



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 9 AUGUST 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 9th August 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Pastoral Care Coordinating Team

Birthdays: Doreen Holroyd 10th
Trish Fleming 14th

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: toothpaste, toiletries, washing powder, QB sheets, blankets.

Thought for the week:

Courage is like love; it must have hope for nourishment.

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Diary for This Week

Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Thursday 13th	8.00pm	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion
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Minister and Pastoral Care

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

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 today 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.

August Crosslight

The August Crosslight is now available to be picked up at the table as you exit.



Tasks people are doing today.

9th August 2026

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Reader: Geoff Coots

Stewards: Neil Douglas, Maralann Damiano

Greeter: Vanessa Thomson

Morning Tea: Lily Furletti, Catherine Van Zetten

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Narelle Collas, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd

Singers: Bill Fleming, Lynda Scott, Bruce Waldron

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

16th August 2026

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Reader: Neil Douglas

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Geoff Everett

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Barbara Everett, Jean Payne

Hall Cleaner: Neil Douglas

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Geoff Coots

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne, Catherine Van Zetten, Narelle Collas

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm,

and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."