



Western Heights Uniting Church

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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.

February at a Glance

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy
Saturday 7th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Robert Van Zetten Communion
Tuesday 17 th		Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 th	3.30pm 7.00pm	Church Council Meeting Ash Wednesday – Belmont Uniting Church
Sunday 22nd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

February 2026 NEWSLETTER

Staff on Leave

Temukisa will be on leave from **Monday 2nd February – Monday 16th February** inclusive.

Contact Details

Minister: (on leave)

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0400 664 991

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

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Wed: 1.30pm-3.30pm

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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 7th February 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.

Ash Wednesday

For anyone wishing to attend an Ash Wednesday service you are encouraged to attend Belmont Uniting Church, 42 Thomson Street.



Wednesday 18th February at 7.00pm.

There will be no service held at WHUC.

Church & Music Rosters

The Church and Music Rosters for **March, April & May**, will be drawn up for distribution at the start of February. Please use the unavailability book by **1st February**, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

Portable PA System update

The portable PA system in the Horizons Room has a new microphone. All that you have to do is plug in, switch it on at the speakers then pick up the mic and go.

WHUC Prayer Chain

WHUC now has an active Prayer Chain.

We have a dedicated team who wish to prayerfully support you in your time of need.

As we are bound by the privacy act everything will be treated in strict confidence.

Leila Green 0433 367 339

Belmont Uniting Church

Celebrating 100 years of the use of our Thomson Street site as a centre for worship, ministry and mission.



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2026

A Service of Holy Communion and Thanksgiving will be held
on Sunday, 1 March 2026, at 10.00am.

Guest preacher: Rev Charissa Suli, President of the Uniting Church in Australia.
You are invited to share in this significant occasion of the life of the congregation.

A luncheon will follow the service.

To assist with catering, please RSVP by 22 February to belmont@victas.uca.org.au

Belmont Uniting Church / 42 Thomson Street, Belmont, 3216

Historic timeline

June 1910	Donation by Mrs Margaret Mickle of a site for a Presbyterian Church in Belmont
1 July 1923	First Presbyterian service in Belmont held at home of Mr Banks, conducted by Rev D W Smith of St Andrew's
October 1925	Decision by "Presbyterian fraternity" to build a church on Thomson St, Belmont
27 February 1926	Belmont Presbyterian Church opened by Rev. C. Neville, Minister of St. Davids Presbyterian, Newtown
13 September 1953	Dedication of the extensions to the church
19 October 1961	Residence and grounds on the corner of Shackleton and Thomson Streets gifted to the congregation.
19 September 1965	Foundation stone for the new church laid by the minister Rev. C.W. McLeod.
20 February 1966	Final service held in 'old' church. New church opened and dedicated.
21 September 1975	Belmont Presbyterian Church re-named the Alexander Thomson Presbyterian Church.
22 June 1977	Alexander Thomson Presbyterian Church becomes part of the UCA as the Alexander Thomson Uniting Church.
10 June 1987	Alexander Thomson UC and Regent St UC form the Belmont Parish
1 December 1996	The Belmont Parish formally becomes one congregation
April 1999	Sale of the Regent St property, and re-development of the Thomson St property
29 April 2001	Redeveloped Thomson St building formally dedicated by the Moderator at a Service of Thanksgiving



Indie Folk Concert

Flora Falls & Rod Coote



Thursday 12th Feb

6.00 PM



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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.

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.

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.

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



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.

Fri 6th Feb 2026 &
Sat 7th Feb 2026

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Fri 6th Mar 2026 &
Sat 7th Mar 2026
10am - 2pm

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

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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.

Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: safechurch.ucavictas.org.au

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.

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.

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.