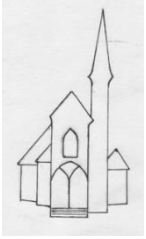


## Rosters



### Morning tea (Castlemaine)

15 Dec: Fay White, Martha Ruth Hills  
22 Dec: Stephen Connelly, Lyn Ellery

### Flowers (Castlemaine)

15 Dec: Louise Johnson  
22 Dec: Bev Campbell

### Counting money (Castlemaine)

15 Dec: Barbara Wayn, Bev Staw  
22 Dec: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

### Elders on duty (Castlemaine)

Dec: Martha Ruth Hills, Peter Cole



### Readers (Harcourt)

15 Dec: Jan  
22 Dec: Diane Dooley

### Cleaning & morning tea (Harcourt)

Dec: Jan, Marie & friends

### Flowers (Harcourt)

Dec: Diane, Jan, Marie

## This week

Sun 15th: **Ecumenical family Christmas** service, Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, 4pm

Tue: **Advent meditation**, C'maine Chapel, 8am

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

Wed: **Elders' meeting**, 108 Lyttleton St, 5pm

Thurs: **Advent poetry discussion group**, Castlemaine Chapel, 4pm

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.

## 15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

## Services

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church  
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



## Readings

Malachi 3: 1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## Botanical Gardens service

There will be a Family Christmas Service in the gardens on Sun 15 Dec. Churches around the shire will join forces once again for carol singing, storytelling and sharing the Christmas message of peace. Bring your family and friends and a picnic! Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, Sun 15 Dec, 4pm.

## Carols at Yandoit

A carol service will be held at Yandoit Bush Church on Fri 20 Dec at 7pm. All welcome.

## Christmas Day services

Harcourt 8.30am, Castlemaine 9.30am.

## 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 one of the elders. Also, always ask permission before suggesting someone for the prayer list. Blessings, Sarah

## News of Joan Sheen

Margot and Jim Foley visited Joan Sheen in Cowes on Phillip Island last week. Joan sends kind regards to everyone.

## Help with a lift?

Norman Nettleton is now in residential care at Maldon Hospital complex and has asked if anyone could give him an occasional lift to church. His number is 5475 2000.

## Good Christmas reading

The latest editions of the Uniting Church magazines [Crosslight](#) and our presbytery's [River of Life](#) (containing photos and a story about Harcourt's recent concert) are available in our foyers.

Copies of the report on the recent presbytery meeting are also available.

## Nalderun fresh food share

If you have fresh fruit or vegetables to share or donate, please contact Fay on 0447 576 642 or deliver goods to the rear of Continuing Ed (back of Town Hall), Castlemaine, on Monday at 9.45am. Thanks!

## Coffee cup challenge

Please consider taking part in the Coffee Cup Challenge in the next few months. This is an easy way to assist those in need. When you meet friends and have coffee (or tea or Bonox!), put your change into the money box available from Margot (Castlemaine) or Marie (Harcourt). The challenge runs until Shrove Tuesday (4 March) next year. Funds will be collected at our Congregational Pancake Day Morning Tea – date to be decided. Marie T

## Christmas cards – thanks

Many thanks to those who purchased Uniting Christmas cards this year. Thirty-six packs were sold, raising \$450 for [Uniting](#). This included a donation. Thank you to those who contribute a little more. Every dollar helps those in our state who need our assistance. Marie T



Above: Peace Choir performed at Peaceful Night, at Castlemaine Uniting Church on Wed 4 Dec.

## Listen back to sermons

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

## News sheet contact

Information for the news sheet? Please contact Josh Meadows: [joshuameadows@bigpond.com](mailto:joshuameadows@bigpond.com)

This week's cover star: Rainbow bee eater, Newstead (pic by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#))