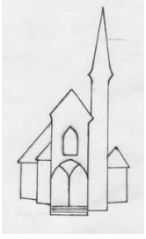


Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

6 April: Karyn Molony, Bev Straw

13 April: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone

Flowers (Castlemaine)

No flowers during Lent

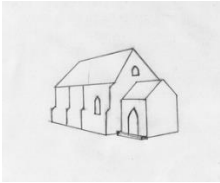
Counting money (Castlemaine)

6 April: Peter Cole, Jim Foley

13 April: Stephen Connelly, John Boyle

Elders on duty

April: Martha Ruth Hills, Peter Cole



Readers (Harcourt)

6 April: Bob

13 April: Peter

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

April: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

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This week

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

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

Thurs: **Lenten study**, Toy library, 10.30am

Thurs: **Newstead coffee**, Dig Café, 1.30pm

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

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



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.

6 April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday next week

Sunday 13 April is Palm Sunday. Please bring gum tree branches to wave! In Castlemaine, the service will begin in front of the church hall and we'll process in. Others may prefer to wait for the procession inside the church.

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.

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

Nalderun food share

Contributions to Nalderun food share, which distributes fresh fruit and vegies to 14 local First Nations families, can be made to Jim & Margot this Sunday, or dropped at Castlemaine Community House on Monday at 8.45am.

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/>

Blessing of the buns

The beloved tradition of blessing the hot cross buns happens every Maundy Thursday at Sprout Bakery at the Mill. Join us on Thurs 17 April at 8.30am before they are sold. A combined churches event with Fr Ian Howarth leading the service this year.

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 or just come early!

Crosslight Easter edition

The Easter edition of [Crosslight](#) magazine is available in our foyers with great articles and pics on what's happening around the Uniting Church...

* What happens to our bodies in the afterlife? Robyn Whitaker, Associate Professor on New Testament at Pilgrim, discusses the nature of resurrected bodies.

* Learn about the 'fruity, scrappy and colourful' people in the 'merry band of misfits' that make up the Coburg congregation.

* Scholarships for students transitioning from primary to secondary being provided by the East Geelong congregation.

* Pet loss and grief are explored.

* Cranbourne congregation's food truck delivers warmth, light and hope, as well as meals, to needy people.

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