



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.

May at a Glance

Saturday 2 nd	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Rev. Robert Van Zetten – Anglesea
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 17 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
Wednesday 20 th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 24 th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Combined Pentecost
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Robert Van Zetten

May 2026
NEWSLETTER



Contact Details

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Temukisa's day off is
Monday so please refrain
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day.

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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 March 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.

Church Roster June, July & August

Next week, the Rosters for June to August will be arranged. Please fill in the Roster Unavailability book near the sound desk **by the end of church, this Sunday.**

Even if you have told Lynda or Bruce personally, still please fill in the book. This is what they will work off next week.

Weekly Church Rosters

There are a number of our members who volunteer for a variety of roles during Sunday Worship. These volunteers contribute to the welcoming and inclusive environment at Western Heights UC each Sunday and their efforts are valued by all.

However, it is becoming increasingly difficult for those who produce the Worship Rosters to find enough of our members to fill the roles each Sunday.

Church Council is considering the possibility of combining some of the roles to reduce the load on an ever-diminishing number of volunteers. One area under consideration is to combine the roles of the Greeters and Stewards. We are asking that members consider this change and provide feedback to Church Council to ensure any changes made do not impact negatively on any of our members.

Please share your thoughts with any Church Council member to help us move forward in our decision-making.

We would also encourage you to consider your willingness to add your name to the weekly roster in any capacity you feel able. Please speak to any Church Council member or Bruce Waldron if you would like to explore this further.

WHUC COUNCIL



Milk Bottle Tops

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our collection of milk bottle tops.

We are finding there must be a miss understanding, and to save time for our volunteers that must sort the lids before they can be delivered to St. Joseph's College. We are asking you to please only put **clean milk bottle lids** in the drawer for recycling.

Roundtable Gatherings for Climate Justice in the Uniting Church

These gatherings are an opportunity for us, as the Uniting Church, to deepen our shared commitment to this work—grounded in faith, shaped by the wisdom of First Peoples, and expressed through practical action in our communities.

There will be three online Roundtable gatherings this year, each held via Zoom for two hours, commencing at **2:00pm AEST**.

Thursday 21 May

Roundtable 1:

The Advocacy Calling of the Uniting Church for Climate Justice

Explore how we, as a Church, are called to advocate for justice and how you can engage in this work within your context.

[Register here](https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/GNzY2bOPSAOX3PGAw8ZCZQ#/registration) <https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/GNzY2bOPSAOX3PGAw8ZCZQ#/registration>

Tuesday 16 June

Roundtable 2:

Practical Steps Toward Net Zero by 2040

Learn about the steps being taken across the Church and how congregations, agencies, and communities can contribute to this shared goal.

[Register here](https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/10ExNwT6Sc-v-la552tcRg#/registration) <https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/10ExNwT6Sc-v-la552tcRg#/registration>

Thursday 16 July

Roundtable 3:

First Peoples Wisdom and Climate Justice

Be guided by the wisdom of First Peoples, as we listen, learn, and consider what it means to care for Country and act together in faithful response.

[Register here](https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/3qTGsFkjRWy3_krX8HJF0A#/registration) https://uca-nat.zoom.us/meeting/register/3qTGsFkjRWy3_krX8HJF0A#/registration

Together, these gatherings seek to:

- Equip the Church to respond faithfully to the call to Climate Justice
- Strengthen connection and shared purpose across our communities
- Encourage ongoing action in our local contexts and spheres of influence

MAY 1-3 | WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY | QUEENSLIFF

sacred edge

cradle of life

Arts Community Music Storytelling Food Movement

Radical Son, First Nations Singer Songwriter

Becoming Plants: Our Bodies as Ecosystems

Kirsten Penzes, Artist

Kavisha Mazzella, Musician

First Nations All Abilities Environment & Climate Refugees & Immigrants LGBTQIA+

Jessi Rebel, First Nations Artist + Activist

Michie Beetle, Founder of Queertown

Lionel Lauch, First Nations Artist + Musician

get your tickets here

More info and tickets: www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au

Progressive Christian Movement of Queensland Inc. UnitingQueenscliff QUEENSLIFF Music Festival Humanists Victoria Borough of 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.

Friday 10th April &
Sat 11th April 2026
10am - 2pm
&
Friday 1st May &
Sat 2nd May 2026
10am - 2pm

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



SPECIAL EVENT: BRING A PLATE MAY 8



You and your family and friends are invited to a celebration of our multicultural community through the sharing of food in the Aussie tradition of “Bring a Plate”.

This event will help to counteract some of the negative rhetoric around refugees and migrants and will show our friends and neighbours how much they are valued.

Bring a plate or container of your favourite food to share, and enjoy the diversity that makes our community vibrant and strong. (Please bring the food ready to serve.)

Wesley Church Hall, 100 Yarra St Geelong, on Friday May 8th at 6:00 pm.

This event is being hosted jointly by CRAG and The Welcome Place.

No need to register, we'll see you there!

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.

Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

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

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.

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.

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.

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 **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