



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 26 APRIL 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 26th April 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Resources Group

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: tinned spaghetti, tinned vegetables, toilet paper.

Thought for the week:

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

Harold S. Hubert

Diary for This Week

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

Thursday 30th 8.00am Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 3rd 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga

Minister and Pastoral Care

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

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

Tasks people are doing today.

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

Tasks people are doing next week.

3rd May 2026

Vestry Steward: Helen Sleep

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Doug & Vanessa Thomson

Hall Cleaner: Maralann Damiano

Musicians: Narelle Collas, Bruce Waldron, Dudley Holroyd

Singers: Ashley Payne, Bill Fleming

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

1 PETER 2:10-25

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord's sake be subject to every human authority, whether to the emperor as supreme or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Slaves, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only those who are good and gentle but also those who are dishonest. For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When

he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

JOHN 10:1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.