



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 23 NOVEMBER 2025

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 23rd November 2025 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Exploring Music Opportunities Task Group

Janet Pavlakis

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: toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets.

Thought for the week:

I think we consider too much the luck of the early bird and not enough the bad luck of the early worm.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Diary for This Week

Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 27th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 30th	9.30am	Worship – St. Luke's UC Highton
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Sunday 30th November Church Closed

Next week the church will be closed as we will be worshipping at St. Luke's UC. Rev. Will Pickett from UC Congress will be speaking as we join in a combined service with St. Luke's. Please note the service starts at 9.30am and if you are in need of transport please see Graeme or Michele Hardy.



Gifts For Families. Thanks to you.

Your support will help us make sure there are gifts under every Christmas tree in our local community.

Gift suggestions

Outdoor games, frisbees, balls, cricket sets, board games, puzzles, building blocks, Lego, dolls, action figures, dinosaurs, cars, trucks, trains, headphones/speakers, make up packs, perfume/after shave, gift cards

Food suggestions

Christmas treats, Christmas cake, biscuits, chocolates, plum puddings, sauces & toppings

Donate online: unitingvictas.org.au/local-christmas/barwon/

Donate a gift: Please leave at Reception or drop off at
Uniting Grovedale: 272 Torquay Road
Uniting Morlane: 10 Wendover Avenue



Uniting is the community services organisation
of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



Every child
deserves a
happy Christmas.



Uniting

Minister and Pastoral Care

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga - 0400 664 991

New Partnership

Church Council would like to inform the Congregational of a new partnership with the Korean Baptist Church who will be leasing our premises on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. A welcome combined service will be held on Sunday 7th December at our 10.00am service.

Thank You

To everyone at Western Heights UC. Jenny and I thank you for being so friendly during our stay here. With your warm welcomes it was a pleasure to visit each Sunday. We enjoyed each of your services, led so well by members of the congregation and musicians and singers. Your church is a faithful Christian presence here. It is sad to be leaving. Blessings from Venton & Jenny Cook

Congregational Roll and 2026 Church Directory

We are currently updating the Congregational Roll and the Church Directory.

In order to do this, we need everyone to check their details and then return their form so changes can be made to our current records with your permission slip to be included or not in the 2026 Church Directory. Forms must be in by Sunday 21st December.

Name Badges

We are about to order the Uniting Church name badges.

The cost is \$10 for the standard pin attachment, and \$11 for the magnetic attachment (no pin holes in shirts or blouses). However, the magnetic attachment should NOT be used by anyone fitted with a pacemaker. If you would like to order a name badge, please see Geoff Coots today with payment for your order.

Teddy Bear Postcards

Last year we supported the End Child Poverty campaign with many of us signing a petition to the Federal Government calling for legislation to end child poverty in Australia.

This campaign is growing in strength. In July Members of Federal Parliament were hand delivered a Teddy Bear symbolising favourite toys which are lost when children must leave home due to poverty, violence, high rents, and homelessness.

The postcards handed out last Sunday remind us of this important campaign. We are asked to continue to pray for and speak up for the almost 1 million children living in poverty in Australia today.

For more information visit www.endchildpoverty.com.au, or please feel free to speak with me. Robert Van Zetten

"End Child Poverty" - *Children know when they are living in poverty*
"[My brother] sleeps on the couch, and I sleep on the ground on a mattress. She [younger sister] sleeps next to me."

— 12 year old

"It's kinda difficult sometimes [doing the grocery shop] 'cause sometimes my mum won't have enough money. 'Cause we have a house that we are renting and we have to pay rent and all the other bills so sometimes it is really hard to buy the groceries."

— 8 year old

Quotes from children living in poverty from More for Children: Children's Experiences of Poverty in Australia - Children's Policy Centre – The Australian National University



JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

LUKE 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they

do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Tasks people are doing today.

23rd November 2025

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Vanessa Thomson

Morning Tea: Chris Rookes, Catherine Van Zetten

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Lynda Scott

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots