

Rosters



Readers (Castlemaine)

23 Nov: Terry McCredden

30 Nov: Barbara Wayn

Morning tea (Castlemaine)

23 Nov: Margaret Boyle, Helen Johnstone

30 Nov: Lyn and Terry McCredden

Flowers (Castlemaine)

23 Nov: Margot Foley

30 Nov: Parish service

Counting money (Castlemaine)

23 Nov: Stephen Connelly, John Boyle

30 Nov: Parish service

Elders on duty

Nov: Teeshia Fitzgerald, Lyn Ellery



Readers (Harcourt)

23 Nov: Frances

30 Nov: TBD (Parish service, Harcourt)

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

Nov: Marie & friends

Dec: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

Nov: Diane

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: George Milford and family, Helen Johnstone, Merle Jenkins, Jim & Janet Trudgeon, Brendan Walker, Keith Loiterton, Robyn Yeoward, Karyn Moloney, 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



Castlemaine District Uniting Church

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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.

23 November 2025

Reign of Christ Sunday
Creative worship at Castlemaine

Services

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



Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

This week

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

Tues: **Presbytery meeting** in Swan Hill

Wed: **Church Council**, Toy Library, 4.30–6pm

Fri: **Harcourt Coffee Hour**, Harcourt General Store, 10am

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

Sat 29th: **Working bee**, Castlemaine church grounds, from 10am, followed by BBQ

Christmas cards are here

[Uniting](#) Christmas cards will be available today for those who ordered them, at Harcourt during morning tea and at Castlemaine after worship. Cards are \$15 a pack, cash only please. With thanks, Marie Twyford

Coffee cup challenge

Cost of living pressures affect many vulnerable people throughout Victoria, especially in the lead up to Christmas. Here's something you can do to help. When you come home from having coffee, tea or hot chocolate etc with a friend, consider putting some change into your Coffee Cup Challenge money box (or any other container). You'll be surprised how quickly this adds up. In February, around Shrove Tuesday, you'll be asked to bring the money to Church. Thank you for making a difference. Marie T

Combatting nuclear threat

This month, the Uniting Church joined with the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons and the Public Health Association of Australia for two days of advocacy with federal MPs from across the political spectrum. Against the backdrop of a rising global nuclear threat, the delegation put compelling arguments to the Labor government to urgently deliver on its long-held party platform to sign and ratify the UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). More info at uniting.church/time-to-ban-nuclear-weapons-forever/

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Front pic: Two bronzewing pigeons and a galah, Muckleford. By Anthony Meade.

Advent morning meditation

All are welcome to a series of gatherings every Tuesday 8am to 8.30am during Advent in the Castlemaine Uniting Church chapel – 2, 9, 16 and 23 December – as we ponder the abundant, unpredictable, multi-faceted nature of 'blessing' in the Gospels. Each week we will hear a reading, followed by a reflection on it. We will then meditate before finishing with a song or carol. Please arrive 7.55am and come and leave in silence. Enquiries Danni Moore 5472 1132. This is a joint offering of the Anglican and Uniting Churches of Castlemaine.

Advent study

On Tuesdays in December we will take a deep poetic dive into Advent: a time of preparation, reflection and deep stillness as we journey towards Christmas. We'll spring from a poem each week, exploring the mystical heart of Advent. Every Tuesday from 2 December until Christmas. RSVP Sarah 0433 508 315 or just show up. Castlemaine Chapel, Tuesdays, 2 Dec to 23 Dec, 4.30pm to 6pm.

Walking group

Join a mindful neighbourhood walking group, Tuesdays at 10am on 25 Nov, 2 Dec and 9 Dec. Invite in the sights, sounds and smells. Experience the blessings of the neighbourhood. Pay attention to the sacredness of place. Meet each other and the spaces that are meaningful to us. Bring a hat and water bottle. RSVP to Ray 0403 560 058. (Starting spot will be conveyed by phone/text.)

Working with children

Do you have a current Working With Children check? Does the parish know about it? Please make sure we do by emailing Jan Jenkin, congregational secretary at Harcourt, who keeps a list of everyone with current checks: johnjanjenkin@hotmail.com. Thank you for cooperating in this. It is important for the parish to comply with the legislation.

Contact

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