

# Cranbourne Uniting Church

"We are a multicultural church, called to provide Christ's living bread in physical and spiritual ways to the Cranbourne Region."

**Matthew 25: 35 - 40**

## THE GOOD NEWS

### Pentecost 3

Colour **GREEN**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am**

**Presider Chris Marsh**



#### God's Peace

Of late we have heard much about "Peace Talk." So many wars are being waged around our world with the only benefactors being the big arms manufacturers.

There's a world leader at present, obsessed by peace, demanding that he be awarded a "Peace Prize." He seems to think that peace can come from waging war! But true peace, the peace that passes understanding can only come from God. It's a peace that always, is not self-serving, bound up in ego, a peace that reaches out to others in love.

And it is Paul in our reading this morning **Romans 5: 1-5** who says, "**Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Not a peace that comes through diplomacy. Not a peace that comes by committee. Not a peace that comes and goes. Not a peace that gives men and women time to plot another war, but a peace that brings us into a free and certain connection with the God who made each of us. Not a secular, tentative peace, but a peace of mind and spirit that flows from faith and works its way into the world through the faithfulness of the people of God who choose the cross before the sword, who chose service before self-interest.

And Paul can't tell us enough about this peace that comes on God's terms. It's a peace that comes from grace, he says. God's limitless grace. It's like standing in the rain as it bursts from heaven. You get soaked to the skin, bathed by the fragrant rain, chilled by its coolness and cleansed by its flow. It requires no effort to get wet. It simply rains on you.

Oh, that that peace-rain might fall on our world today.



#### Sunday's Readings

Exodus 19: 2 – 8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5: 1 - 8

**Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 Focus Text**



#### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi** (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Paul Wolsky** – Prayer Chain

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In May 2026 our giving was            \$5,277.35  
 and our expenses were                    \$6,098.40  
 Balance                                         \$ **-821.05**

**June F.U.N.**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Cost \$7,  
 doors open at 7pm



**Samaritan's Purse**

**Operation Christmas Child for 2026**

We will need to do an 'expression of interest list'  
 to estimate the number of boxes to order  
 Collection in October

**JUNE Food Truck Wish List**

We are collecting 600ml bottled water, pasta sauce, ravioli or  
 tortellini.

**Due to limited storage space the Food Truck can only  
 take donations of Food. Can all other donations be given  
 to Narre Warren Nth Op Shop. Open Wed, Thurs and Fri  
 9am – 3pm**



**Roster**

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June Communion</b>
Liturgist	Marg Williams	Robyn Tomkins
Music	Sharon Start	Suzanne Gyles
Readers	Veronica Dharmaraj Paul Martin	Cath Taylor Ally Mohan
Sunday School	Phill Start	Paul Martin
Door	Peter Pryn	Karen Anderson
Steward	Phill Start	Chris Marsh
Cleaners	Neil Walsh	Duncan Family

