

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

16 March: Lyn Ellery, Nola Stewart

23 March: Thirla Frankling, Peter Cole

Flowers (Castlemaine)

No flowers during Lent

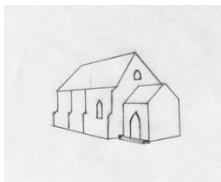
Counting money (Castlemaine)

16 March: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

23 March: Marilyn Thompson, Bev Straw

Elders on duty

March: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney



Readers (Harcourt)

16 March: Solway

23 March: Frances Collins

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

March: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

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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.

16 March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent
Creative worship at Castlemaine

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson
9am at Harcourt Uniting Church
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

This week

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

Tues: **Exploring baptism** group, Parish Office, 4.30–6pm

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

Wed: Midweek **service at Arcare**, 1.30pm

Thurs: **Lenten study**, Toy library, 10.30–noon

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

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

Lenten Bible studies

Four Bible studies, based on the Uniting Church resource, [With love to the world](#), will be held in the toy library on Thursdays during Lent: 20 March, 3 and 10 April, from 10.30am to midday. More info from Margot & Jim: jimbofol@bigpond.com or 5472 4604.

Pancake fundraising

Members and friends of Castlemaine and Harcourt congregations recently enjoyed pancakes and brought along their Coffee Cup Challenge money at morning tea and lunch.

With a few money boxes still to be returned, the amounts are yet to be finalised. Sincere thanks to all who supported these fund-raisers in so many ways. Your generosity will assist those in our communities who are in need.

Marie Twyford, for [Uniting](#).

Exploring baptism

Please note new time and place!

Fortnightly Tuesdays, starting 18 March at 4.30pm, Parish Office.

For those wishing to explore the possibility of being baptised, or to reconnect with their baptism, come and join the conversation. Contact Sarah if you'd like to know more.

Climate conversation

Participate in a discussion about climate change and our response after church at Castlemaine on Sunday 16 March.

This came from the proposal made at our recent Castlemaine AGM about how we may like to support our Pacific neighbours in their call for more action on climate change and rising sea levels.

May everyone feel free to come and listen, to have their voices heard. The intension is to listen to each other, not debate the issues. It's hoped we can make some decisions! Grab a cuppa and then meet back in the church.

Parish council AGM

Following the Parish worship service and morning tea on Sun 30 March, the council will hold its annual general meeting in the Castlemaine church.

If anyone has an item for general business, please advise Stephen Connelly or Terry McCredden.

Council papers for the AGM will be issued via email using the newsletter email list and will also be available in print on Sun 23 March so members can read the papers before the meeting.

Contact

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

Cover star: Juvenile whistling kite, Joyces Creek, Cairn Curran Reservoir, 10 March 2025 (pic by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#))