



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

August 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.

August at a Glance

Saturday 2nd	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St. Albans-St. Andrews
Friday 8th	2.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Afternoon Tea
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 17th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Wednesday 20th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron

Staff on Leave

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Friday 29th August—Tuesday 2nd September
Jan Grigg Wednesday 20th August—Tuesday 16th September inclusive

Shared Community Garden News

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 2nd August 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.

Church Roster September, October & November

The next church and music rosters for **September, October and November** will be compiled at the start of **August**. If there are any dates you are unavailable, please record them in the book by **Sunday 3rd August**. Musicians and Singers please note that the roster will be sent out early in August and that you must have your inability dates recorded before **Sunday 3rd August**.

Funeral Requests

A confidential file is held in our office where some members have recorded their funeral requests.

If you would like to record your requests, a form has been prepared to assist with this. These forms are available from the office if you wish for one.

Friday Fun Night Afternoon

Afternoon Tea

at the church

Friday 8th August

2.00pm

Please bring a small plate to share



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
1st August
&
Saturday
2nd August 2025
10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale

(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

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Summary of Church Council Meeting 16th of July 2025

- ◇ Church Council will place a request in the pew sheet asking for a volunteer who can attend to a short list of priority jobs while Jan Grigg is on leave.
- ◇ Cafe church will be made an opportunity for everyone to discuss and feedback their feelings around our talks with St Lukes.
- ◇ Council voted to reimburse the people who helped out at a recent funeral as the funeral director failed to pay the costs associated (minister, organist, audiovisual, sound and hospitality). A letter will be sent to the funeral home to remind them that whether a person is a long standing member or not, there is always a cost.

DONATE TO THE ASYLUM SEEKER FOODBANK

**YOUR
DONATED
GROCERY
ITEMS
HELP
REFUGEES
AND PEOPLE
SEEKING
ASYLUM
PUT FOOD
ON THE
TABLE FOR
THEIR
FAMILIES**

The Welcome Place Foodbank in Geelong supports people seeking asylum and refugees to access food and essential items.

Giving to the Foodbank sends a powerful message to people seeking asylum that we welcome and support those who came here seeking safety and we want to create a fair and compassionate Australia.

To discover further ways you can help refugees and people seeking asylum visit

www.queenscliffrrar.org

List of suggested donations for the Food Bank Appeal:

Long-grain Basmati rice
Vegetable /sunflower/ olive oil
Jars of minced garlic, ginger, chilli
Tinned lentils, chickpeas, tomatoes
Tinned tuna in oil
Tomato paste
Dried noodles and pasta
Honey, peanut butter, Nutella
Tins or tubs of peaches, pears, apricots, pineapple
Packets of dried fruit & nuts
Packets of sultanas, raisins, apricots, dates
Packets of sweet biscuits, muesli bars, dry biscuits
Tea (green tea, black tea, earl grey)
Instant coffee, Milo
Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, moisturiser)
Laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid
Tissues, baby wipes
Treats for children

Health protocols require that all food items are packaged, sealed and in-date

FOODBANK DONATION LOCATIONS

- ◆ **Queenscliff Uniting Church Foyer**, 85 Hesse St, Queenscliff - (Foyer entry via the Vestry Shop)
- ◆ **Deliver direct to the Welcome Place Foodbank on a Friday afternoon between 2pm and 6pm.** The Welcome Place is located in the Wesley Centre building, behind Wesley Church at 100 Yarra Street, Geelong. Either park in the church car park and go down the ramp leading to the garden, or park in the car park at Little Ryrie St behind the Village Cinema and enter through the metal gate. Come to the glass kitchen doors.
- ◆ **FOOD VOUCHERS** can be posted to Queenscliff RAR, PO Box 52, Queenscliff 3225

Sunday August 10 2025, 3.30pm
Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR RENAISSANCE REQUIEM

Director - Douglas Lawrence

Music of Tomás Luis de Victoria, Thomas Tomkins, Morten Lauridsen, Thomas Tallis, Thomas Morley, William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, Heinrich Schütz, Raffaella Aleotti, John Dowland.

Featuring a newly commissioned work by Gordon Kerry - Missa pro Defunctis 2024

\$50/\$45/\$40 available from www.auschoir.org or at the door.

Children and school students - free

Contact Details

Minister: Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga

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

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Communications

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Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga

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Fri : 9am – 1:00pm

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Parental/Guardian Permission

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.

Eco Group

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

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

Pew Sheet

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.

Light Globes & Batteries

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

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.

Milk Bottle Tops

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

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th 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

Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: safechurch.ucavictas.org.au