



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 25 JANUARY 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 25th January 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

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

Thought for the week:

A cough is something that you yourself can't help, but everybody else does on purpose just to torment you.

Ogden Nash

Diary for This Week

Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 29th	8.00am	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship – Michele Hardy
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Minister and Pastoral Care

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

Church and 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.

Invitation from Belmont UC

Belmont UC will be celebrating 100 years at their current site on 1st March at 10.00am. They have invited us to join them to celebrate this significant occasion.

More details can be found in the February Monthly Newsletter.

Invitation

The Geelong Baptist Church wish to invite the congregation to join them for their 10th Anniversary Celebration as well as the Retirement Service for Pastor Choon-Sik Choi. If you would like to join them you are very welcome to come at 1.00pm, and it will also be a good opportunity to share Korean food together.

Tasks people are doing today.

25th January 2026

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Joan Walker

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Geoff Everett

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Chris Rookes, Barbara Everett

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

1st February 2026

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten, Maralann Damiano

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Melinda Bell, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Bill Fleming

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

ISAIAH 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

MATTHEW 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.