

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

25 Aug: Stephen Connelly, Lyn Ellery

1 Sept: Lyn & Terry McCredden

Flowers (Castlemaine)

25 Aug: Margot Foley

1 Sept: Margot Foley

Counting money (Castlemaine)

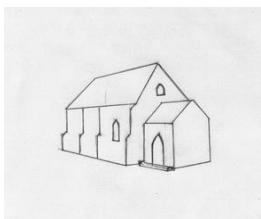
25 Aug: Peter Cole, Jim Foley

1 Sept: Stephen Connelly, Jim Mein

Elders on duty (Castlemaine)

Aug: Karyn Moloney, Peter Cole

Sept: Thirla Frankling, Helen Johnstone



Readers (Harcourt)

25 Aug: George

1 Sept: Robyn Y

Cleaning & morning tea (Harcourt)

August: Robyn Y & friends

Sept: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

August: Robyn Y

Sept: Diane

This week

Sun: **Weekly Lunch Club**, Blackbird, Barker Street, Castlemaine, after church

Tues: **Presbytery Meeting**, Cohuna Uniting Church, 10am to 2pm

Wed: **Dad's Army cuppa**, Garden Shed Castlemaine Church, 10am

Fri: **Harcourt Coffee Hour**, Harcourt General Store, 10.30am

Fri: **Peace vigil labyrinth walk** at Christ Church Anglican, 5pm, a joint Anglican and Uniting Church initiative



Castlemaine District Uniting Church

consisting of the churches of Castlemaine and Harcourt and the faith community Sipwell

Parish Minister

Rev Sarah Tomilson

phone: 0433 508 315 (not Monday)

Castlemaine District Uniting Church recognises that we meet on Dja Dja Wurrung Country. We acknowledge their Elders with respect and pray for reconciliation and justice for all First Peoples.

25 August 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Seasons of creation

Each year from 1 to 29 September the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

It is a time when we celebrate God as creator and acknowledge creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. More info at seasonofcreation.org

Once again, we join this international ecumenical movement on caring for God's beautiful earth, our home. Sunday worship throughout September will focus on creation, ending with the blessing of the animals on the last Sunday of the month.

We will join churches around the region in ringing our bells for climate justice. We will join the interfaith movement to support our Pacific neighbours who are feeling the effects of rising sea levels. If there are ways you wish to get involved, please talk to Sarah.

Walking together

The Uniting Church in our region is blessed and unique in Victoria in having a First Nations person ministering in our midst – Rev Will Pickett. What can we learn from Uncle Will about God's grace and the healing of country? And what can we continue to learn about walking together with our neighbours?

Questions like these will form the agenda for the Presbytery's [Walking Together in Covenant](#) Committee.

Castlemaine congregation members have had a long and faithful engagement with Nalderun. Is there someone from the Castlemaine region who might consider sharing their wisdom and insights by serving for a time on the committee? If so, talk to Sarah (0433 508 315), or Tim Angus (0400 383 628), who has been appointed the committee's convenor.

Margaret Crammond

It is with great sadness that we tell you of the death of our sister in Christ, Margaret Crammond. We will be holding Margaret and her family in prayer at this time. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 29 August, 2pm, at Castlemaine Uniting Church.

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Angela Sye, Col & the Richmond family, Margaret Crammond's family, Bev & Wes Campbell, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, Helen & Ron Johnston, Lyn & Terry McCredden and their family, Fay & Terry White, Ann Ferguson, Heather Mansell and her family, Simon Biggs and his wife Irja and mother-in-law Aune (who has terminal cancer).

Nalderun fresh food share

It's Nalderun fresh food share day again on Monday 25 August. Any contributions of fresh food, particularly vegetables for soups or roasting, are very welcome. They go to around 14 families. Please bring fresh food to Fay at church, or let her know on 0447 576 642 if you'd like produce picked up early on Monday morning. Or you can deliver goods direct to the rear of Continuing Ed building in Castlemaine between 9.45 and 10am on Monday.

Film: Last ecstatic days

As part of Dying to Know Day, Nici Wright and others are screening [The Last Ecstatic Days](#), a beautiful documentary about what palliation and death care in the home can look like.

The film runs for an hour and will be followed by an informal discussion – including about a group in Castlemaine that is starting to look at these issues. No charge, but a gold coin donation to pay for the film and hall hire would be appreciated.

Wesley Hill Market Hall, Sun 25 August, 6pm.
www.thelastecstaticdaysmovie.com

Pic on front: Black-shouldered kite, Moolort Plains, 16/8/24, by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#)

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