



**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 3 MAY 2026**

# Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 10.00am Worship

## Please Pray for:

Worship Group

**Sympathy:** To family and friends of Rashida Przastek who died on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The funeral for Rashida will be held at WHUC Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am.

## **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: spreads, tinned fruit, tinned meat, DB blankets, men's t/pants.

## Thought for the week:

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

Harold S. Hubert

## Diary for This Week

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Musicians & Singers Music Practice

## Diary for Next Week

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

## *People Helping Elsewhere*

Rev. Robert Van Zetten – Anglesea

## Minister and Pastoral Care

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

# Celebrating Mothers

Please send or drop off your mum's favourite recipe for our Mother's Day service Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## Friday Fun Night

Friday Fun Night is cancelled this month.

## 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Helen Sleep

**Reader:** Trish Fleming

**Stewards:** Colin Rookes

**Greeter:** Doreen Holroyd

**Morning Tea:** Doug & Vanessa Thomson

**Hall Cleaner:** Maralann Damiano

**Musicians:** Narelle Collas, Brue Waldron,  
Dudley Holroyd

**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Bill Fleming

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

### Tasks people are doing next week. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Vestry Steward:** Annette Chidzey

**Reader:** Geoff Coots

**Stewards:** Geoff Everett, Maralann  
Damiano

**Greeter:** Vanessa Thomson

**Morning Tea:** Barbara Everett, Lily Furletti

**Hall Cleaner:** Glenn Chidzey

**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Geoff Coots, Dudley  
Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Aiden Chand

**Singers:** Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten,  
Lynda Scott

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

## **ACTS 7:55-60**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

## **1 PETER 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word,

as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

## **JOHN 14:1-14**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe<sup>a</sup> in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.