



Charman Uniting Church

News Letter

31st May 2026 Vol 7 No 18 Trinity Sunday



Trinity Sunday, observed on May 31 in 2026, celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and falls the Sunday after Pentecost.

Walking into the gathering space I was overcome by a welcoming spiritual presence and on entering the worship area the spiritual presence was magnified.

Having been on the original planning committee for the renovations I was dumbfounded, in a very positive manner, by what had finally been achieved. What was before me, was far beyond what I and others had previously envisioned.

Jo-ann Stenton



**First service at Charman
- what a celebration!**

Above: All is in readiness - the table is literally set

Left: Congratulations Christine Anderson on being first to be seated in our new facility

Below: The congregation have arrived



Jocelyn Millard - the former organist of the Cheltenham congregation had the honour of playing the first pre service music in the new facility

The service begins..



"Greetings" Rev Greg's first words in our new church



Nan McArthur brings us the first readings



Above: Jo-ann Stenton caring for all those on Zoom



Left: View from the audio/visual desk



Our first Communion



Triple celebrations for our Pastor Di Paterson on
 1. Being out of hospital
 2. Being at church and
 3. Ten years as Pastor of the Black Rock congregation!
 Well done Pastor Di...

Meantime in the
 back row



And a jolly good morning tea ...



Jo-ann Stenton with three of
or 'Zoomies', Joan Wright,
Emily Dunbar & Helen Cole



Left: Who would recognise our old
hall?

Below: Les West relieved to have
his garage back for himself
(*Les kindly allowed us to use it for
storage for the past several
years—thanks Les!*)



Susan Bartell reminiscing on
how she used to play tennis on
tennis courts now occupied by
our car park



Peter Aumann sharing stories with John Ratcliffe. Later last Sunday at Glen Waverley Uniting Peter, along with many others would be recognised for their service to the Uniting Church - in Peter's case 65 years as an ordained minister!
Thank you and congratulations Peter!

Right: Nothing quite like the woman's touch!

Below: Sally Hobbs discussing the intricacies of playing the organ for the first time next Sunday as Barbara Allan and Cheryl Threadgold listen



Above: Jonathan Lowe and Frank Mindum deep in some theological discussion



Left: Looks as if they've settled in for the week!

Jill Russell is 'Stepping it Out'

on the Spanish Camino Walk

The Camino de Santiago is a historic network of pilgrimage routes across Spain, leading to Santiago de Compostela, offering spiritual, cultural and personal experiences for walkers of all levels.

Our very own Jill Russell is seen heading off on a route which starts at Sarria, Spain and is a total of 114kms.

Jill is standing beside a marker which indicates that she still has 100kms to go!

I sincerely hope that 100,000 is METRES and not kilometres!!

GOOD LUCK JILL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FLOWER ROSTER

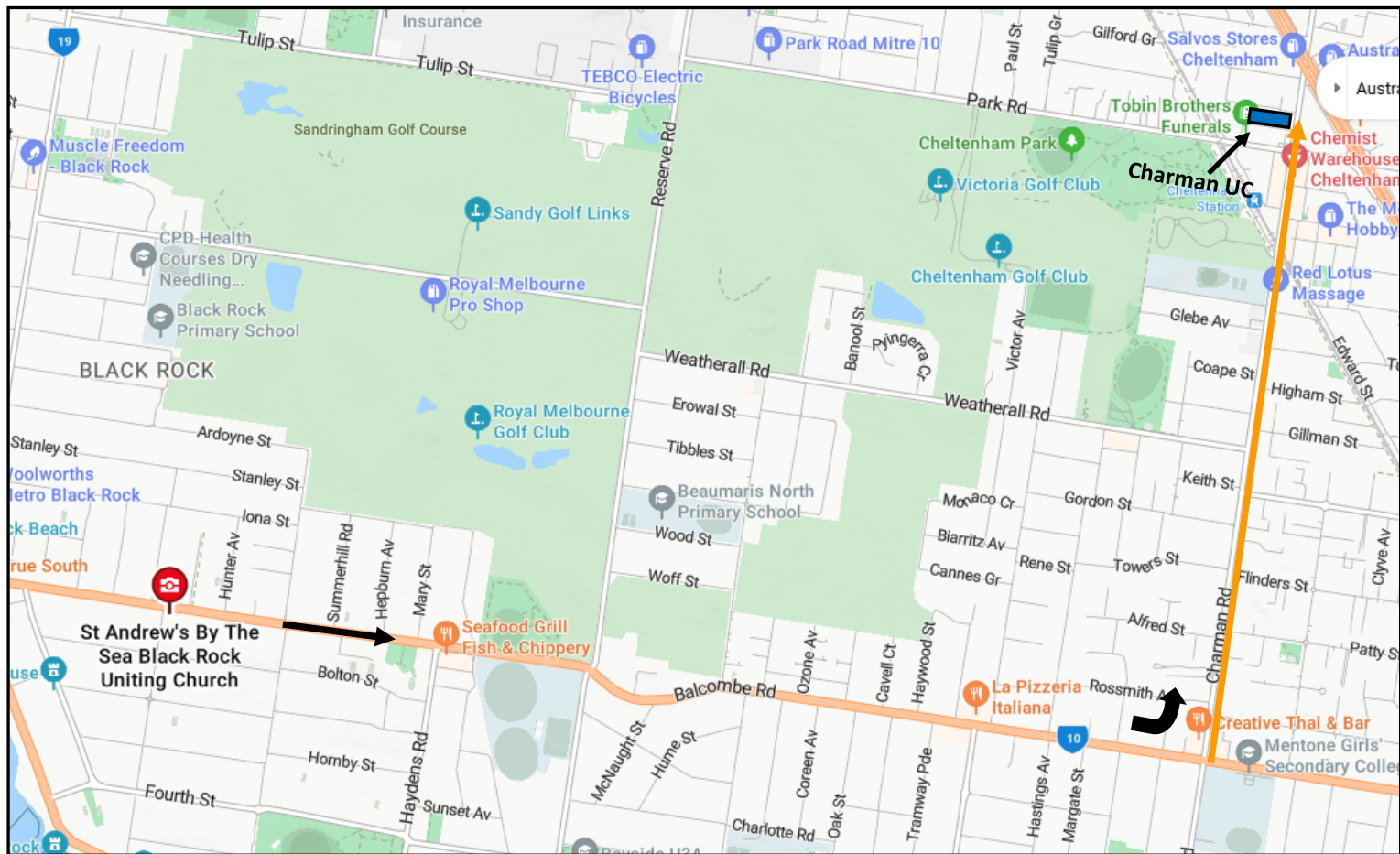
A warm invitation is extended to congregation members interested in assisting with flowers at the Church and being part of the Church Flower Roster.

Names of flower roster volunteers to date include Jenny Bartholomeusz, Jenny Collins, Joan Lum and Irene Ewers, Barbara Shying, Barbara Allan, Elizabeth Costello and Cheryl Threadgold.

An artificial floral arrangement will be used on the first and fifth Sunday of each month and during January. No flowers are in Church during Lent. Please email Cheryl Threadgold on thrdgld@optusnet.com.au if interested in joining the Flower Roster.



How to find us at 313 Charman Rd..



Finding 313 Charman Rd is very easy.

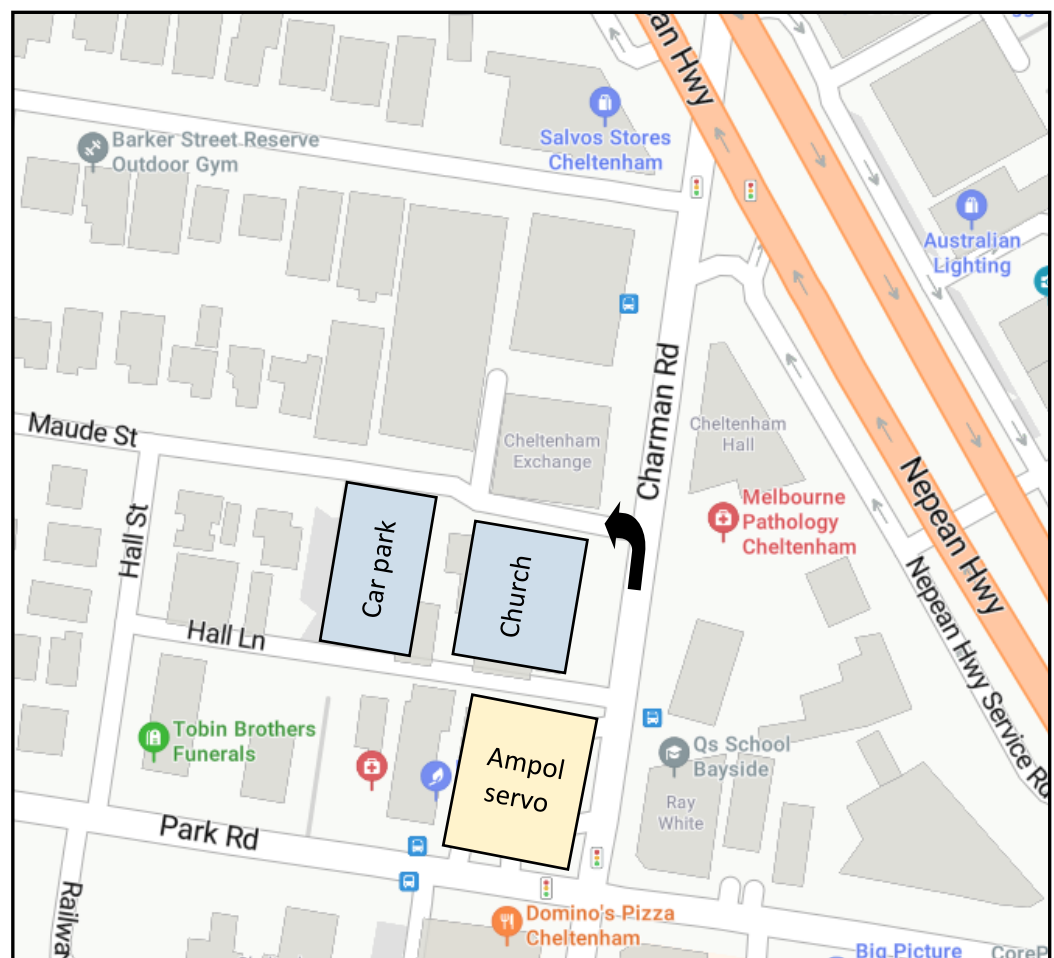
From St Andrews by the Sea travel east along Balcombe Rd towards Mentone.

Turn left at Charman Rd and continue through the Cheltenham shopping centre.

On the corner of Park Rd there is an Ampol service station, our church is just past the servo.

Turn left into Maude St and you will see our carpark. There is a boom gate which should be up for church functions. Otherwise the gate code is 9195#.

WARNING: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER VIA THE EXIT GATE - THERE ARE **ROAD SPIKES** IN THE GROUND TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED ENTRY





Dear Margaret,

Today is the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. This is a time to honour, listen to, and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is also a moment for recommitting ourselves to truth-telling, justice, and right relationship. Find out more about the significance and history of National Reconciliation Week

[HERE](#)

This year's theme, '**All In: Reciprocity as Reconciliation**', invites us to step off the sidelines and commit wholeheartedly to the shared work of reconciliation.

To begin the week, we invite you to watch our National Reconciliation Week video message featuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders Safina Stewart and Auntie Donna Meehan.



Drawing on the Pitjantjatjara principle of *Napartji Napartji* ("I give you something, you give me something") and Paul's vision of the Church as the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12, Safina and Auntie Donna reflect on how reconciliation is not the responsibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples alone. It is something we are all called into together - a shared journey of walking toward healing and flourishing for all.



Glen Eira City Choir

with

Bendigo Chorale

Conductor: Elena Varshavskaya

Soloists: Lisa Robinson–Soprano

Chloe James –Mezzo-soprano

Nicholas Sheppard–Tenor

Christian Smith–Bass

Organ: Hugh Fullarton

Mozart Requiem

Sancta Maria

Laudate Dominum

Saturday 30 May 2026 at 2.30pm

St Andrew's Church,
228 New St, Brighton



Tickets: \$45 Under 16 free

www.trybooking.com/DLASF
or at the door



Bible Readings May 2026 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

May 3rd	Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 10th	Easter 6	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 17th	Easter 7	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 24th	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
May 31st	Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a	Psalm 8	2 Cor 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

We pray for all in need especially -

Prayers of the People



Katherine's cousin David & Family
Pastor Di
Joc
Joan Wright
Tina, friend of Joan Wood
Phillip (Barbara's nephew)
Barry
Les
Adrian
Maria
Anne-Maree, Andrew and their
daughter, Rachel

Emily
Helen Cole
Gloria, Samson & Family
Jenny and Janine Bartholomeusz
Anita and Kingsley
Joyce Curnow
Stuart - addiction struggles
Helen & Earle Hosking
Grace & Van Rensberg
Joan's friends Robyn & Jemma
Kath Tondorf
Susan Hoskin

Karen
Mark
Mary
Margaret Walker
Joyce Carpenter
Andrew
Bronwyn
Teresa
Sybil Bond
June and Grace Fairbank

*We give thanks for those whose
prayers have been answered..*

Thanks for your BayCISS Collection Contributions

From Joan & Chris Wood . Many thanks to those who continue to support BayCISS with donations. Goods especially non perishable food may be left at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0462 for details

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881** Payee "UCA Cheltenham Mentone Parish"
Although we are now the Charman Uniting Church, we expect banking arrangements to remain the same as before, for the rest of the year.

SOCIAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help -
Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au
Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**



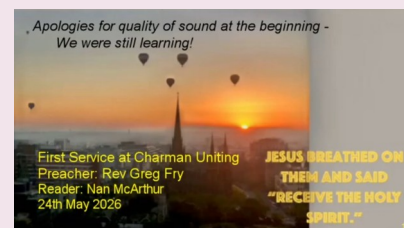
OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:



Click on the YouTube logo to view a selection of **over 200** sermons and service preludes

*This week's video –
First Service Charman Uniting
new buildings 24th May 2026*

Click on image or [HERE](#) to view



Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am *(virtual doors open 9:45 am)*



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>
Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004410836?pwd=cU9RWlhVMm8wOUw0TStLV1EvNFdYdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 0441 0836 Passcode: 665 784

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.

Sunday Church
on Zoom



Now that the dust has settled...



Now that our new building are complete, Rev Greg can finally settle down to Parish Duties.

To eliminate all outside distractions he is utilising a 1925 Hugo Gernsback invention called an "Isolator Helmut".

With no contact with the outside world except for a pipe to an oxygen bottle, Rev Greg can fully focus on serious church matters.

It is most unusual to see Greg without cables, wires, wi-fi, Bluetooth, HDMI etc etc..

Such is his devotion to our congregation....

