



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.

September at a Glance

Saturday 5th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Baptism of Amelia Saunders
Wednesday 16th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Sunday 27th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

October

Saturday 3rd	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Daylight Savings starts
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Wednesday 21st	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 24th	9.00am	Market at Western Heights
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship – TBA



Staff on Leave

Jan will be on leave from Wednesday 9th September – Tuesday 28th October

September 2026
NEWSLETTER

Contact Details

Minister:

Rev Temukisa
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Temukisa's day off is
Monday so please refrain
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day.

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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 5th September 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.

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 prayerfully 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.

Pocket Heart Making Group

Create small hearts. Share great kindness.

Pocket hearts are lovingly handmade and given to people facing illness, loss and difficult times as a reminder that someone cares.

Come and join us as we sew, knit or crochet these special keepsakes in a relaxed and welcoming group. No experience necessary—just a willingness to help.

Materials available or bring your own.

Every pocket heart carries this message:

Handmade with care, this pocket heart is yours to keep. Carry it with you and hold it whenever you need. May it remind you that others care, and bring you love, hope, courage, and comfort in difficult times.



Where and When

2nd Tuesday & 4th Thursday of each month

1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Uniting Church Queenscliff

Meeting alongside the friendly knitting group.

No need to RSVP but if you would like more information, call 0499 775 275 or
email vol.coord@chob.org.au



MARKET

at Western Heights

COMMUNITY ♥ CONNECTION ♥ LOCAL

24TH OCTOBER

9AM – 2.30PM

WESTERN HEIGHTS
UNITING CHURCH
— HERNE HILL —

OVER 40 STALLS INCLUDING:



BBQ



FOOD VANS



FACEPAINTING



HANDMADE
CRAFTS



HOMEWARES
& GIFTS

SHOP LOCAL ♥ SUPPORT LOCAL ♥ BUILD COMMUNITY





Van Walker Trio & Sarah Carroll

A special evening of captivating live music and storytelling by the Van Walker Trio and local favourite Sarah Carroll. The acclaimed Van Walker Trio return to Queenscliff, bringing their masterful storytelling and lush 'chamber folk' music, combining guitar, cello, dobro and soaring vocal harmonies.

The beloved Sarah Carroll writes and sings songs that chime with sincerity. Promoting her latest EP 'Get Low', Sarah will be playing new songs and old favourites.

Fri 4th Sep

7 PM - \$25

Sliding Scale available



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St Kilda Film Festival

Join us on Sunday, September 13, at 2 PM in Queenscliff for the St Kilda Film Festival, Australia's longest-running short film festival. The event features two sessions from Australia's Top Short Films Competition: 'Award Winners' and 'Director's Choice'. Enjoy light refreshments during the intermission and a wine bar starting at 1:30 PM. The program runs until about 5 PM, with tickets priced at \$25. Please note that some films may require parental guidance for viewers under 15.

Sun 13th Sep

2 PM - \$25



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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