

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

29 Mar: Linda Rowe, Annie Hunter

5 April: Karyn Moloney, Clara Bailey

Flowers (Castlemaine)

Easter Sunday: Please bring flowers/foilage from your gardens to decorate the cross

Counting money (Castlemaine)

29 Mar: Parish service

5 April: Marilyn Thompson, Bev Straw

Elders on duty

Mar: Lyn Ellery, Karyn Moloney

June: Teeshia Fitzgerald, Helen Johnstone



Readers (Harcourt)

29 Mar: Parish service, Castlemaine

3 April: Jan (Good Friday)

5 April: Nola (Easter Day)

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

April: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

Flowers in Church again from Easter Day

April: Diane

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, Tony and Sam.

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



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)

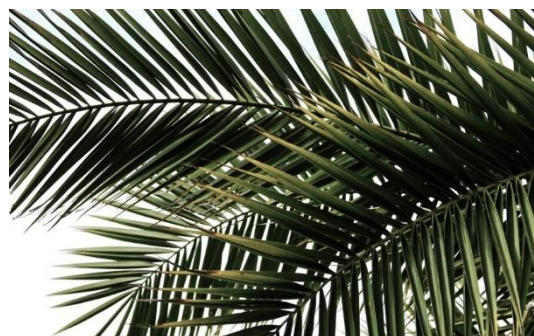
Castlemaine District Uniting Church recognises that we meet on Dja Dja Wurrung Country. We acknowledge their Elders with respect and pray for reconciliation and justice for all First Peoples.

29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

Rev Sarah Tomilson and
Rev Jim Foley

Parish Service
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting



Readings

Psalm 118
Matthew 21:1-11

This week, Holy Week

Sun 29/3: **Elders' lunch**, Toy Library (after a cuppa in the Chapel), lunch provided

Sun 29/3: **Barry's 80th**, C'maine Botanical Gardens, 1pm 'til dusk, BYO everything

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

Wed: **Men's group**, C'maine shed, 9.30am

Wed: **Crafty Ladies**, Parish Office, 1.30pm

Th: **Blessing of the Buns**, Sprout Bakery, 8am

Th: **Tenebrae** service and foot washing, 7pm

Good Friday: Harcourt 9am, C'maine 10am

Fri: **Stations of the Cross** starting at St Mary's Church, 11am

Fri: **Peace vigil labyrinth walk** at Christ Church Anglican, 5pm

Sat: **Preparing** the church for Easter, 9.30am

Sun 5/4: **Daylight saving** ends; clocks back!

Nalderun fresh food share

The next Nalderun fresh food share date is Mon 6 April. The concept is to share excess food from your garden or purchase fresh food for local indigenous families who are struggling with cost-of-living pressures. You can give the food to Fay at church the day before or deliver it to the community garden at the rear of the Continuing Ed building (behind Town Hall) between 9.45 and 10am on the Monday.

Church picnic: new date

Now scheduled for Sat 18 April, noon, Castlemaine Botanical Gardens children's playground. BYO everything. All welcome.

With love to the world

The editor of the popular scripture commentary [With Love to the World](#) has kindly agreed to provide Holy Week commentaries to everyone in our Castlemaine district churches. Copies available this Sunday at the church doors. All are invited to use it during the coming week.

If you would like to subscribe, please contact Karyn Moloney on 5472 3043 or karyn@moloneys.com.au

Easter services

Maundy Thursday 2 April

8am Blessing of the Buns, Sprout Bakery The Mill
7pm Tenebrae service and foot washing, C'maine

Good Friday 3 April

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

Easter Sunday 5 April

9am Harcourt
10.30am Castlemaine

Hot cross buns

Pre-ordering hot cross buns is recommended if coming to the Thurs 8am blessing (see above). hello@sproutfamilybakery.com.au, 0478 435 784

Holy Saturday

At 9.30am on Holy Saturday all are welcome to help as we ready the church for Easter Sunday. Only light cleaning duties required. There will be coffee and cake. No need to RSVP.

Flowers on Easter Day

Please bring flowers and foliage from your garden to decorate the cross (Harcourt and Castlemaine)!

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

Reflecting on love

Suzanne Walshe will run two workshops on Sat 18 April in the church hall's Fellowship Room:

9.30am–noon: Reflecting on love: the journey of the heart and how you want to be loved.

1.30pm–4pm: Reflecting on love: The getting of wisdom: what you have learned on the journey.

To register: suzannewalshe@westnet.com.au, 0433 557 502, cost \$50.