



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 8 MARCH 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 8th March 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Pastoral Care Coordinating Team

Birthdays: Michele Hardy 11th
Jean Thompson 12th

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: toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets.

Thought for the week:

I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.

Michel Jordan

Diary for This Week

Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 12th	8.00am	Musicians & Singers Music Practice
Friday 13th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night – Boardgames

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
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Minister and Pastoral Care

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

Friday Fun Night

Will be held on Friday 13th March at 6.00pm. Please bring a plate to share and a board game to play.

Congregational Annual General Meeting

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

Could all reports be given to Jan in the office no later than Sunday 1st March.

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 yummiie pancakes we all enjoyed! If there is anyone else wishing to donate to this appeal, would you please see Geoff Coots as soon as possible today.

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.

Tasks people are doing today. 8th March 2026

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Annette Chidzey

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Jean Payne

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Narelle Collas, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Geoff Coots, Aiden Chand

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week. 15th 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

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bruce Waldron

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

MATTHEW 9:10-13

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

JOHN 4:1-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is

coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he,^u the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."