

## Rosters

### Morning tea (Castlemaine)

8 Dec: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone

15 Dec: Fay White, Martha Ruth Hills

### Flowers (Castlemaine)

8 Dec: Margaret Rees Jones

15 Dec: Louise Johnson

### Counting money (Castlemaine)

8 Dec: John Boyle, Lyn Ellery

15 Dec: Barbara Wayn, Bev Staw

### Elders on duty (Castlemaine)

Dec: Martha R Hills, Peter Cole



### Readers (Harcourt)

8 Dec: Peter

15 Dec: Jan

### Cleaning & morning tea (Harcourt)

Dec: Jan, Marie & friends

### Flowers (Harcourt)

Dec: Diane, Jan, Marie

## This week

Sun: **Weekly lunch club**, Blackbird, Barker Street, Castlemaine, after church

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

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

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

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

Sat: **Yandoit Sacred**, Yandoit Bush Church, 2pm to 4pm, followed by afternoon tea

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



## 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.

## 8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

## Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

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

## Yandoit Sacred

At Yandoit Sacred we'll reflect on the themes of family, belonging and peace in relation to the year that has been. In a festive spirit, you may like to bring a favourite treat from your family's tradition, or just bring yourself!

It's at Yandoit Bush Church, Sat 14 Dec, 2pm to 4pm, followed by afternoon tea.

## Botanical Gardens service

There will be a Family Christmas Service in the gardens on 15 December. The 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 on Sunday 15 December at 4pm.

## Carols at Yandoit

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

## Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Robyn Yeoward, Gwynne & Jim Henderson, Bev & Wes Campbell, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, Helen & Ron Johnston, Lyn & Terry McCredde & 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

## Act2: future of the Church

The Assembly has written via councils and congregations throughout Australia inviting contributions to the continuation of the Act2 project. Act2 is a transformational change project that hopes to discern and decide on the future of the Uniting Church.

Parish members may be interested in the draft terms of reference of two whole-of-church commissions that are being established. I have added the Assembly's letter to the [News](#) section of the Parish website:

<https://castlemaine.ucavictas.org.au/news/>

Stephen

## December Crosslight

The Christmas edition of the Uniting Church magazine [Crosslight](#) is in the foyers with a wide range of stories and pictures about what is going on in churches across Victoria. It includes a visit to the team of people that raises thousands of dollars from selling used stamps.

## Presbytery report

Copies of a report on the November meeting of the Loddon-Mallee our presbytery from our reps, Margot and Jim Foley, are available in the foyer. The full presbytery documents are available from Jim: [jimbofol@bigpond.com](mailto:jimbofol@bigpond.com)



## 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: A mistletoe bird feeding its baby (pic by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#))