

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

22 Mar: Thirla Frankling & Peter Cole

29 Mar: Linda Roe, Annie Hunter

Flowers (Castlemaine)

Flower roster will start from Easter Sunday

Counting money (Castlemaine)

22 Mar: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

29 Mar: Parish service

Elders on duty

Mar: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney



Readers (Harcourt)

22 Mar: Stephen

29 Mar: Parish service, Castlemaine

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

Mar: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

No flowers during Lent

This week

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

Tu: **Pastoral care team**, C'maine Chapel, 11.30

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

Th: **Harcourt leadership meeting**, Harcourt Church tearoom, 1pm

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



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)

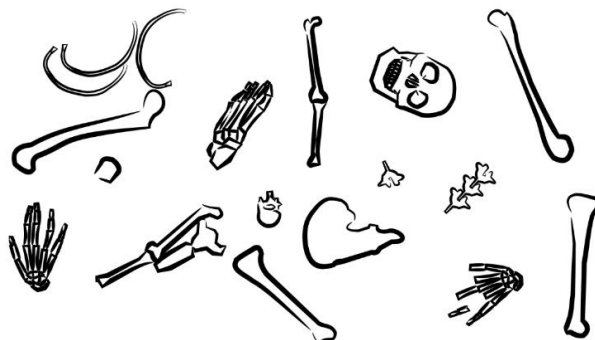
Castlemaine District Uniting Church recognises that we meet on Dja Dja Wurrung Country. We acknowledge their Elders with respect and pray for reconciliation and justice for all First Peoples.

22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am Harcourt Uniting
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting



Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: everyone affected by the Harcourt bushfires, as well as Ray Stevenson, Florence Stevens' family, 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

Sharing the sermons

Preachers from within and outside our congregation will give us the reflection/sermon every second Sunday after Easter. Rising from a need for a little breathing space, this provides a lovely opportunity to hear from multiple voices. I'll continue to be with you and lead worship every Sunday – except for the annual week of rest after Easter:) Blessings, Sarah

Lent: morning meditations

Next week, Wed 25/3, is the last chance to gather as part of our Lenten meditation series. We've left Holy Week free for people to observe in other ways. Arrive in silence at 7.55am for an 8am start at the Uniting Church chapel. A joint offering of the Castlemaine Anglican and Uniting Churches. Danni Moore, 5472 1132

Thank you!

Thanks to the pancake eaters and the coffee (and tea) drinkers and the generosity of Castlemaine and Harcourt congregations and friends, \$968.80 has been forwarded to [Uniting](#). (Castlemaine pancakes: \$279.60, Coffee Cup Challenge \$440.10. Harcourt total: \$249.10.)

A message from [Uniting](#) HQ to us: "Thank you for making a difference through the Coffee Cup Challenge. Castlemaine District Parish's contribution means we can be there for people doing it tough. Whether it's keeping a roof over their heads, putting food on the table or accessing mental health support – your kindness will provide hope to many. We are deeply grateful for the care and compassion you show for people experiencing hardship in our communities." Marie Twyford (for [Uniting](#))

Palm Sunday parish service

We'll celebrate our fifth Sunday of the month Parish Service on Palm Sunday, 29 March, at Castlemaine Uniting Church at 10.30am.

Elders will meet over lunch after the Palm Sunday service.

Easter services

Maundy Thursday 2 April

8am Blessing of the Buns, Sprout Bakery The Mill
7pm Foot washing & Tenebrae Service, C'maine

Good Friday 3 April

9am Harcourt
10am Castlemaine
11am Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday 5 April

9am Harcourt
10.30am Castlemaine

Holy Saturday

At 9.30am on Holy Saturday all are welcome to a morning of connection and preparation as we ready the church for Easter Sunday. Only light cleaning duties required, such as pew polishing and preparing the Easter candle. There will be coffee and cake. No need to RSVP.

Next Harcourt concert

The next Harcourt Church concert will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 12 April. Put the date in your diary! There will be a great line-up of performers and afternoon tea. Donations will go to the Harcourt Bushfire Relief Fund.

Wednesday men's group

This new group for men will meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is Wed 1 April at 9.30am. For more info please contact Peter Cole at church or on 0427 724 280.

Contact

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

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