

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

2 March: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone

9 March: Gwynne Henderson, Margaret RJ

Flowers (Castlemaine)

2 March: Margot Foley

9 March: no flowers during Lent

Counting money (Castlemaine)

2 March: Stephen Connelly, John Boyle

9 March: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

Elders on duty

March: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney



Readers (Harcourt)

2 March: George

9 March: Robyn F

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

March: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

March: Diane

I know in my heart that peace is possible.

I know it is possible in your life, and I know it is possible in mine.

I know it is possible for our children, our grandchildren, and the generations that follow.

But I also know that it is only possible if this peace begins with each of us.

Peace is built with every small and large act of forgiveness.

— Desmond Tutu



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.

2 March 2025

Transfiguration Sunday
Communion

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

This week

Mon: **Shared reading**, toy library, Castlemaine Uniting Church buildings, 2pm

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

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

Wed: **Ash Wednesday** service, 11am at Harcourt Church, 5pm at Castlemaine Church.

Wed: **Crafty Ladies**, at June's place, 2pm

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

Fri: **World Day of Prayer** gathering, Victory Park, 4pm, followed by **Peace vigil** labyrinth walk at Christ Church Anglican, 5pm

Win Hocking

It is with great sadness we share the news of the death of our sister in Christ, Win Hocking, last Sunday morning. Our prayers and love are with her and her family. Win's funeral will be at Castlemaine Church on Tues 11 March, 2pm.

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Win Hocking's family, Jim & Janet Trudgeon, Brendan Walker, Keith Loiterton, Robyn Yeoward, Gwynne Henderson & family, Bev & Wes Campbell, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, 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

Sarah will be a bit late to the morning service at Castlemaine as she'll be joining Pancake Day at Harcourt. We'll be in the capable hands of Rev Jim Foley to start us off.

World Day of Prayer

A simple joint ecumenical service involving all the churches in the Shire. Please bring picnic rugs or foldable chairs. After the service we'll walk to the Anglican Church to join the weekly 5pm peace vigil and labyrinth prayer walk. Victory Park, Friday 7 March, 4pm.

Harcourt: flipping great!

Harcourt congregation will enjoy a pancake morning tea today (2 Mar). It is also a chance to bring along your Coffee Cup Challenge containers. Thank you for supporting [Uniting](#).

Castlemaine lunch

Castlemaine congregation will have lunch (including pancakes) together in the Fellowship Room on Sun 9 March. We need some finger food to go with sausages. Dips, sandwiches or little quiches etc would be wonderful. The \$5 per adult donation will go to our Uniting Pancake Day, which celebrates Shrove Tuesday. Please see Margot Foley or Peter Cole if you can contribute some food.

Lenten Bible studies

Four Bible studies, based on the Uniting Church resource, [With love to the world](#), will be held in the toy library room on Thursdays during Lent: 13 and 20 March and 3 and 10 April, starting at 10.30am and finishing by midday. Contact Margot & Jim, jimbofol@bigpond.com or 5472 4604, if you would like to come.

Exploring baptism

For those wishing to reconnect with their own baptism or to explore possibility of being baptised, come join the conversation. Contact Sarah if you are interested.

Fortnightly Tuesdays, Castlemaine Chapel, starting 11 March, 3.30 to 5pm.

Nalderun food share

Note: Nalderun food share, which supplies fresh fruit and vegies to 14 local First Nations families experiencing cost of living pressures, will not collect food on Mon 10 March due to the long weekend. The next food share collection will be on Monday 24 March.

Contact

If you have information for the news sheet, please contact Josh Meadows: joshuameadows@bigpond.com

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