

Rosters

Morning tea (Castlemaine)

1 Dec: Karyn Moloney, Bev Straw

8 Dec: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone

Flowers (Castlemaine)

1 Dec: Lyn McCredden

8 Dec: Margaret Rees Jones

Counting money (Castlemaine)

1 Dec: Stephen Connelly, Jim Mein

8 Dec: John Boyle, Lyn Ellery

Elders on duty (Castlemaine)

Dec: Martha R Hills, Peter Cole



Readers (Harcourt)

1 Dec: Diane

8 Dec: Peter

Cleaning & morning tea (Harcourt)

Dec: Jan, Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

Dec: Diane, Jan, Marie

This week

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

Tues: **Advent meditation**, Castlemaine
Chapel, 8am

Tues: **Prayer meeting**, C'maine Church, 11am

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

Wed: **Crafty Ladies** Christmas afternoon tea,
June's place, 12 Nolan St, 2pm

Wed: **Peaceful Night**, C'maine Church, 7pm

Thurs: **Newstead Congregational Coffee**, Dig
Café, Newstead, 1.30pm

Thurs: **Poetry for Advent** discussion group,
Castlemaine Chapel, 4pm

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

Fri: **Peace walk**, Anglican labyrinth, 5pm



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.

1 December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Communion

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Robyn Yeoward, Gwynne & Jim Henderson, Bev & Wes Campbell, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, Helen & Ron Johnston, Lyn & Terry McCredden & family, Simon Biggs, Irja & Aune, Adrian & Alison Pegler.

Please let Sarah know if you wish to be removed from the prayer list. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please speak to Sarah or your elders. If you are newer to the church, curious about eldership, or wondering who your elder is, please speak to Sarah or one of the elders. Also, always ask permission before suggesting someone for the prayer list. Blessings, Sarah

Who are our elders?

Solway Nutting (Harcourt), Teeshia Fitzgerald, Thirla Frankling, Lyn Ellery, Helen Johnstone, Bev Campbell, Karyn Moloney, Peter Cole, Martha Ruth Hills

Morning Advent meditation

Please join us for our Advent meditation series, as we explore stories of love from the Johannine tradition. We will sit in Christian meditation for 10 minutes, share a reading and a reflection, then end with a song. Doors open 7.50am. Please enter and leave in silence. At Castlemaine Uniting Church Chapel, Tuesday mornings 8am–8.30am, on 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec.

This is a joint offering of the Anglican and Uniting churches of Castlemaine.

Enquiries: Samantha Bews 0478 636 718, Danni Moore 5472 1132

Travelling through Advent

For those interested in deepening their experience of Advent, please join us for conversation and reflection using Janet Morley's book *Haphazard by Starlight: a poem a day from Advent to Epiphany*.

At Castlemaine Church, Thursdays to 19 Dec, 4pm–5.30pm. RSVP to Sarah, or just show up!

Listen back to sermons

You can listen back to Sunday sermons at <https://soundcloud.com/uca-castlemaine> and <https://castlemaine.ucavictas.org.au/news/>

Peaceful night

At a time when the yearning for peace is a cry from the heart, come and restore your soul with a night of singing and replenishment. Hosted by the Peace Choir with guest choirs from around the region and supported by the Uniting Church. At Castlemaine Uniting Church, Wednesday 4 Dec, 7pm. Free entry.

'A wonderful sound'

Our thanks to the brass ensemble from the Thompson Foundry Band who provided the music for our service at Castlemaine last Sunday. As one person said, the four of them 'made a wonderful sound.' Their bouncy rendition of 'Dominique' at the end of the service had toes tapping and faces smiling.

Bushfire season

Are you prepared for the fire season? Synod has put together a helpful checklist of what you need to do to prepare.

There are 45 questions with boxes to tick or to write your planned action. Go to victas.uca.org.au and search "surviving bushfire checklist"

Coffee cup challenge

Now that the Christmas boxes have been collected, please consider supporting the Coffee Cup Challenge. Many people throughout Victoria need our help, not just at Christmas time, but through the year. Special money boxes will be available from Sunday 1 Dec. Please ask Margot (Castlemaine) or Marie (Harcourt) for one.

The idea is this. Each time you have coffee or tea (or any drink) with a friend, consider putting some small change into this money box. At our Pancake Morning Tea (date TBA), bring along your money box. Donations will be sent to [Uniting](#) fundraising for distribution for those in dire need of housing or food assistance. With thanks, Marie Twyford (for [Uniting](#) fundraising)

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