

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

24 May: Thirla Frankling, Peter Cole

31 May: Linda Rowe, Annie Hunter

Flowers (Castlemaine)

24 May: Fay White

31 May: Parish service

Counting money (Castlemaine)

24 May: Peter Cole, Jim Foley

31 May: Parish service

Elders on duty

May: Bev Campbell, Lyn Ellery



Readers (Harcourt)

24 May: Bob

31 May: Parish service

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

May: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

May: Diane

This week

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

Tues: **Pastoral Care Team** meeting,
Castlemaine Chapel, 12.15pm

Wed: **Men's group**, Garden Shed, Castlemaine
Church, 10am

Fri: **Harcourt Coffee Hour**, Harcourt General
Store, 10am

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

Sat: **Presbytery Meeting**, Swan Hill Uniting
Church, 10am to 2pm



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.

24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

George Milford & Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting



Red browed finches by Gayle Marien, c/o iNaturalist

Readings

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Gretchen Hillhouse, Margaret & John Boyle, Beth Norris, Bev Padgham and family, Keith Loiterton, Deane and Marie Belfield, everyone affected by the Harcourt bushfires, Tony Meade's friends and family, Ray Stevenson, 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

Sorry Day

Sorry Day is a day of remembrance to acknowledge the pain and injustice experienced by members of the stolen generations and its lasting impact.

A Sorry Day commemoration will be held at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens (near the playground) on Tues 26 May, 10am to noon. More info on [the Council's website](#).

Six peaks speak

Professor Barry Golding will discuss his book *Six Peaks Speak: Unsettling Legacies in Southern Dja Dja Wurrung Country* at Bendigo Library on Wed 27 May at 5.30pm. Join in person ([bookings](#) necessary), live on [Zoom](#), or catch up later on the library's [YouTube](#) channel.

Castlemaine singers

The Castlemaine Singers, with Thomasina and friend, will perform at the Anglican Hall on Sat 30 May at 4pm. Gold coin entry and afternoon tea. Always an enjoyable occasion. Teeshia

Stories and film screening

Please join us to hear stories from Djarra country and watch the film *Tanna*, from Vanuatu, followed by a Q&A with director Bentley Dean. There will be supper too. At Yandoit bush church. Sat 30 May, 5pm. A Reconciliation Week, Yandoit Sacred and Yandoit Cultural event.

Email scam alert

Sadly, once again I must warn you to be on your guard. If you get an email from me asking for financial assistance or money to support a cause, please double check with me first before responding. Some of our local churches have recently been hit by scammers pretending to be the minister or priest. Sarah

Congratulations

Congratulations to Coral and Don on the arrival of their fourth great-grandchild. A boy: Bodhi. All well and happy.



Guildford Biyal

Mount Alexander Shire Council and Djaara invite the community to celebrate the Guildford big tree (Biyal) at a free community gathering to recognise the cultural, environmental and historical significance of this ancient river red gum. All welcome. At the big tree in Guildford, Sunday 31 May, 11am to 2pm. More info on [the Council's website](#).

Wanted: stamps and coins

The people at [Sammy Stamp](#) advise they are happy to take all stamps, including ones that don't have a postmark. Albums are welcome too. As are coins, including decimal currency, which Sammy re-sells to raise funds for the Uniting Church. Give coins and stamps for Sammy to Solway Nutting or Margot Foley.

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