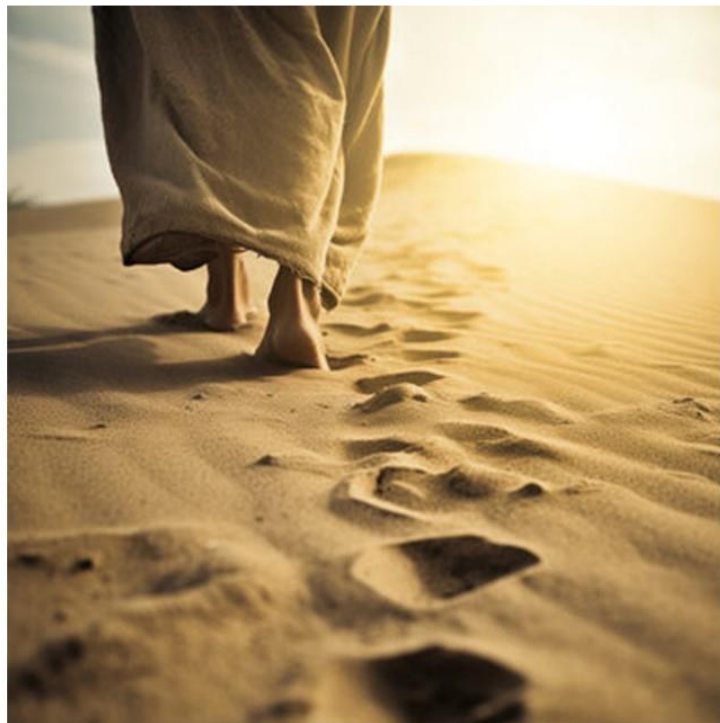




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### ***Our Purpose***

**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 29 JUNE 2025**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 10.00am Worship

## Please Pray for:

Playgroup Task Group

Janet Pavlakis

## **Birthdays:**

Berenice Robertson

1<sup>st</sup>

*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: long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

## Thought for the week:

Gluttony is an emotional escape, a sign that something is eating us.

Peter De Vries

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Michele Hardy
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	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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## Benevolent Fund Thanks

Thank you to all of those folk who contributed the final sum of **\$335.00** toward the appeal for support for Farzana, as she prepares to fly off to the United States to attend the Space Camp on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

This amount has been converted to **\$200.00 American** dollars, and passed on to Farzana.

## Combined Service last Sunday

As had been previously announced, the Open Plate offering at the service attended by 5 other Uniting Church congregations across the Greater Geelong region (Belmont, St Lukes, East Geelong, St Albans- St Andrews & Leopold) was to be donated to Uniting, and designated for Emergency Relief, Grovedale. The total received and now forwarded was **\$730.00**.

Thank you to all of the Western Heights folk who participated in so many different ways to welcome our friends from the other congregations.

## Help Needed

A request for help with warm winter clothing for Pacific Island workers at MC Herd meatworks. If you are able to donate anything please bring it to Wesley UC and they will see that it gets distributed.

### Tasks people are doing today.

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle

**Reader:** Tim Hunt

**Stewards:** Geoff Everett, Graeme Hardy

**Greeter:** Heather Rookes

**Morning Tea:** Catherine Van Zetten,  
Maralann Damiano

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Melinda Bell, Geoff Coots,  
Bruce Waldron, Dudley Holroyd

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

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

### Tasks people are doing next week.

**6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy

**Reader:** Annette Chidzey

**Stewards:** Bruce Rookes, Neil Douglas

**Greeter:** Janet Pavlakis

**Morning Tea:** Jean Payne, Heather  
Rookes

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Nathan Gibson, Dudley  
Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt,  
Catherine Van Zetten

**PA/Data:** Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

## LUKE 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## GALATIANS 5: 1, 13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.