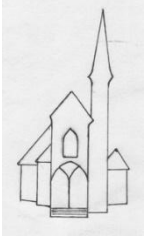


Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

3 May: Carol Swain, Helen Johnstone

10 May: Fay White, Martha Ruth Hills

Flowers (Castlemaine)

3 May: Lyn McCredden

10 May: Bev Campbell

Counting money (Castlemaine)

3 May: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

10 May: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

Elders on duty

May: Bev Campbell, Lyn Ellery



Readers (Harcourt)

3 May: Robyn F

10 May: Solway

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

3 May: Jan & friends

10 May: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

May: 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.

3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion

Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt Uniting
10.30am at Castlemaine Uniting



Readings

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

This week

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

Tues: **Baptismal Group**, C'maine Chapel, 4.30-6pm

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

Thurs: **Pastoral care workshop**, C'maine Chapel, 10.30-12noon

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: **Yandoit Sacred**, Yandoit Bush Church, 2.30pm



Illustration by Simon Biggs

Baptism group

After a longer than expected hiatus, the Baptism group is back. Last year we spoke of broadening the themes we wish to explore: Christian mysticism, Dante's *Divine Comedy*... Looking forward to what this next season brings. More info from Sarah: 0433 508 315

April and May birthdays

People whose birthdays are in April and May will be celebrated – along with those who would like a cuppa and chat – on Thurs 21 May, 9.30 to 11.30am, at Teeshia's home: 108 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine. Just turn up, all welcome.

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: 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

Narderrun fresh food share

Monday 4 May is the next Nalderun fresh food share day: an opportunity to share excess food from your garden or purchase fresh fruit and vegetables for local indigenous families who are struggling with cost-of-living pressures.

You can bring food to church the day before and give it to Fay or deliver it to the community garden at the rear of the Continuing Ed building (behind Castlemaine Town Hall) between 9.45 and 10am on Monday. Please contact Fay on 0447 576 642 for any questions or offers.

Sermons online

You can listen back to sermons online at <https://soundcloud.com/uca-castlemaine/tracks> and <https://castlemaine.ucavictas.org.au/news/>



Above: black shouldered kite, Mooloort Plains, 19 April 2026, pic Geoff Park, [Natural Newstead](https://www.naturalnewstead.com.au/)

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