



# Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

## MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

### 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.

### March at a Glance

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Saturday 1st	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Rev. Robert Van Zetten—Anglesea
Tuesday 4th		Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5th	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday—Quiet Meditative Service
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Pancake Morning Tea—Donations to Uniting
Wednesday 12th	12.00pm	Lent Studies
Friday 14th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Games Night
Saturday 15th	9.30am	Resources Working Bee
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Wednesday 19th	12.00pm	Lent Studies
	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Wednesday 26th	12.00pm	Lent Study
	2.00pm	Midweek Communion Service & Fellowship
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy

### 2025 Lent Studies

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Come along starting with a shared lunch at **12.00pm** for Lent Studies for 5 weeks.

**Wednesday 12th, 19th & 26th March**

**Wednesday 2nd & 9th April.**

Please bring a plate to share and join us as we explore Lent.

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## Shared Community Garden News

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The community garden provides an opportunity to engage with others in a relaxed atmosphere. Our vision is that the wider community will find a place of safety and support as we grow vegetables and relationships together.

### NEXT WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 1st March 9.30 – 11AM**

Come when you can, leave when you have to.

Refreshments provided

The **Community Garden Task group** meets regularly to develop further ideas for engaging the community, discuss tasks in the garden and plan future planting and harvesting.

## Clean Up Australia Day

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WHUC eco-group is joining forces with the eco-groups of St Lukes, Belmont and Wesley on **Sunday March 2nd**.

We are going to do our bit to clean up Australia.

All are welcome to join in!

We will meet at St Lukes at **4pm** for afternoon tea and then work our way up Barrabool Rd.

If you are interested in joining us please call Lynda Scott on 0435050958

## Thank You from the Tennis Club

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Thanks to the support of 11 of our church members, who have helped to raise over \$6,000 along with 41 other Tennis club members and friends, by filling 95 shifts over the Week of the Cadel Evans Bike Race. Your help and support has enabled our club to become a family based sports club with an outreach into our local community.

Once again thank you to all who were able to participate and connect with community.



## Friday Fun Night

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Games Night

**14th March 2025 - 6.00pm**

**Table Tennis, Pickle Ball, Tennis and Games for all ages. Bring the grandchildren.**

**Come and try or come as a spectator**

**Bring finger food to share.**

## Resources Working Bee

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Resources will be holding a Working Bee on **March 15th—9.30am to 11.30am**. Morning tea provided.

## Midweek Communion Service and Fellowship

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**Wednesday 26th March 2025**

**2pm**

**All Welcome**

**West End**  
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**WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH  
SCHEDULED SERVICE 2025**

**LENT | HOLY WEEK | EASTER**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Quiet Meditative Service  
Wednesday 5th March @ 7pm

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY:** 13th April @ 10am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 17th April  
Dinner @ 5:30pm  
Tenebrae Service @ 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 18th April @ 9:30am

**EASTER SUNDAY:** 20th April @ 10am

**QUIET REFLECTIVE SPACE** available during  
**HOLY WEEK** in the chapel space

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**GAVS** gavsigns.com.au

## Church Survey

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Thank you for participating in our church survey.

The Church Council met on Wednesday 19th February and are now in the process of collating the information and will report to congregation once it has been completed.



Join us at the Uniting book sale.

Nothing over \$1  
Children's books  
\$0.50!

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

Friday  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
&

Saturday  
8<sup>th</sup> March

10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale

(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

**Uniting**

# STALLHOLDERS WANTED

FOR EASTER MARKET

12 TH OF APRIL FROM 9-2PM

OVER 40 INDOOR SITES AVAILABLE

AT WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING

CHURCH 31 DOUGLASS ST

HERNE HILL, 3218

\$40 PER SITE

Contact CHRIS ON 0400342409 OR EMAIL

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WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY | QUEENSLIFF | MAY 2-4

2025  
sacred edge  
stories of the edge

A Celebration of Diversity for ALL

ARTS • MUSIC • STORYTELLING  
MOVEMENT • FOOD • COMMUNITY

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS [www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au)



**Briscoe Sisters**  
featuring  
Emma Donovan Breanna Lee  
Wadawurrung Elder Corrina Eccles

Queenscliff Uniting Church

Concert starts 7pm  
Tickets incl refreshments

Thursday March 6  
Bar open at 6.30

Tickets:   
\$35  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYUQY>

**GYBA MUSIK**

[www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au)  
contemplation creativity compazion

## Sunday Afternoons at 5

**5pm on Sundays** during Lent at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St., Geelong  
Join our performers after the concert for refreshments.

Admission is free – no bookings required – just come and enjoy! ALL WELCOME

Sunday 9 March: **Olivier Bonnici (violin) & Frank De Rosso (organ)**

Sunday 16 March: **Vicki Hallett (clarinet), Brigid Mantelli (flute), Salvador Blasco (oboe), Frank De Rosso (organ)**

Sunday 23 March: **Emily Swanson (soprano), Helen Seymour (alto), Alex McAuley (tenor), Tom Healey (bass), Frank De Rosso (organ)**

Sunday 30 March: **Zinaida Champion (soprano), Frank De Rosso (organ)**

Sunday 6 April: **Miranda Brockman (cello), Frank De Rosso (organ)**

**EASTER CONCERT** – Music at the Basilica invites you to our 2025 Easter Concert at **5pm on Sunday 13 April** at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. The Windfire Choir and orchestra, conducted by Tom Healey will present a lovely program featuring Allegri “Miserere Mei”, Mozart’s Laudate Dominum and “Ave Verum” as well as music by Rheinberger and Mendelssohn. Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/CYIWR](https://www.trybooking.com/CYIWR)

See [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au) for details.



**Certificate of  
Appreciation.**

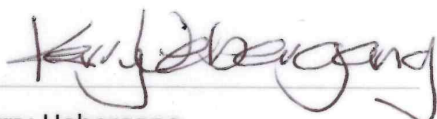
**Gifts For Families.  
Thanks to you.**

Every child  
deserves  
a happy  
Christmas.

Awarded to

**Western Heights  
Uniting Church**

For your generous support over 2024 to Uniting Barwon



Kerry Uebergang  
Emergency Relief Coordinator  
Grovedale

**To inspire people, enliven communities  
and confront injustice.**

**Uniting**

# Contact Details

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**Minister:** Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga  
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

**Church Council Chair:** Lynda Scott  
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## Parental/Guardian Permission

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In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

## Light Globes & Batteries

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Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

## Postage stamps

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Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

## Eco Group

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The Eco Group has started an Eco Books library, in the entry foyer. Please borrow books and if you have good books on the subject, you would be willing to share, see Bruce W.

## With Love To The World

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Used With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

## Pew Sheet

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If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

## Milk Bottle Tops

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We are collecting plastic **milk** bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your milk bottle tops in the foyer for recycling.

## Future Monthly Newsletters

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To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at [office@whuc.com.au](mailto:office@whuc.com.au)

## Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

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Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: [safechurch.ucavictas.org.au](http://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au)