

Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

December 2026 / January 2027 NEWSLETTER

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.

December at a Glance

Saturday 5th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship— Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship— No service
	6.30pm	Carols Tea
	7.00pm	Community Carols
Thursday 24th	11.30pm	Welcoming Christmas Quietly
Friday 25th	9.00am	Christmas Day
Sunday 27th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

January at a Glance

Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Worship – Michele Hardy

Church Office Hours & Staff Leave

The office will be closed from **Saturday 26th December** and re-open on **Friday 22nd January 2027**.

Taking into account time in lieu Jan will be away as follows:

Jan Grigg from Christmas until January 6th

There will be no pew sheet until **Sunday 24th January 2027** and the monthly newsletter for February will be available on **Sunday 31st January 2027**.

Contact Details

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0400 664 991

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

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Office hours:

Wed: 1.30pm-3.30pm

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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 December 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.

Community Carols

Community Carols will be held on **Sunday 20th December at 7.00pm** and before this you are welcome to bring a plate to share to enjoy fellowship starting at **6.30pm**.
There will be no morning service held on this Sunday.

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.







LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS:

During Advent there will be free organ recitals each Monday at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, from 12.30 - 1.15pm.

Admission is free. No booking required. Just come in and enjoy!

Monday November 30 Peter Nicholson
Monday December 7 Ria Polo
Monday December 14 Jennifer Chou and students
Monday December 21 Frank De Rosso



David van Elst & Making Harmony

Join us at Uniting Queenscliff for a cherished Christmas tradition featuring David van Elst's annual concert. Enjoy a selection of festive music in our beautiful Chapel. This year, we'll offer relaxed festive nibbles and sparkling drinks instead of a sit-down dinner.

Wed 9th Dec

7.30 PM CONCERT

THE CHAPEL
CNR HESSE & STOKES



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**