



**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 14 DECEMBER 2025**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 10.00am Worship

## Please Pray for:

Worship 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: tinned soup, fruit juice, 2 minute noodles, pkts rice.

## Thought for the week:

Action is the foundational key to all success.

Pablo Picasso

## Diary for This 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
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Carolling
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Carolling
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
		Communion
	6.00pm	Community Carols

**Minister and Pastoral Care**  
Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga -  
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**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, saucers & toppings

Donate online: [unitingvictas.org.au/local-christmas/barwon/](https://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.

### **Tasks people are doing today.**

**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, Bill Fleming

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

### **Tasks people are doing next week.**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy

**Reader:** Geoff Coots

**Stewards:** Graeme Hardy

**Greeter:** Doreen Holroyd

**Morning Tea:** Chris Rookes, Lily Furletti

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming

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

## Friday Fun Night

Today 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.

## 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.

## *The Labyrinth*



**You are invited to walk the Advent Labyrinth down by the Barwon River.**

*(Located near the boat ramp at the end of West Fyans Street, and as you walk towards the Queens Park bridge.)*

**Perhaps you may walk it slowly and in a spirit of quiet meditation, taking your time to notice and appreciate the beautiful surroundings and to maybe ponder what this time of year means to you.**

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# COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

6.00pm



Outside Western Heights UC

Please bring a chair and  
blankets to sit on





**Christmas Bowl**

## WEEK 4: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### HELPING FAMILIES ADAPT IN INDONESIA

In Central Sulawesi, flooding and unpredictable weather threaten families' livelihoods. Through Act for Peace's partner, Church World Service (CWS), local farmers are learning to prepare for disasters and improve crop quality through the DREAM Program.

Eko and his family have embraced new techniques that make their rice crops stronger and more reliable. "Our harvests are stronger, and we feel safer," says Eko.

Your gift helps communities adapt to a changing climate and protect their future.



Agung Pranoto/Act for Peace



# West End

real estate

## Christmas Events

Join Neighbourhood Caroling -7pm  
10th, 15th & 16th December

Community Carols Sunday 21st  
December 6pm

"Welcoming Christmas Quietly"  
Christmas Eve  
11:30pm

Christmas Day  
9am



[gavsigns.com.au](http://gavsigns.com.au)

## **ISAIAH 40:1-5, 28-31**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## **MATTHEW 1: 18-24, 2:7-9, 12-14, 16, 19-23**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through

the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife. Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt. When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."