

Rosters



Morning tea (Castlemaine)

16 Aug: Coral Cooper, Margot Foley

23 Aug: Lorna Burton, Margaret Rees Jones

Flowers (Castlemaine)

16 Aug: Margot Foley

23 Aug: Fay White

Collection counting (Castlemaine)

16 Aug: Stephen Connelly, John Boyle

23 Aug: Brbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery

Elders on duty

Aug: Karyn Moloney, Bev Campbell



Readers (Harcourt)

16 Aug: Stephen (Church anniversary)

23 Aug: Robyn F

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)

Aug: Marie & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)

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.

16 August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am at Harcourt

10.30am at Castlemaine



Readings

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

This week

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

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

Wed: **Arcare** worship service, 1.30pm

Wed: **Crafty Ladies**, Hot & Crusty Bakery, 2pm

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

Fri: **Peace vigil** labyrinth walk, meet at the labyrinth at the Anglican Church, 4.30pm

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love: Bev Campbell and family, Peter Ingram's family, Robyn Yeoward, Gretchen Hillhouse, Margaret & John Boyle, Beth Norris, Keith Loiterton, Deane & Marie Belfield, Ray Stevenson, Merle Jenkins, Ian & Alleyne Hockley, Adrian & Alison Pegler, George Milford, Peter Cole, Ted Levecke's family, all affected by the Harcourt bushfires.

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

Thank you

A huge thank you to Steve Geddes, who freely gave of his time to fix leaks in the roof of the Fellowship Room recently. A few hundred nails were removed and replaced by screws. A labour of love aided by his assistant Rev David. All efforts very much appreciated.

Thanks also to those involved in the incredible makeover (which is still in progress) of the Lacuna Garden. Miracles are occurring in this space thanks to Helen, Nola and Coral. Teeshia

Listen back to sermons

<https://soundcloud.com/uca-castlemaine/tracks> and <https://castlemaine.ucavictas.org.au/news/>

A musical treat

On Sunday 30 August we are thrilled to be sharing Sunday morning worship with our friends from the Salvation Army, led by Beth Waldron Anstice, as well as the inspiring young musicians of Just Brass and Rev Jim Foley. This will be a combined Uniting Church Parish and Salvation Army service. At Castlemaine on 30 August at 10.30am.

Leave

Rev Sarah is taking a week of leave from 18 to 24 August. Services on Sunday 23 August will be led by Rev Jim Foley.

Lay preaching

'Weaving Christ's love as a lay preacher' is the theme for the National Lay Preachers' Conference to be held at the Centre for Ministry and Theology, Parkville, from Fri 4 Sept to Sun 6 Sept. Registration: <https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/National-Lay-Preachers-Conference-Sept-2026.pdf>

Crosslight

The August edition of our informative Uniting Church magazine, Crosslight, is in our foyers today. Once again, lots of great articles and pics documenting what's happening in our churches across Victoria and Tasmania. This edition includes a story about how the Ballan church, on the verge of closing, is surging back with a sense of purpose as a place of worship, welcome and community connection. So many people have been taking Crosslight we have ordered extra copies! Jim

For the diary

Harcourt concert: Sunday 25 October

Castlemaine concert: Saturday 28 November

Contact

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