



Charman Uniting Church

News Letter

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Cheltenham, Mentone &
Black Rock congregations
now

Charman Uniting Church

**313 Charman Road,
Cheltenham**



You are cordially
invited to attend the

Grand Opening

of our newly Renovated Church buildings
Sunday, 20th September, 2026 at 2pm

The Cheltenham, Mentone and Black Rock congregations joyfully announce the Grand Opening of the newly renovated **Charman Uniting Church** buildings at 313 Charman Road, Cheltenham. We invite all members and friends of our Presbytery community to join us on **Sunday, 20 September 2026 at 2pm** as we celebrate this new chapter in our shared ministry and mission. It will be a wonderful opportunity to give thanks, reconnect, and look forward to the life that will grow in this renewed space.

**The day we
thought would
never happen!**



From Curiosity to Christ: Tola's Journey

Last year, 138,110 shoebox gifts were lovingly sent to Cambodia from AU/NZ. See how one gift has transformed a young girl, her family and her village.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Empty shoeboxes ready to be filled are available in the entry to the Worship area at our Charman Church



How to Pack a Shoebox Gift

Follow these simple steps to pack a shoebox that's full of love, joy, and lasting impact for a child in need. You can pack a physical or online shoebox gift.

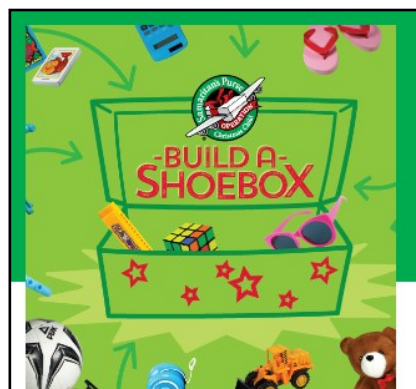
[PACKING INSTRUCTIONS](#)



Shoebox Donation Labels

Purchase your \$12.50 donation per shoebox to help cover shipping and training resources. Labels also include tracking so you can see where your shoebox goes.

[DONATE NOW](#)



Build a Shoebox Online

For \$45, build a shoebox online by choosing gifts for a boy or girl. Each shoebox includes essentials plus your selected items. Add a note and photo, and pack for one or more children.

[BUILD A SHOEBOX](#)

2026 National Collection Weeks

Australia: 12 – 26 October

Click on above images and image at right for more information

"A CYCLING WE SHALL GO!"

Hi David

Last week we caught up with Jenny and Grant for morning tea at the cafe on top of the hill opposite the Point Danger lighthouse in Coolangatta, Queensland.

Jenny and Grant had impressively been boogie-boarding in the surf, rode their bicycles to Surfers Paradise and Grant caught fish for their dinner.

Great to catch up in the warm sunshine. Malcolm took this photo as they arrived on their bikes.

Cheryl Threadgold



Crafty Knitters (*and others*) **Wednesday 19th August 1:30pm at the Church.**

The first Meeting of those interested is at the Church on August 19th - the 3rd Wednesday of August at 1:30pm.

Non knitters are also welcome for a natter!

For further details contact
Barbara Shying 0407 277 020 or
Joan Lum 0437 397 066



Welcome to Television

Sunday
AUGUST
23



A musical
celebration of
70 years of television
in Australia

Featuring
David
Johnston
+ Geraldene
Morrow

(Prisoner, Homicide, Bellbird,
The Mike Walsh Show)

2PM | *Malvern Town Hall*

TICKETS TRYBOOKING.COM/DNJMY OR AT THE DOOR



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

August 9th	Pentecost 11	Genesis 37:1-4,12-28	Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 16th	Pentecost 12	Genesis 45:1-15 Isiah 56:1,6-8	Psalm 133 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28
August 23rd	Pentecost 13	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30th	Pentecost 14	Exodus 3:1-15 Jerimiah 15:15-21 45b	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26 Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

We pray for all in need especially -

Prayers of the People



Sybil Bond's family
Robyn
Pat
Adie & Ally
Katherine's cousin David & Family
Tina, friend of Joan Wood
Phillip (Barbara's nephew)
Barry
Adrian
Anne-Maree, Andrew and their
daughter, Rachel
Maria

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
Helen Cole

Mark
Margaret Walker
Joyce Carpenter
Andrew
Bronwyn
Teresa
June and Grace Fairbank

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

~ DINE OUT GROUP ~

Our next dine out will be on Tuesday 18th August at the Tudor Inn, Cheltenham.
Please let Joan LUM (0437 397 066) know if you are interested in attending.

ALL WELCOME



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"

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:

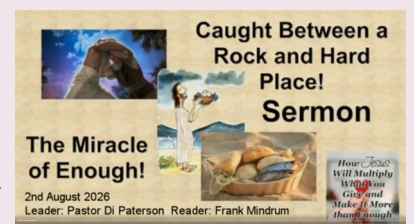


Click on the YouTube logo to view a selection of **over 200** sermons and service preludes

This week's video -

*"Caught between a rock and a hard place" Pastor Di Paterson
2nd August 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

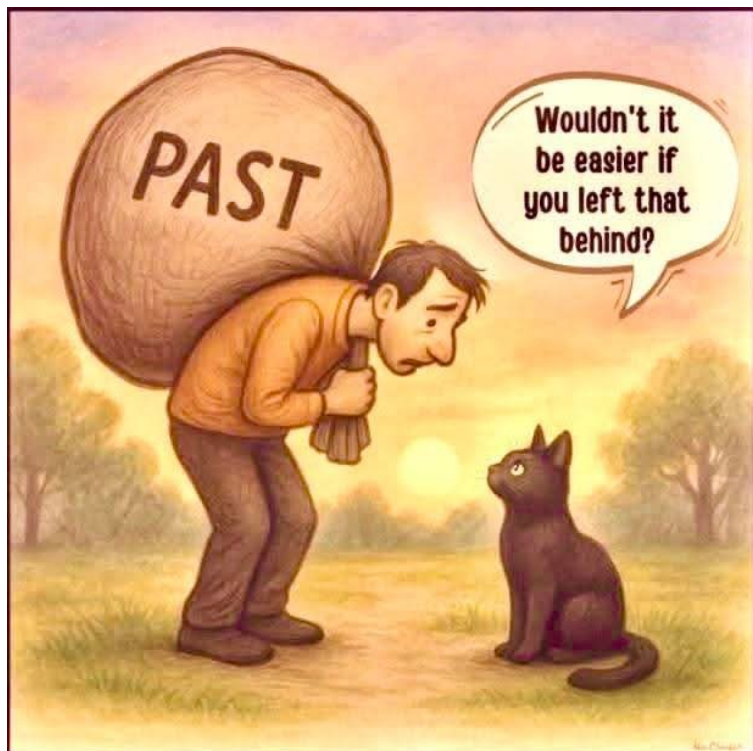
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Meeting ID: 820 0441 0836 Passcode: 665 784

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

**Sunday Church
on Zoom**





**I DUSTED ONCE, IT CAME
BACK, I'M NOT FALLING
FOR THAT AGAIN**

