



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.

November 2026 NEWSLETTER

November at a Glance

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga All Saints service
Saturday 7th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Wednesday 11 th	3.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 15 th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Sunday 22 nd	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 29 th	10.00am	Worship – Michele Hardy

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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Communications

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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.

Church Roster December, January and February

It's time for the church roster to be set for the months of December, January and February. Can you please have your dates of inability in the book at the back of the church by Sunday 8th November. 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.

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.

Bike Ride Marshals

November will be the month to register with the Tennis Club for Marshalling at the Cadel Evans Bike Race to be held on

**Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, and the main days of
Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st of January.**

Please contact Jacquie Payne on 0439 384091 if you can help on any of these days.



Summary of Church Council Meeting of 14th October 2026

- . It has been brought to our attention that there is a lack of sufficient numbers to take on the roles of Greeters and Stewards, to the point where the roster is becoming most difficult to fulfill. To this end we have suggested, that where necessary, the stewards may need to double up and welcome newcomers when they arrive. Volunteers to help out on the roster would be most welcome (remembering that these volunteers must have a Working with Children check so that we remain a Safe Church)
- . The role of Presbytery Representative is once again vacant. A new rep will be sought.
- . Permission has been granted (along with our thanks) to arrange the installation of the Advent labyrinth for 2026
- . In the spirit of our reciprocal relationship with the Tennis Club, we will provide a copy of our Church Council summary to the leaders of the club. In return, we will request updates from the tennis clubs leadership team so that we may become more involved in the life of the tennis club where appropriate.
- . The date for our Community Carols has been chosen. We will hold the carols at 7pm, Sunday 20th December. There will NOT be a 10am service on this day so we would encourage everyone to join us at the evening service.
- . Our Geelong Baptist partners have offered to purchase a new keyboard for the church. We are happy to accept this generous offer.



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Gifts For Families. Thanks to you.

Your support will help us make sure there are gifts under every Christmas tree in our local community.

Gift Suggestions

Outdoor games, frisbees, balls, cricket sets, board games, puzzles, building blocks, Lego, dolls, action figures, dinosaurs, cars, trucks, trains, headphones/speakers, make up packs, perfume/aftershave, teenage gift cards, general gift cards.

Food suggestions

Christmas treats, Christmas cake, biscuits, chocolates, plum puddings, sauces & toppings

Donate online, visit: unitingvictas.org.au/local-christmas and press the DONATE NOW button.

Donate a gift: Please leave at Reception or drop off at
Uniting Barwon: 39A Rose Avenue Norlane by Friday 4th December



Uniting is the community services organisation
of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



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Every child
deserves a
happy Christmas.



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

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

Williamstown Uniting Church
Electra Street

150th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, 27th Nov, 7 pm– 9:30 pm

Opening Event with Songs & Music
Free ticketed event – See QR code or use link
<https://www.trybooking.com/DOTTR>

Saturday 28th Nov

Children's Activities **10 am – Noon**
History Tours & Talks **10 am – 2.30pm**
Devonshire Teas \$5.00 **Noon– 2.30 pm**

Sunday 29th Nov 10.00 am – 1 pm

Commemorative Service

Special Guest Speaker – Uniting Church President
Rev Charissa Suli

Gather Your Family, Friends, and Neighbours to Celebrate
150 Years of Faith, Community & Looking Towards the
Future!

Use QR Code for FREE tickets for Friday
night's event

For more Information see

<https://williamstown.ucavictas.org.au>



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.

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.