



**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 17 MAY 2026**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 10.00am Worship

## **Please Pray for:**

Church Council

## **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: cereal, coffee, tea, condensed/evaporated milk, cake mixes.

## **Thought for the week:**

Remember that time is money.

Benjamin Franklin

## Diary for This Week

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.00am	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Combined Churches Pentecost Service
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## **Minister and Pastoral Care**

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

## Combined Pentecost Service

The Combined Churches Pentecost Service this year will be held at Western Heights UC on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10.00am.

The open offering plate will be gifted to our Ministry Candidates who will be sharing on Pentecost Sunday. If you could please hold onto your envelope until the next week after Pentecost would be helpful.

Refreshments: Western Heights will look after the hot food so if you can assist with bringing sausage rolls, quiches etc.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May if you are available to help set up for the service at 11.00am.

## Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission invite you to a special celebratory afternoon tea.

Tuesday May 26, at 2.30pm – 4.30pm at Western Heights UC – Horizons Room.

The cost is free. RSVP by Wednesday May 20 (for catering purposes)

Online: <https://events.humanitix.com/race-to-zero-geelong>

Phone 1800 537 767 or email: [events@leprosymission.org.au](mailto:events@leprosymission.org.au)

### Tasks people are doing today.

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Michele Hardy

**Reader:** Allister Coots

**Stewards:** Glenn Chidzey, Graeme Hardy

**Greeter:** Joan Murphy

**Morning Tea:** Jean Payne, Michele Hardy

**Hall Cleaner:** Glenn Chidzey

**Musicians:** Melinda Bell, Dudley Holroyd,  
Geoff Coots, David Andrews

**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bill Fleming, Ashley  
Payne

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

### Tasks people are doing today.

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Helen Sleep

**Reader:** Joan Walker

**Stewards:** Colin Rookes, Tim Hunt

**Greeter:** Vanessa Thomson

**Morning Tea:** Maralann Damiano,  
Catherine Van Zetten

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Narelle Collas, Geoff Coots,  
Dudley Holroyd,

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

**PA/Data:** Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

## **ACTS 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **JOHN 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.