



The Uniting Church Maffra Congregation

MONTHLY - NEWS

July 2026

Dear Friends in Christ at Maffra,

As we step into July, there is no denying that winter has truly settled into Gippsland.

The days are short, the air is cold, and the wet weather frequently invites us to seek the warmth of indoors and the comfort of a hot drink.

In our church calendar, we find ourselves walking through the long, green stretch of Ordinary Time. Yet, as we know all too well, there is nothing "ordinary" about the seasons of life we navigate together.



Right now, our community is feeling the weight of winter in many different ways. We hold in our hearts and prayers those among us who are currently battling illness, finding themselves confined by the cold or facing health struggles. We also stand closely with our brothers and sisters who are mourning the loss of loved ones; may the God of all comfort wrap you in warmth during these dark and heavy days. To those who have managed to escape the winter chill and are away travelling, we wish you safe journeys and a refreshing time of rest.

July also brings a sense of new beginnings as the financial year restarts. It is an invitation for us to look ahead with fresh vision and renewed commitment to the ministry we share. Even when our resources feel stretched or our energy is tested by the season, we remember that our giving of our time, our financial gifts, and our care is a grateful response to the God who first gave to us.

In the lectionary readings this month, we are reminded of human vulnerability, the war within our own hearts, and the overwhelming sufficiency of God's grace. When the winter days feel heavy and our own strength feels small, Christ reminds us that his grace is entirely enough for us, and his power is made perfect in our weakness.

Please stay safe, keep warm, and check in on one another during these cold weeks. Whether you are worshipping with us in the pews or joined with us in spirit from home, you are a vital part of this body of Christ. May the warmth of God's love fill your hearts and homes this month.

Blessings

Your minister, Rev. Paul Ryu

Friendship Group

Next meeting will be 9th July at 1.30pm.
Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat



Quilt Group

Meeting 9th and 23rd July
10-3

Enquiries to Jude Walker 0412 778707

HYMNS AND PSALMS ON JUSTICE AND HOPE

JOIN IN SINGING AT STONNINGTON
COMMUNITY CHURCH

All are welcome to join us for this free event on

SUNDAY 12 JULY AT 2.30PM

59 Burke Road, Malvern East

Pianist Bruce Macrae, organist Colin Prohasky and
guest choir

Attend live or email for a link to:

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For enquiries, contact **0418 317 942**

VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Why did the church choir bring a ladder?

Because they wanted to reach the high notes *and* higher ground.

Why did the usher carry a pencil?

In case they needed to draw someone closer to God.

Why don't pastors use bookmarks?

Because they prefer to keep their place by faith.

Why was the Bible cold?

It was full of fans from Revelation.

Why do churches never play hide and seek?

Because good luck hiding when the Lord sees all.

Why did the pew get a ticket?

It was parked in a no-prayer zone.

Why don't angels get scared?

Because they've got heavenly courage.

Rosters

ELDER	
July August	Jude Walker Isa Taylor
BIBLE READER	
5 & 12 July 19 & 26 July 2 & 9 August	Isa Taylor Christine Clyne Sue Burnett
DOOR STEWARDS	
5 & 12 July 19 & 26 July 2 & 9 August	John Little & Elaine Clements Kay & Geoff Little Christine and Alan Clyne
LAWNS	
13 July 27 July 10 August	Sue & Fraser Burnett Duncan & Kathy Malcolm Geoff Little & Volunteer
FLOWER ROSTER	
5 & 12 July	Isa Taylor

