



## **WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH**

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### ***Our Purpose***

**Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith**



*Hope, Peace*

### **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 7 DECEMBER 2025**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 10.00am Worship

## Please Pray for:

Resources Group

Janet Pavlakis

### **Birthdays:**

Geoff Coots

Today

Graeme Hardy

8<sup>th</sup> (70)

Kevin Bate

12<sup>th</sup> (80)

*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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes.

## Thought for the week:

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must be first overcome.

Dr. Samuel Johnson

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Carolling
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
	12.00pm	Friday Fun Night – End of year celebration picnic

## People Helping Elsewhere

Rev. Robert Van Zetten – St. David’s



**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/](http://unitingvictas.org.au/local-christmas/barwon/)

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



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



Every child  
deserves a  
happy Christmas.



**Uniting**

## Changes to Notices in Worship Service

Please note that all notices will be printed in the pew sheets weekly or monthly.

Only emergency notices relating to our congregations will be announced during worship.

Sharing the journey

(notices/concerns) will be prior to our prayers of the people.

Please note the privacy of matters to be announced in worship and sensitivity is critical.

## Friday Fun Night

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00pm will be End of Year Celebration. Meet by the river near the Labyrinth at the end of West Fyans Street for a BYO picnic bringing food, drink and chair.

## Crosslight

The December Crosslight is now available to be picked up from the table.

### Tasks people are doing today.

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Vestry Steward:** Helen Sleep

**Reader:** Allister Coots

**Stewards:** Geoff Everett, Colin Rookes

**Greeter:** Joan Murphy

**Morning Tea:** Joan & David Walker

**Hall Cleaner:** Neil Douglas

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

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Bruce Waldron

**PA/Data:** Maralann Damiano / Allister Coots

## Congratulations

To Tim Hunt for being recognised with a Wannon Volunteer Award. Tim was acknowledged for the person who always shows up for countless local causes, and for the community as a whole, he's the first to put his hand up and last to seek any recognition.



### Tasks people are doing next week.

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle

**Reader:** Trish Fleming

**Stewards:** Neil Douglas, Maralann Damiano

**Greeter:** Barbara Everett

**Morning Tea:** Vanessa Thomson, Jean Payne

**Hall Cleaner:** Bruce Waldron

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

**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

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

## ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## MATTHEW 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' " Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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