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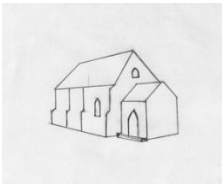


Morning tea (Castlemaine)
4 Oct: Linda Rowe, Annie Hunter
11 Oct: Karyn Moloney, Clara Bailey

Flowers (Castlemaine)
4 Oct: TBC
11 Oct: Margot Foley

Collection counting (Castlemaine)
4 Oct: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery
11 Oct: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

Elders on duty
Oct: Karyn Moloney, Bev Campbell



Readers (Harcourt)
4 Oct: Robyn F
11 Oct: Solway

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)
Oct: Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)
Diane



Contact

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

Front pic: Thinking cocky by Samantha Rennie

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.

4 October 2026

Blessing of the Animals

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev Sarah Tomilson

9am Harcourt Uniting Church
10.30am Castlemaine Uniting Church



Readings

Genesis 1:20-27
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

This week

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

Tues: **Divers** discussion group, C'maine Chapel, 4.30pm

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

Wed: **Crafty Ladies**, Parish Office (aka 'The Manse'), 2pm

Fri: **Harcourt coffee hour**, Harcourt General Store, 10am

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

Daylight saving

Don't forget, daylight saving begins on Sunday 4 October. Clocks go forward one hour.

Blessing of the animals

Today we welcome our animal friends to the service. We will also be acknowledging the wild creatures with whom we share our home.

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love John Boyle and family, Bev Campbell and family, Peter Ingram's family, Robyn Yeoward, Gretchen Hillhouse, 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 fires.

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

For the diary

Harcourt concert: Sunday 25 October
Castlemaine concert: Saturday 28 November

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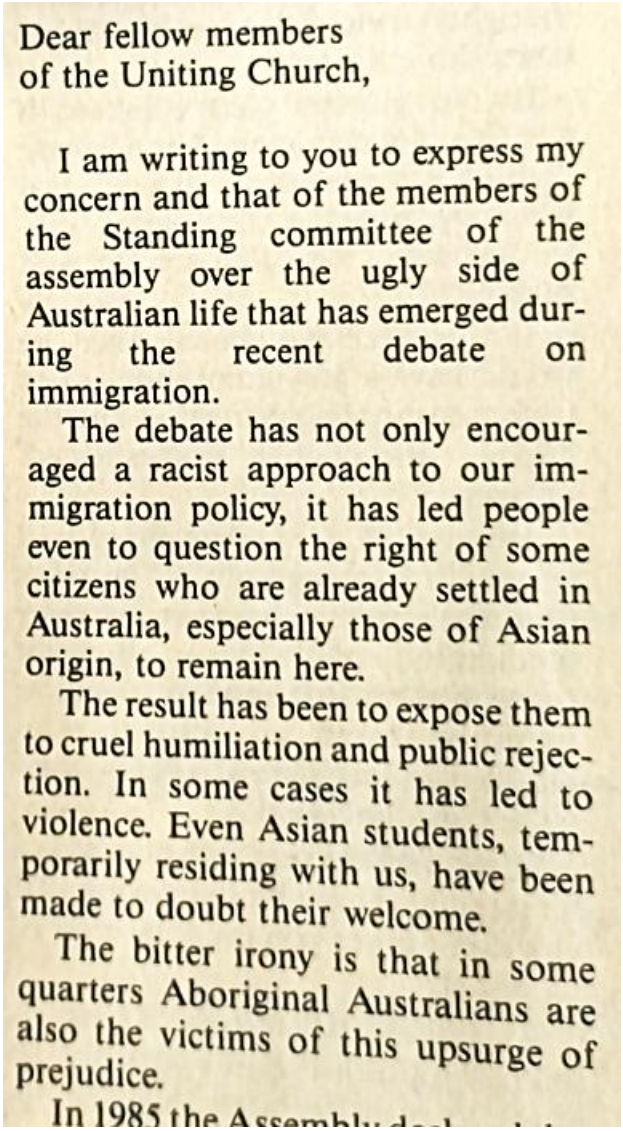
Christmas cards

Uniting Christmas cards and gift tags are now available to order online or via phone. There are a number of different designs.

Phone orders to Uniting on 1800 668 426, or online: unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards

Timeless reminder

Bev Campbell came across a 1988 copy of *Church & Nation* (predecessor to *Crosslight*) that contained a column by Sir Ronald Wilson, president of the assembly, entitled 'Multiculturalism debate'. Here's an excerpt.



Dear fellow members
of the Uniting Church,

I am writing to you to express my concern and that of the members of the Standing committee of the assembly over the ugly side of Australian life that has emerged during the recent debate on immigration.

The debate has not only encouraged a racist approach to our immigration policy, it has led people even to question the right of some citizens who are already settled in Australia, especially those of Asian origin, to remain here.

The result has been to expose them to cruel humiliation and public rejection. In some cases it has led to violence. Even Asian students, temporarily residing with us, have been made to doubt their welcome.

The bitter irony is that in some quarters Aboriginal Australians are also the victims of this upsurge of prejudice.

In 1985 the Assembly

Sir Ronald goes on to call on all members of the Church to oppose 'divisive, racist forces' and 'make plain the Uniting Church's welcome to people of all races.' Amen!