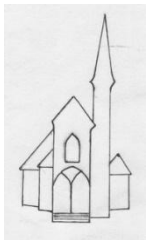


Rosters



Readers (Castlemaine)

7 Dec: Jim Foley

14 Dec: Bev Campbell

Morning tea (Castlemaine)

7 Dec: Fay White, Martha Ruth Hills

14 Dec: Lyn Ellery, Nola Stewart

Flowers (Castlemaine)

7 Dec: Bev Campbell

14 Dec: Lyn McCredden

Counting money (Castlemaine)

7 Dec: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

14 Dec: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

Elders on duty

Dec: Martha Ruth Hills, Peter Cole



Readers (Harcourt)

7 Dec: George

14 Dec: Robyn F

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

Dec: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

Diane



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.

7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Baptism of Annie Hunter at Castlemaine

Services

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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: **Children's spirituality group**, Hub gardens, 10.30am

Sun 14th: **Harcourt congregation AGM**, after the morning service

Baptism

Today at Castlemaine Uniting Church we celebrate the baptism of Annie Hunter. We warmly welcome Annie's family and friends who are attending today.

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

Musos at Maxi

There's a second chance to hear carols at Maxi IGA. Young players from Just Brass gave a great performance of carols at Maxi IGA last Monday and will play there again tomorrow (Monday) from 3.45pm. Just Brass is a Salvation Army program that encourages students at primary schools to learn a brass instrument. Come along and encourage them.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped at last Saturday's successful working bee in the grounds of Castlemaine church. There was a good turnout and the difference is noticeable!

Advent morning meditation

All are welcome to a gathering, 8am to 8.30am every Tuesday during Advent 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. Three remain: 9, 16 and 23 Dec. Please arrive 7.55am. Come and leave in silence. Enquiries Danni Moore 5472 1132. A joint offering of the Anglican and Uniting Churches of Castlemaine.

Advent study

On Tuesdays in December we take a deep poetic dive into Advent: a time of preparation, reflection and deep stillness as we journey towards 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.

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

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Front pic: Black-faced cuckoo shrike on nest, Muckfild state forest, 27 Nov 2025. Photo by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#).