



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 6 JULY 2025

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 6th July 2025 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Working with Refugees Task Group

Janet Pavlakis

Birthdays:

Doug Thomson

8th

Valdeth Galley

12th

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:

Income is a fixed sum of money that is hard to live within, but harder to live without.

W.G.P

Diary for This Week

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 10th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
	12.30pm	Friday Fun Night – Lunch at Shell Club

Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

0400 664 991

Friday Night Fun Group

Our next event, instead of a Cold Friday Night in the middle of Winter activity, will be a **Sunday** pay your own, **dine out Lunch** at the Shell Club starting at 12.30pm (76 Purnell Rd , Corio). Please place your name on the Lunch List today, or ring Bruce Rookes on 0402 135 313 before Thursday evening, for booking purposes. **All Invited.**

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 has now flown to the United States to attend the Space Camp on 2nd July.

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

Combined Service 22nd June

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.

Queenscliff Uniting Church

See noticeboard for Pictures & Pizza Oxfam Film Night Wednesday 23rd July

Shedding the Blues workshop

Standing up Against Family Violence Monday 14th July

Tasks people are doing today.

6th 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: Dudley Holroyd, Brue Waldron, David Andrews, Aiden Chand

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

13th July 2025

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Graeme Hardy

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Maralann Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, David Andrews

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

PA/Data: Peter Morgan / Allister Coots

2 KINGS 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and

Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

GALATIANS 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.