greeter: Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Vanessa Thomson Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Dudley Holroyd Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Bill Fleming PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

#### LUKE 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'