



# 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

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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 <sup>th</sup>		Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday – Belmont Uniting Church
Sunday 22nd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

## Staff on Leave

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

**February 2026  
NEWSLETTER**

## Contact Details

**Minister: (on leave)**  
Rev Temukisa  
Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
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Temukisa's day off is  
Monday so please refrain  
from contacting her on this  
day.

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## Shared Community Garden News

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.**

There will be no service held at WHUC.



## Church & Music Rosters

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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 **1<sup>st</sup> February**, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

## Portable PA System update

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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

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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.



1926



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](mailto: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 Cooté*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 6.00 PM

CNR HESSE & STOKES  
 UNITING CHURCH  
 QUEENSCLIFF



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 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 &  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026  
 &  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026 &  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026  
 10am - 2pm

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



## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@whuc.com.au)