



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 30 MARCH 2025

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 30th March 2025 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Working with Refugees Task Group
Ally, Aaron, Logan & Alex

Trish & Bill Fleming
Sharn & Bruce Waldron

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:

Don't be ashamed to say what you are not ashamed to think.

Michel De Montaigne

Diary for This Week

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| Sunday 30th | 10.00am | Worship – Michele Hardy |
| Wednesday 2nd | 12.00pm | Shared lunch & Lenten Studies |
| Thursday 3rd | 8.00pm | Musicians & Singers Music Practice |
| Saturday 5th | 9.30am | Shared Community Garden Working Bee |

Diary for Next Week

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| Sunday 6th | 10.00am | Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga |
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Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

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Wondering Where Our Recycling Goes?

The combined Eco groups of WHUC, St Lukes, Wesley (and others) are taking a bus trip to a recycling plant in Laverton on Tuesday April 29th. There are likely to be some free spaces on the bus so please let Lynda know if you are interested in joining us!

Tasks people are doing today.

30th March 2025

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Joan Walker

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Geoff Everett

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Barbara Everett

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots

Singers: Ashley Payne, Lynda Scott,

PA/Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

6th April 2025

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Allister Coots

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Colin Rookes

Greeter: Janet Pavlakis

Morning Tea: Heather Rookes, Joan & David Walker

Hall Cleaner: Graeme Hardy

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Jan Grigg



LUKE 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive

again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.