

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

9 March: Gwynne Henderson, Margaret RJ

16 March: Lyn Ellery, Nola Stewart

Flowers (Castlemaine)

No flowers during Lent

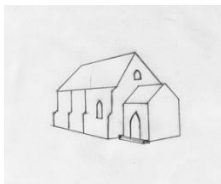
Counting money (Castlemaine)

9 March: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

16 March: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

Elders on duty

March: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney



Readers (Harcourt)

9 March: Robyn F

16 March: Solway

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

March: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

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Castlemaine lunch

Castlemaine congregation will have lunch (including pancakes) together in the Fellowship Room after the service on Sun 9 March. The \$5 per adult donation will go towards the [Uniting Pancake Day](#) appeal.



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.

9 March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

This coming week

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

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

Thurs: **Newstead Congregational Coffee**, Dig Café in Newstead, 1:30pm

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

Fri: **Peace vigil** labyrinth walk at Christ Church Anglican, 5pm, a joint Uniting and Anglican churches initiative

Sat: **Singing Sipwell**, to sing in Autumn, in the small hall behind Castlemaine Church, 5pm

Win Hocking

Win Hocking's funeral will be held at Castlemaine Church on Tues 11 March, 2pm.

Exploring baptism

Attention Exploring baptism group! Our first meeting coincides with Win's funeral, so we'll meet the following Tuesday, 18 March, in the Castlemaine Chapel, time TBC. If you are intrigued by the sound of this group, please contact Sarah for more information.

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 boxes

It is time to return the Coffee Cup Challenge boxes, in which many people have been regularly collecting the cost of a cuppa. Thank you for contributing in this way.

Nalderun food share

Note: Nalderun food share, which supplies fresh fruit and veges 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.

Autumn Sipwell

Sipwell, next Sat 15 March, will be led by Annie, Merrilyn and Judith Tregear, who will take us on a journey of poetry and song, contemplating the season of Autumn. In the small hall behind Castlemaine Church, 5pm. Optional shared meal together afterwards. Enquiries: Fay, 0447 576 642

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.

What's happening...

...in other Uniting Churches?

The Uniting Church is a lot bigger than our gatherings for worship. We are part of an Australia-wide church that has all sorts of things happening in all sorts of places.

In our foyers are copies of *The River of Life*, the [Loddon-Mallee presbytery](#) newssheet that covers our region. The latest edition includes an interesting article by retired minister, Rev Grahame Pogue, on 'A different understanding of sin and grace'. Also available is the latest edition of our Victorian/Tasmanian UCA magazine, [Crosslight](#).

Contact

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