

# 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 13**

**Colour GREEN**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30am**

**Presider Robyn Tomkins (Retired Chaplain)**



### Places of Simplicity and Peace

For many years now I have lived the whimsical poetry of Michael Leunig. Here is One such offering contained in his book **"A Common Prayer"** that I used at last week's Church Council.

*Dear God,*

*We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace.*

*Let us find such a place within ourselves.*

*We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty.*

*Let us find such a place with ourselves.*

*We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom,  
of joy inspiration and renewal*

*where all creatures might find acceptance and belonging.*

*Let us search for these places in the world, in ourselves and in others.*

*Let us restore them.*

*Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.*

*May we mend this outer world*

*according to the truth of our inner life.*

*And may our souls be shaped and nourished  
by nature's eternal wisdom. Amen.*

And my little addition:

And let us look for the Christ

in the world, in ourselves and in others.

**Gal 2:20:** *"It is no longer I that lives but Christ that lives me."*



### Sunday's Readings

**Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10**

Psalm 124

**Romans 12: 1 – 8** **Focus Text**

Matthew 16: 13 - 20



### A Prayer for this week

God of the road ahead, walk with us this week.

In each conversation, each decision, each unexpected moment help us to recognise those we are called to journey alongside, and give us the humility to receive as well as give.

When we feel alone, remind us of your presence. When we feel uncertain, steady our steps.

And in all things, lead us gently forward into the places where your love is already at work.

So be it.  
Amen.

*Spill the Beans issue 59*

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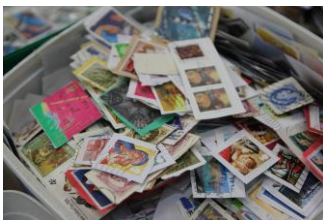


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UCA  
In **July 2026** our giving was \$4,254.35  
and our expenses were \$6,310.46  
Balance **-\$2,056.11**

### **MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA**

After church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Celebrating our cultural diversity

Bring a plate of food to share from your home culture.



#### **Sammy Stamp**

Collecting used stamps to raise funds for mission projects. Leave a minimum of 3mm around the stamp on the envelope.

Contact Jillian Drysdale

### **AUGUST Food Truck Wish List**

We are collecting **Jam, Cup-A-Soup and Tinned Vegetables**



### **Roster**

| <b>DUTY ROSTER</b> | <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b><br>Robyn Tomkins | <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Chrales Sundaresan</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Liturgist          | Paul Martin                                           | Chris Compaan                                                     |
| Music              | Sharon Start<br>Trevor Anderson                       | Elizabeth Hunt                                                    |
| Readers            | Veronica Dharmaraj<br>Brigette Mace                   | Tony Duncan<br>Julie Streckfuss                                   |
| Sunday School      | Phill Start                                           | Phill Start                                                       |
| Door               | Chris Compaan                                         | Peter Pryn                                                        |
| Steward            | Phill Start                                           | Julie Streckfuss                                                  |
| Cleaners           | <b>TBA</b>                                            | Streckfuss Family                                                 |

