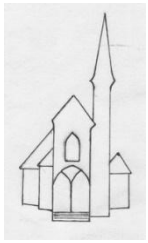
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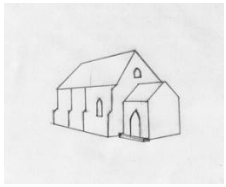


Morning tea (Castlemaine)
8 Nov: Carol Swain, Helen Johnstone
15 Nov: spare

Flowers (Castlemaine)
8 Nov: Fay White
15 Nov: Margot Foley

Collection counting (Castlemaine)
8 Nov: Barbara Wayn, Lyn Ellery
15 Nov: Karyn Moloney, Thirla Frankling

Elders on duty
Nov: Teeshia Fitzgerald, Lyn Ellery



Readers (Harcourt)
8 Nov: Jan
15 Nov: Nola

Cleaning, morning tea (Harcourt)
Jan & friends

Flowers (Harcourt)
Nov: Diane



Front pic: Sharp-tailed sandpipers, Moolort Plains, 18 October 2026, by Geoff Park, Natural Newstead

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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.

8 November 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9am Harcourt Uniting Church
10.30am Castlemaine Uniting Church
Rev Sarah Tomilson



Readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7 1
Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

This week

Tues: **Prayer meeting**, Parish Office, 11am

W: **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

Prayer

We hold in prayer and love John Boyle and 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, 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

The art of grieving

The Art of Grieving is a workshop that uses creative rituals, visual and written expression, within a group setting, to explore the experience of grief. Sat 5 Dec and Sat 12 Dec, 10.30–4.30. You must be able to attend both days. Morning tea and all creative materials provided. Cost by voluntary donation. At Uniting Church Hall. More information on flyer in the Chapel. Register with Sam: grievingwellnow@gmail.com

Chapel use during exams

For enquiries about use of the Castlemaine Chapel during the VCE exam period, please contact Teeshia on 0419 576 538.

Listen back to sermons

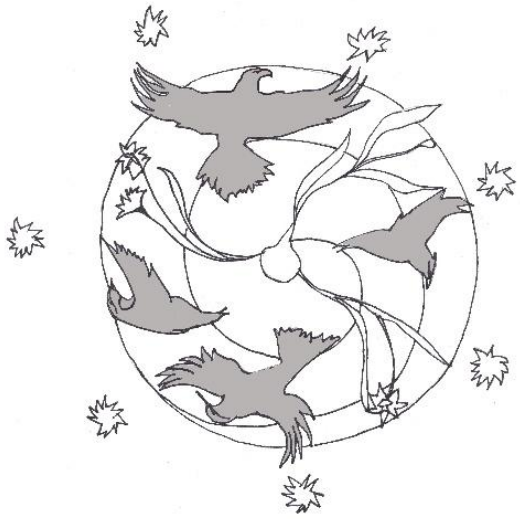
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Parish gathering, Yandoit

There will be a Parish gathering at Yandoit Uniting Church on 15 November at 2pm.

This is an end-of-year get together for the entire Parish: Sipwell, Yandoit Sacred and the congregations at Harcourt and Castlemaine. If you are newish to the church, this presents a wonderful opportunity to get to know some more people. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. There will be a community sing, food, possibly a story or two and just a jolly good time! If you have a favourite hymn/song please let me know beforehand and I'll try to source the music.

I will be on study leave next week, but I look forward to catching up with you at the Parish gathering in Yandoit. Sarah



Concert coming soon

Save the date! Share the Joy concert will be in the Castlemaine Uniting Church hall on Sat 28 Nov. Live music and performances featuring all local artists and musicians. Free entry (goodwill donations will go towards Christmas vouchers and gifts for local families).

Contact

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