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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 8 NOVEMBER 2026**

# *Western Heights Uniting Church*

**Notice Sheet Sunday 8th November 2026 – 10.00am Worship**

## Please Pray for:

Church Council

***Birthdays*:** Ian Wood 10th
Allister Coots 10th

*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:

Time heals what reason cannot.

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## Diary for This Week

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| **Sunday 8th** | 10.00am | Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga |
| **Wednesday 11th** | 3.30pm | Church Council Meeting |
| **Thursday 12th** | 8.00pm | Musicians & Singers Music Practice |

## Diary for Next Week

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| **Sunday 15th** | 10.00am | Worship – Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga<br>Communion |

## Minister and Pastoral Care

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

# 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 by zoom. 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 Wed 27th, Thurs 28th, and the main days of Sat 30th and Sun 31st of January.
Please contact Jacquie Payne on 0439 384091 if you can help on any of these days.

**Tasks people are doing today.**
**8th November 2026**
**Vestry Steward:** Roger Dingle
**Reader**: Annette Chidzey
**Stewards**: Colin Rookes, Maralann Damiano
**Greeter:** Vanessa Thomson
**Morning Tea**: Catherine Van Zetten, Michele Hardy
**Hall Cleaner:** Bruce Waldron
**Musicians:** Candice, Nathan Gibson, Andrew Ryan, Liv Ryan
**Singers:** Ashley Payne, Jacquie Payne
**PA/Data:** Sharn Waldron / Jan Grigg

# Spring Market

Final results for our Spring Market are as follows –

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| Sale of vendor sites | $1,700.00 |
| WHUC "Linen" stall | $837.20 |
| WHUC Plant stall | $247.00 |
| TOTAL | $2,537.20 |

This exceeds last year's Easter Market total of $2,484.
A big and sincere thank you to Chris Rookes and her team, as well as all those others who helped in so many different ways, for this excellent result.

# 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 **today** 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.

**Tasks people are doing next week.**
**15th November 2026**
**Vestry Steward:** Helen Sleep
**Reader**: Jenni Harper
**Stewards**: Glenn Chidzey, Geoff Everett
**Greeter:** Joan Murphy
**Morning Tea**: Barbara Everett, Jean Payne
**Hall Cleaner:** Neil Douglas
**Musicians:** Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron
**Singers:** Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Catherine Van Zetten
**PA/Data:** Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

**JOSHUA 24: 1-3a, 14-25**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem

**MATTHEW 25: 1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.