



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.

August at a Glance

Saturday 1st	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Worship— Michele Hardy Rev. Robert Van Zetten - Leopold
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Wednesday 19 th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23 rd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Staff on Leave

Temukisa will be on leave from **Tuesday 28th July – Wednesday 5th August 2026.**

During this time Rev. Jan Taylor will be the emergency pastoral carer.

August 2026
NEWSLETTER

Contact Details

Minister:

Rev Temukisa
Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
0400 664 991

Temukisa's day off is
Monday so please refrain
from contacting her on this
day.

Church Council Chair:

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Property Co-ordinator:

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Communications

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Wed: 1.30pm-3.30pm

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Uniting Church

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 1st August 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 September, October & November

It's time for the church roster to be set for the months of September, October and November. Can you please have your dates of inability in the book at the back of the church by Sunday 9th August. Names must be registered in the book for Lynda and Bruce to work from not given directly to them as this leaves room for mistakes and disappointment.

If you are wishing to join the roster team speak to Lynda for music or Bruce for church rosters. For vestry steward, reader and steward you will have to have a working with children check.

WANTED STALLHOLDERS

24TH OCTOBER
9AM – 2.30PM

**WESTERN HEIGHTS
UNITING CHURCH**
HERNE HILL

\$50 PER STALL **\$5 EXTRA IF TABLE REQUIRED**

CONTACT
CHRIS ROOKES
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Local Community Great Markets Stronger Together

Local Goods Great People Stronger Community

MADE LOCALLY MADE WITH CARE

FAITHFUL FUTURES

Shared Vision

Following Christ, walking together as First and Second Peoples, seeking community, compassion and justice for all creation.

Shared Goals



INTER-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP:

By 2028, to:

- be providing appropriate inter-cultural leadership information and equipping for all ministry agents and congregations; and
- develop inter-cultural networks for worship, witness and service.



ALL-AGE GROWTH:

To have at least one all-age community of faith that is interactive, diverse, inclusive and transformative in 80% of Coordinated Ministries by 2030.



NEW COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:

Establish at least five new Christian communities by 2030.



COORDINATED MINISTRIES:

Coordinated ministry and mission in geographic areas such as Local Government Areas by 2030: attentive to renewing discipleship, and to the life and needs of the local context.



RESPECTING COUNTRY:

Honouring the Church's Covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, all communities of faith will listen to and be able to tell about some of the histories of the Country on which they are located by the end of 2028, and be invited to develop local and appropriate ways to respond.

Presbyteries and the Synod working together with shared goals and responsibilities, helping to relieve burdens and strengthen mission opportunities as we follow Christ together.



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



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Live Concert with

Alright Sista

Alright Sista is an indie folk-rock group known for their powerful talent, featuring Lynda Morrow, Gail Lambert, Gayle Burrill, John Pirrottina, and Peter Burrill. Renowned for their harmonies and musicianship, they've performed with notable artists and at various venues across Victoria. Their music combines original story-driven songs by Lynda Morrow with reimagined covers, delivering an energetic, swamp-like indie folk-rock sound.

Sun 9 August

2.00 PM - \$25



**CNR HESSE & STOKES
UNITING QUEENSLIFF**



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community • support • connection



First Nations Weaving Workshop

Join us for a two-hour weaving workshop with artists from The Torch, promoting community, mindfulness, and cultural revival. Participants will learn weaving techniques, engage in storytelling, and connect with others while celebrating cultural traditions. Attendees will leave with their weaving and a gift bag of materials. The workshop supports The Torch, a First Peoples-led organisation that empowers artists and fosters cultural connection to break the cycle of incarceration.

TORCH

Thur 20th August

2-4 PM - \$80



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UNITING CHURCH
QUEENSLIFF**

sacrededge

First Nations
All Abilities

Environment & Climate
Refugees & Immigrants

LGBTIQ+
Community

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.

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.

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.

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