

Rosters



Readers (Castlemaine)

1 Mar: TBA

8 Mar: TBA

Morning tea (Castlemaine)

1 Mar: Carol Swain, Helen Johnstone

8 Mar: Fay White, Martha Ruth Hills

Flowers (Castlemaine)

Flower roster will start from Easter Sunday

Counting money (Castlemaine)

1 Mar: Marilyn Thompson, Bev Straw

8 Mar: Peter Cole, Jim Foley

Elders on duty

Mar: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney



Readers (Harcourt)

1 Mar: Solway

8 Mar: Diane

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

Feb: Jan & friends

Mar: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

No flowers during Lent



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.

1 March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Teeshia Fitzgerald

9am at Harcourt Uniting Church

10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: everyone affected by the Harcourt bushfires as well as Merle Jenkins, Bev & Wes Campbell, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, Adrian & Alison Pegler, George Milford, Peter Cole.

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. Thank you, Sarah

This week

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

W: **Lenten meditation**, C'maine Chapel, 8am

W: **Crafty Ladies**, Parish Office, 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

Pancakes, Castlemaine

Please support [Uniting](#) by purchasing some delicious pancakes in the Castlemaine Chapel after the service on Sunday 1 March. (Gluten free pancakes will be available too.)

Moderator visits Harcourt

Last Monday, Rev Salesi Faupula, our Moderator for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, popped into Harcourt church for afternoon tea. He wished to show us his support and encouragement after the fires – and what encouragement he offered! We even had a spontaneous sing-a-long. It was a blessing to be together.

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/>

Welcoming new members

We recognise that all who come to church are part of our church family, but there is a tradition in our church to deepen that commitment by becoming a member in acknowledging either Harcourt or Castlemaine as your church community. There will be a commissioning and welcoming service on Sunday 8 March. If you'd like to know more about this, please give me a call. Sarah 0433 508 315

Lent: morning meditations

This year, our Lenten meditation series focusses on most of the 'I Am' statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John. We will explore the vivid yet mysterious wisdom of this week's 'I Am' statement, then move into a time of meditation, before finishing with a song. All welcome. Arrive at 7.55am for an 8am start. Wednesday mornings 4/3, 11/3, 18/3 and 25/3 in the Castlemaine UC chapel. This is a joint offering of the Anglican and Uniting Churches. Enquiries: Danni Moore, 5472 1132.

Shared reading

Shared Reading is on Monday afternoons, 2pm to 4pm, in the Toy Library, Castlemaine Uniting. All are welcome to share in the reading of a short story and a poem selected by the convenors. We read together and enjoy a discussion of the characters, themes and life experiences of the literature. Enquiries: Lyn McCredden, 0418 366 774.

Stamps

Did you receive a few Christmas cards and keep the stamps? Please continue to save them for [Sammy Stamp](#). Remember to cut the envelope leaving a 1cm margin around the stamp. Bring your collection to Solway (Harcourt) or hand it to a member of Church Council to pass it on. Thank you.

Contact

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

Front pic: Black kite, by Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](#)