



**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 15 MARCH 2026**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 10.00am Worship

## Please Pray for:

Church Council

<b>Birthdays:</b>	Tim Hunt	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jenice Coots	6 <sup>th</sup>
	Robert Van Zetten	20 <sup>th</sup>	Glenn Chidzey	7 <sup>th</sup>
			Rashida Przastek	7 <sup>th</sup>

*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:

I don't believe in just ordering people to do things. You have to sort of grab an oar and row with them.

Harold Green

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga 2026 Congregational Annual General Meeting
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## Minister and Pastoral Care

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

# Congregational Annual General Meeting

The 2026 Western Heights Congregational Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

## Thankyou

There has been \$200.50 donated from our "Pancake Day" morning tea two weeks ago. This amount will be forwarded to "Uniting", earmarked for "Geelong - Emergency Relief".

A big thankyou to those who provided the yummie pancakes we all enjoyed!

## Uniting Update

With a recently received one-off surge funding from the Federal government to help support Otway's communities the Grovedale emergency relief center will stay open until 30 June 2026 and will not be closing 5 March 2026.

## Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Tenebrae Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Good Friday Service
Sunday 5th April	10.00am	Easter Sunday Service

## Easter Concert

Music at the Basilica invites you to their 2026 Easter Concert at 4pm on Sunday 29 March at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This is a concert where combined voices of the women of the Windfire Choir Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir shine! Conducted by Tom Healey the choir will present a lovely program featuring music written specifically for women's voices.

Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/DIJNV](http://www.trybooking.com/DIJNV)

See [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au) for details.

### Tasks people are doing today. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy

**Reader:** Trish Fleming

**Stewards:** Colin Rookes, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Doreen Holroyd

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

**Hall Cleaner:** Bruce Waldron

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

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bruce Waldron

**PA/Data:** Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

### Tasks people are doing next week. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Annette Chidzey

**Reader:** Geoff Coots

**Stewards:** Glenn Chidzey, Colin Rookes

**Greeter:** Barbara Everett

**Morning Tea:** Doug & Vanessa Thomson

**Hall Cleaner:** Glenn Chidzey

**Musicians:** Melinda Bell, Geoff Coots

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Ashley  
Payne

**PA/Data:** Dudley Holroyd / Allister Coots

## ***April at a Glance***

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Tenebrae Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Good Friday Service
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Easter Sunday - Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Bruce Waldron
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Worship— Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

## ***Talanoa Conference***

As part of the organizing committee Temukisa will be attending the Talanoa Conference Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Temukisa will be still contactable by phone during this time.

## **LUKE 22:14-20**

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

## **JOHN 9:1-7**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

## **JOHN 9:8-12**

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

## **JOHN 9:13-23**

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who

had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

#### **JOHN 9:24-34**

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to

one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

#### **JOHN 9:35-41**

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.