

## Easter Services

### Maundy Thursday, 17 April

Blessing of the Buns, Sprout Bakery, 8.30am  
Taizé Tenebrae service, Castlemaine, 7pm

### Good Friday, 18 April

Harcourt service, 9am  
Castlemaine service, 10am  
Stations of the Cross, starts at St. Mary's, 11am

### Easter Sunday, 20 April

Harcourt service, 9am  
Castlemaine service, 10.30am

## Rosters



### Morning tea (Castlemaine)

13 April: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone  
20 April: Coral Cooper, Margot Foley

### Flowers (Castlemaine)

No flowers during Lent

### Counting money (Castlemaine)

13 April: Stephen Connelly, John Boyle  
20 April: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

### Elders on duty

April: Martha Ruth Hills, Peter Cole



### Readers (Harcourt)

13 April: Peter  
20 April: Nola

### Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

April: Marie & 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.

## 13 April 2025

## Palm Sunday services

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

Castlemaine – those who wish to process into the church, please gather in front of the hall.



## Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19:28-40

## This week

(see also Easter Services, overleaf)

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

Tues: **Exploring baptism group**, Parish Office, 5.30 to 7pm.

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

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

Wed: **Crafty Ladies**, Hot & Crusty Bakery, 2pm

Fri: **Harcourt coffee**, Harcourt General, 10.30

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

Sat: **Easter Saturday Sipwell**, Castlemaine Chapel, 5.00 to 6.30pm

## Working bee

Please join the working bee in the Castlemaine Church on Easter Saturday. Bring your dusters, cloths, cleaning products, vacuums and extension cords. It is always fun and rewarding. 9am start. Teeshia

## Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Josie Milford, 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, Rowan Tong Law.

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

## Harcourt concert

*Music Doesn't Lie* is the name of the next concert at Harcourt Uniting Church. Expect folk song, baroque and traditional Irish music, stories and the Brasslemaine quartet.

Entry donations will go to Asylum Seekers Welcome Centre. Sunday 27 April at 2.30pm. Book with Solway: [solway@mmnet.com.au](mailto:solway@mmnet.com.au) or just come early!

## Sipwell

Holy Saturday is an 'in-between day', a day of waiting. On this day you are welcome to join us as we explore together what it is to wait. You are invited to bring something to share – a story from your own life, a poem, a work of art, something from your faith tradition, a reflection, a song, a struggle or question – that speaks of the difficulties and the gifts of waiting. In the Castlemaine Chapel, Sat 19 April, from 5pm.

## Bible readers

If you would like to be a bible reader in Castlemaine Sunday worship, please email Bev Campbell at [bevvc@yahoo.com](mailto:bevvc@yahoo.com) A new bible reading roster will begin after Easter.

## Exploring baptism

This group meets every second Tuesday at the Parish office. For those wishing to explore the possibility of being baptised or reconnect with their own baptism, join the conversation. Next meeting: Tuesday 15 April. Please contact Sarah if you'd like to know more.

## Offering

Cost of living pressures affect our church too, with an increase in expenses. If it is possible, we would appreciate members re-assessing their weekly offering to see if they can increase their giving amount. If only by a few dollars. It all helps. It also helps if people set up direct debiting with their bank as their preferred way of giving. This means we receive your offering even if you are absent from services.

Our Bendigo Bank details are: BSB 633 000, account 183839406

With kind thanks, Lyn Ellery, Castlemaine Church Treasurer

## Sermons online

If you want to catch up on a sermon you missed (or would like to hear again), they're online at <https://soundcloud.com/uca-castlemaine/tracks> and <https://castlemaine.ucavictas.org.au/news/>

## Contact

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