

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 7

Colour GREEN

Sunday 12th July 9.30am

Presider Jo Crisp (Intergenerational Pastor)



Our wasteful God.

This Sunday's gospel reading is about the sower and the seeds. In many respects it's a parable of waste. Look at all those seeds going to waste. No modern farmer would stand for the waste of seeds. However, think of how many of Jesus' parables spoke of waste. There was the shepherd who risked the welfare of 99 sheep in order to search for one lost sheep until he found it.

What a waste! A man gives an invitation to a banquet and all of them rudely refuse. What a waste! There was a Samaritan who gave all he had to bandage the wounds of a man lying in a ditch who he didn't even know. What a waste! And what about the boss who hired workers at different times of the day and still gave them all a full day's wage. What a waste! What are these parables if not parables of extravagance, recklessness and waste?

And of course, what could be more wasteful than for Jesus to lay down his life for people like us?

All of these parables speak of the amazing grace that God showers down upon everyone. God's grace comes regardless of cost. God is definitely not looking at the bottom line. God comes to us with his riches of love and compassion and all we need to do is accept and pass on those riches regardless of cost. That's what the Food Truck is all about.



Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55: 6, 10 - 13

Psalms 65: (1 - 8), 9 - 13

Romans 8: 1 - 11

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23 Focus Text



A Prayer for Leaders

Gracious God,

You call us not to seek power, but to serve with humility, wisdom, and love. Shape our hearts to lead with compassion, to listen with openness, and to encourage the gifts you have placed within others.

Give courage to those who carry responsibility, patience in times of change, and grace to build communities of trust, hope, and justice.

May we follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, and may our leadership always point others towards your love and your reign.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Please uphold in prayer the congregations: St Andrew’s Berwick, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Cranbourne, Pakenham and Narre Warren North site across the Casey Cardinia Region — giving thanks for the faithful service of Rev Chang-bae Byun, Jo Crisp, Rev Robert Elkhuizen (Supply), Riak Kiir and all those leading worship across the Casey Cardinia Region. We also pray for the regional council leaders and the congregation leaders. We pray that each congregation will continue to be encouraged in their ministry and in the care they offer within their communities. Amen

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Giving We appreciate your support and dedication to Cranbourne
UCA
In **June 2026** our giving was \$5,410.00
and our expenses were \$10,442.30
Balance **-\$5,032.30**



Hampton Park UCA
Celebration of Community
Sunday 26th July, 2pm
In recognition of 2026 Casey Environmental and Sustainability Champion Award
Afternoon tea provided

July F.U.N.
Saturday 18th July
Doors open at 7pm
Cost \$7



JULY Food Truck Wish List
We are collecting **tinned tuna, noodles and canned vegetables**

Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 12 th July	Sunday 19 th July Communion
Liturgist	Paul Martin	Robyn Tomkins
Music	Sharon Start Trevor Anderson	Elizabeth Hunt
Readers	Ally Mohan Chris Marsh	Cath Taylor Ally Mohan
Sunday School	Phill Start	Paul Martin
Door	Karen Anderson	Peter Pryn
Steward	Paul Martin	Robyn Tomkins
Cleaners	Taylor / Young	Duncan Family

