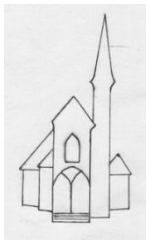


## Rosters



### **Readers (Castlemaine)**

14 Dec: Bev Campbell

21 Dec: Helen Johnstone

### **Morning tea (Castlemaine)**

14 Dec: Lyn Ellery, Nola Stewart

21 Dec: Thirla Frankling, Peter Cole

### **Flowers (Castlemaine)**

14 Dec: Lyn McCredden

21 Dec: Fay White

### **Counting money (Castlemaine)**

14 Dec: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

21 Dec: Marilyn Thompson, Bev Straw

### **Elders on duty**

Dec: Martha Ruth Hills, Peter Cole



### **Readers (Harcourt)**

14 Dec: Robyn F

21 Dec: Solway

### **Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)**

Dec: Jan & friends

### **Flowers (Harcourt)**

Diane



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## Castlemaine District Uniting Church

consisting of the churches of Castlemaine and Harcourt  
and the faith communities Sipwell and Yandoit Sacred

### 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.

## 14 December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

## Services

Elders leading

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



## Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

## This week

Tu: **Advent morning meditation**, C'maine Chapel, 8am

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

Tu: **Advent study**, C'maine Chapel, 4.30–6pm

Wed: **Dad's Army** Christmas party, Toy Library, 10am

Wed: **Arcare** Christmas worship service, 1.30pm

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: **Sipwell carol singing**, Castlemaine Chapel, bring a candle, 4.45 to 6.30pm

Sun 21st: **Yandoit carol service**, Yandoit Bush Church, 7pm

## 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, Baby Perry & his family.

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

## New year's eve party

Elizabeth (Beth) Hannah is having a small gathering at the big tree on her lovely property in Walmer on New Year's Eve and everyone is welcome. Starting around 6.30pm, bring a plate to share, instruments and voices, and a chair or blanket. Horses will be around! Please contact Beth on 0403 753 221 if you'd like to come.

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Front pic: Mistletoebird. Photo by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#).

## Contemplative drawing



Create meaningful symbols for your personal Advent journey, meditating on Christ's birth as a light shining in the darkness. C'maine Church, Thurs 18 Dec, 1pm–2pm.

Please RSVP to Sarah Frazer 0425 839 427

## Advent morning meditation

Each Tuesday morning during Advent, from 8am to 8.30am, a small group gathers in the Castlemaine chapel to ponder the abundant, unpredictable, multi-faceted nature of 'blessing' in the Gospels. Each week we hear a reading, followed by a reflection on it. We then meditate before finishing with a song or carol. Two Tuesdays remain: 16 and 23 Dec. All are welcome. Please arrive 7.55am. Come and leave in silence. A joint offering of the Anglican and Uniting churches of Castlemaine.

Enquiries Danni Moore 5472 1132

## Advent study

On Tuesday afternoons in December, we take a poetic dive into Advent: a time of preparation, reflection and deep stillness as we journey to Christmas. We spring from a poem each week, exploring the mystical heart of Advent.

RSVP Sarah 0433 508 315, or just show up. Castlemaine Chapel, Tuesdays until Christmas, 4.30pm to 6pm.

## News sheet holiday

Next week's news sheet will be the last one for the year. Normal service will resume towards the end of January 2026.

## Contact

If you have information for next week's news sheet, please contact Josh Meadows: [joshuameadows@bigpond.com](mailto:joshuameadows@bigpond.com)