



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 23 AUGUST 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 23rd August 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Community Garden Group

Sympathy: To family and friends of Val Priddle who died on Friday 14th August. A private funeral will be held as per Val's request.

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 soup, fruit juice, 2-minute noodles, pkts rice.

Thought for the week:

I make the most of all that comes, and the least of all that goes.

Sarah Teasdale

Diary for This Week

Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 27th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
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Minister and Pastoral Care

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

FrontierNews

The latest FrontierNews has arrived so you can pick up your copy on the table as you exit.

Port Phillip West Presbytery Representative

Presbytery is one council of the church that has oversight of all congregations and ministers. Having a congregational voice at these meetings where decisions are made that impact us is critical. We are seeking a congregation representative to Presbytery meetings, which meets quarterly. Please prayerful consider whether this is your calling. For more information speak with Temukisa.

Community Garden

PLANT STALL at the upcoming market on **Saturday 24th October.**

Looking for anyone to **DONATE PLANTS** for the stall. Start potting up in early spring for this event.

All proceeds will benefit the further development of the community garden and the community. We are hoping to put in additional garden beds in the near future by replacing the ground level garden bed with wicking beds

Tasks people are doing today.

23rd August 2026

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Allister Coots

Stewards: Graeme Hardy, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Doreen Holroyd

Morning Tea: Maralann Damiano, Chris Rookes

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Musicians: Narelle Collas, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Aiden Chand

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

30th August 2026

Vestry Steward: Roger Dingle

Reader: Joan Walker

Stewards: Colin Rookes, Neil Douglass

Greeter: Helen Sleep

Morning Tea: Catherine Van Zetten, Michele Hardy

Hall Cleaner: Jean Payne

Musicians: Andrew Ryan, Nathan Gibson

Singers: Jacquie Payne

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

MATTHEW 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

EXODUS 1: 8 – 2: 10

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the

birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."