

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 5

Colour GREEN

Sunday 28th June 9.30am

Presider Rev Robert Elkhuisen (supply minister)



The Point of Prayer

I listened to a lovely saintly lady once, who told me how she went about obtaining a parking spot for herself every time she visited town. Inevitable she would not find a spot on the first attempt, but she told me she would pray, and lo and behold, like the parting of the waters of the Red Sea, a spot would appear. At the time I was slightly uneasy about this application of prayer, although I admired greatly her faith. But I wondered why finding this woman a parking would be a priority for the Almighty with everything that was going wrong in the world. Prayer for me has always been problematic. Don't get me wrong, I believe in the power of prayer, but to say that does not mean that I think prayer works by making a list of desirable outcomes for ourselves, our family and friends, the world, and God will be able to fill our order. In New Guinea and the islands to our north they have a word for prayers of this type – Cargo Cult. I'm certain that this is not how prayer works.

So, what's the point of prayer if it's not to have God at our beck and call?

As I see it, prayer has to be seen in the context of a relationship with God. It's a conversation if you like, where we seek to listen as much as we talk. What human relationship would last if all we brought to it was a list of requirements and did all the talking? And in the praying, in the engaging with God, we come to know God better and we allow God to know ourselves better.



Sunday's Readings

Genesis 22: 1 - 14

Psalms 13

2 Kings 4: 8 - 17

Matthew 10: 40 - 42 Focus Text



A Prayer for this week

Deep Listening - Author Unknown

God of silence and God of all sound,
help me to listen.

Help me to do the deep listening to the sounds of my soul,
waiting to hear your soft voice calling me deeper into you.

Give me attentive ears

that begin to separate the noise from the sounds that are you;

you who have been speaking to me

and through me my whole life,

for so long that you can seem like background noise.

Today help me hear you anew. **AMEN**

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<u>Giving</u>	We appreciate your support and dedication to Cranbourne	
UCA	In May 2026 our giving was	\$5,277.35
	and our expenses were	\$6,098.40
	Balance	\$ -821.05



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

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

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 28 th June	Sunday 5 th July
Liturgist	Paul Martin	Tony Duncan
Music	Sharon Start	Elizabeth Hunt
Readers	Ake Tunoa Tony Duncan	Ake Tunoa Sonia Giessmann
Sunday School	Phill Start	Paul Martin
Door	Peter Pryn	Peter Pryn
Steward	Robyn Tomkins	Tony Duncan
Cleaners	Taylor / Young	Neil Walsh

