



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

October 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.

October at a Glance

Saturday 4th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 5th		Daylight Savings starts turn clocks forward
	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Friday 10th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Activities
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
		Congregational Meeting following worship
Wednesday 15th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
		Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Staff on Leave

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Thursday 30th October—Sunday 2nd November—Somalian Assembly Conference

Monday 3rd November—Monday 17th November—Study Leave

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 4th October 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.

Friday Fun Night

Friday 10th October

6.00pm

Shared meal

Activities to follow

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on **Sunday 12th October 2025**.

Summary of Church Council Meeting 20th of August 2025

After discussions with St Lukes UC we committed to worshipping with each other in the months of September/October. St Lukes will join us at WHUC on 28/9/25. .

It was also decided that we would share in a Seasons of Creation service to be held at Wesley UC .

Church Council will form a Grants Committee which will be looking at applying for grants from Synod



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
3rd October 2025

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Saturday
4th October 2025

10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads) **Uniting**





Robert receiving his certificate from Heather Loader for 30 years since his ordination as a minister of the word.

All Saints Service 2025

Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year will be held on **Sunday 2nd November**. This is specifically to remember those who were associated with our church and those whose family is associated with us. If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this years service please contact the office on 5229 2681 or by email: office@whuc.com.au by **Thursday 30th October**.



MOVEMENT MATTERS THE FELDENKRAIS WAY

4 OCTOBER 2025

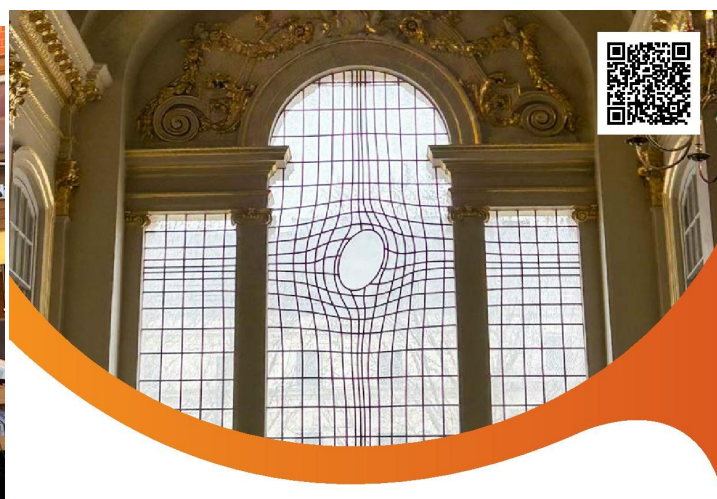
SATURDAY 1.30 - 4.30 PM

LOCATION

CNR HESSE AND STOKES STREET QUEENSLIFF

Discover the gentle art of listening to your body.
A mindful awareness through movement **workshop** with Sandy Leathem.

Tickets \$75 - Booking through link



Discernment Day

About

Come and see... An opportunity to learn about discernment, discipleship and ministries in the Uniting Church, and pathways into lay and ordained ministries.

- Meet UCA Ministry agents and learn about their different roles and contexts
- Discover educational pathways for discipleship and ministries
- Learn about the Period of Discernment and ministry pathways
- Consider how to discern your gifts and your sense of call

Register online at <https://events.humanitix.com/discernment-day>



Where:

Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville VIC 3052



When

9:00 am – 4:00 pm,
Saturday 25 October



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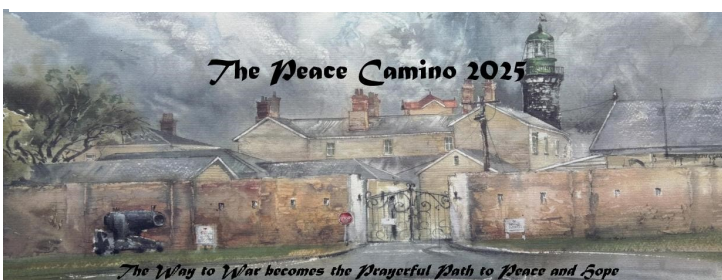
\$40 per person (in-person)
Free (online via Zoom)



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



equipping Leadership for Mission



Holy Trinity Parish Queenscliff

In Association with

Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope



The Peace Camino 2025 Pilgrims of Hope – Walking from the Memorial Indigenous Gardens, Mannerim to Queenscliff.

Sunday 9 November 2025

Leave from Holy Trinity Church, Stevens Street Queenscliff via shuttlebus at 12pm

See online at peacecamino.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

Walk with us on a journey of remembrance and renewal, along the Bellarine Rail Trail, once shadowed by wartime history, pilgrims gather in hope – towards peace, prayer and community.

Email: queenscliffpeacecamino@gmail.com



Contact Details

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

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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