



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 19 APRIL 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 19th April 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Community Garden Group

Sympathy: To family and friends of Valdeh Galley who died on 19th March 2026.

To Joan Hill on the death of her brother John Hill who died on the 6th April 2026.

Birthdays: Heather Rookes 21st

Bill Fleming 22nd

Neil Douglas 23rd

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: long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

Thought for the week:

People's minds are like parachutes. To function properly they must first be open.

W.G.P.

Diary for This Week

Sunday 19th 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Communion

Thursday 23rd 8.00am Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 26th 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Minister and Pastoral Care

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

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

Tasks people are doing today.

19th April 2026

Vestry Steward: Jan Taylor

Reader: Jenni Harper

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Colin Rookes

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Catherine Van Zetten

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Narelle Collas, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bruce Waldron

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

26th April 2026

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Reader: Bruce Waldron

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Maralann Damiano

Greeter: Vanessa Thomson

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Chris Rookes

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron

Singers: Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten, Narelle Collas

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

LUKE 24:13-35

Narrator/Bible Reader: 13 That same day two of Jesus’ disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about eleven kilometers from Jerusalem. **14** As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, **15** Jesus came near and started walking along beside them. **16** But they did not know who he was.

Jesus/Vestry steward: 17 *What were you talking about as you walked along?*

Narrator/Bible Reader: The two of them stood there looking sad and gloomy.

Cleopas/Worship leader: 18 ... Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn’t know what was happening there these last few days?

Jesus/Vestry steward: 19 *What do you mean?*

Disciples/Congregation: *Those things that happened to Jesus from Nazareth.*

Cleopas/Worship leader: *By what he did and said he showed that he was a powerful prophet, who pleased God and all the people.*

Other Disciple/Congregation: 20 *Then the chief priests and our leaders had him arrested and sentenced to die on a cross.*

Cleopas/Worship leader: 21 *We had hoped that he would be the one to set Israel free! But it has already been three days since all this happened.*

Other Disciple/Congregation: 22 *Some women in our group surprised us. They had gone to the tomb early in the morning, 23 but did not find the body of Jesus. They came back, saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive.*

Cleopas/Worship leader: 24 *Some men from our group went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they didn’t see Jesus either.*

Jesus/Vestry Steward: 25 *Why can’t you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? 26* *Didn’t you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before he was given his glory?*

Narrator/Bible Reader: 27 Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets. **28** When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther.

Cleopas/Worship leader: 29 *Stay with us!*

Other Disciple/Congregation: *It’s already late, and the sun is going down.*

Narrator/Bible Reader: So Jesus went into the house to stay with them.

30 After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread. He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them. **31** At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

Cleopas/Worship leader: 32 *When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us,*

Other Disciple/Congregation: *didn’t it warm our hearts?*

Narrator/Bible Reader: 33 So they got up and returned to Jerusalem. The two disciples found the eleven apostles and the others gathered together. **34** And they learned from the group that the Lord was really alive and had appeared to Peter. **35** Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.