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A few of the attendees at the last Community lunch for the year on Wednesday. Read more news from Carlton Community Support on page 4

**Next Advent Service**

This Sunday, December 17, will be Advent 3 and we have an intergenerational service, followed by a special morning tea provided by the Elders.

Look out for the first guest appearance of some puppets who are the newest members of our congregation here at Church of All Nations.

**Placements for Chris and Andreana - Get Ready for Ordinations!**

The two candidates who are members of Church of All Nations Andreana Reale and Chris Booth have both completed their academic studies and were simply awaiting a placement before proceeding to ordination.

And just recently the good news has come through that both have received and accepted placements. Chris has written - "Placement news: I will be starting my first permanent ministry placement soon as a chaplain at Uniting AgeWell, based in Noble Park (where I grew up). I'm really looking forward to getting started! I will be at Noble Park three days per week, and continuing to lead on Sundays at St David's Oakleigh in the meantime (long-term supply).

Andreana says that she has accepted a call to Murrumbeena Uniting and will be starting in mid February.

Wonderful news and we rejoice with them and pray God's reaches blessings upon them and their ministries.



**Church of All Nations (Carlton Uniting Church)  
180 Palmerston St Carlton**

**Christmas Services**

**Sunday Dec 17 at 10.00am Intergenerational worship**

**Sunday Dec 24 at 10.00am Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Monday Dec 25 at 9.00am (note earlier time) Christmas Day**

Come along and share in the Christmas spirit.  
For more information - [minister@canclton.org.au](mailto:minister@canclton.org.au)

**Christmas message**

The 2024 (Ed note: do they mean 2023?!) Christmas message from Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis is now available!

Rev Hollis reflects that in this season of celebration, the mood seems far from celebratory. Many struggle to buy food to eat, and violence and suffering continue around the world.

*"This Christmas we will sing carols which speak of stillness and silence on the night of Jesus birth. At the same time, we watch and read about the violence taking place in these same lands, death and suffering that is almost beyond fathoming."*

Rev Hollis says Christmas invites us to meet God in all our life, our despair, our suffering, our wonder and our celebration.

*"The birth of Jesus is the announcement by God that God wills the end of violence and suffering. Jesus is God's way of standing in solidarity with us, arriving into all our brokenness and beauty. A herald of God's joy, hope and peace."*

The video message is available to download from Vimeo or to watch on our website [here](#) along with messages from Moderators across the Uniting Church.



**Article on the Dedication of the  
Paul Madden Memorial  
Window**

Musical journalist Daniel Brace attended the dedication and recently has written a blog article with some photos.

Click [here](#) to read the article and view some more photos of the occasion.

**Lectionary Bible Readings**

**Today December 17, 2023**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28**

**Next Sunday December 24, 2023**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, Luke 1:46b-55 (used as Psalm), Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38**

**Sunday roster for volunteer helpers for next 3 weeks:**

	17 Dec PURPLE Advent 3	24 Dec PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols	Mon 25 Dec WHITE Christmas Day	Sun 31 Dec WHITE Christmas 1		17 Dec PURPLE Advent 3	24 Dec PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols	Mon 25 Dec WHITE Christmas Day	Sun 31 Dec WHITE Christmas 1
<u>Preach</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Ken T	Bruce W	Ken T	Ken T
<u>Liturgist</u>	Jill T	-	Pam K	David H	<u>Offering</u>	Ethan K William V	Ken T Michelle A	Paul SM Ken T	Prebin A Paul SM
<u>PP Prep</u>	Jill T	Bruce W	Pam K	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Barbara LV	Julie P	-	Jill T
<u>Music</u>	Joan P	Peter A Jean E	Jean E	Joan P	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Alice LV	Jean D	-	Leah B
<u>Camera</u>	Coco C Jeff J	Paul S	Prebin A	Paul S	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Jill T	Jill T	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Evan R	Mac N +	Ken T	Bruce W	<u>HC Elder</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Paul SM Prebin A	Prebin A	Paul SM	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Greeter</u>	Jean D	Bruce W	Ken T	Leah B					

**This Week at CAN**

- Sunday December 17 @ 10.00 worship at CAN
- Wednesday Dec 20 @ 7.45am Holy Communion by Zoom
- Wednesday December 20 @ 2.00pm Christmas service at Redmond Park
- Sunday Dec 24 @ 10.00 worship at CAN (Christmas Eve)
- Monday December 25 @ 9.00am (note earlier time) Christmas Day worship at CAN

If anyone who is not able to attend worship on a Sunday morning at CAN would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Ray and he would be more than pleased to come by for a visit and celebrate Communion in your home.

## News From Carlton Community Support

Thank-you all so much for your donations for the end of year gifts for our hardworking Homework Club kids – as you can see Yirgalem and her team worked hard to make up lovely gift bags which will be given out over the next week. We also had our final community lunch for the year on Wednesday and enjoyed sharing bonbons, jokes and Christmas treats. We are looking forward to our community wide end of year celebration BBQ on Tuesday from 4pm – 6pm – please feel free to come and join us!!

Some advance warning for you – we are thrilled that Sarah Cuming and her lovely string quartet Aequales will be running a fundraiser in aid of our bi-lingual playgroup on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Tickets can already be purchased at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNWAY>

Get in early and secure your ticket for a lovely afternoon of music.

In addition we would love to host afternoon tea at the event to raise a little more money. We would love your assistance with the following:

1. Can you bring a plate of simple afternoon tea for us to sell at the event with ingredients listed? It would just be a matter of dropping it at the church on the day.
2. Are you able to help with serving afternoon tea on the day – we will need 2-3 people for this.

If you can assist in either of these ways please email me at [virginia.moebus-nelson@cancarlton.org.au](mailto:virginia.moebus-nelson@cancarlton.org.au) to let me know so I know whether we can go ahead with afternoon tea at the event.

Thank-you for your love and support during 2023, this year of change at CCS. Our office will be close from 21<sup>st</sup> December until 9<sup>th</sup> January. Have a safe and blessed advent season and new year

Virginia Moebus-Nelson  
Executive Office - Carlton Community Support



"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

**Agnes M. Pharo**



**CAN has a relationship with Queens** whereby people who request a baptism to be held at the Queen's chapel are referred to our congregation. This is because in the Uniting Church the newly baptised person is linked to a worshipping congregation and their name appears on the congregational roll.

This Saturday, December 16 Ray will be baptising Alexander Savulescu the nearly 12 month son of Julian and Miriam. Julian grew up in Melbourne and has Uniting Church connections and currently the family live in Singapore where Julian is Director of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics. Julian has connections to Queen's College as a visiting scholar over recent years and plans to return to Melbourne with the family in the next few years.

Alexander's name was approved for baptism at a recent Church Council meeting. Pam Kerr will be the Elder for the occasion.

## Old Testament sessions

An introductory online unit for anyone who wants to know more about the Old Testament will run from February 26 to May 6 next year, with 10 weekly sessions hosted by Mel Perkins To register click

[here](#)

Click [here](#) to read the latest E-news from the Vic/Tas Synod

The CAN Reconciliation Working Group recommends viewing of the 24th Annual Hawke Lecture delivered by Professor Dr Marcia Langton AO Here is the link to Marcia's recent extraordinary lecture in Adelaide.



Click [here](#) to access the lecture.

## Link for live streaming the 10.00am Service

Here is the link to watch the 10.00am service live on the church's Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/can-worship/442706434310396/>

We will continue to offer this option for those who may be uncomfortable attending in person for whatever reason - health, mobility, geography, whatever...

**CAN Wednesday Communion** by Zoom is an online community who gather weekly at 7.45 to break the bread and share the cup - well we each provide our own to partake. Try joining us some time!

Topic: wednesday communion

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Wednesday communion via Zoom Meeting by clicking

[here](#)

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673

Passcode: 9dbLQu

## Wednesday Holy Communion



**Third Sunday of Advent**



**Finding Joy in resilience**

Twelve long years have passed since Rima\* and her family fled their beloved home in Syria as the devastating civil war unfolded. Forced to leave everything behind, they sought refuge in Jordan, carrying with them only the essentials. With your kind gift to the Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, continue to provide vital food packages, hygiene kits, and the long-term support that refugees need to rebuild their lives. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

### Donations to CAN Community Support

Donations to CAN Community Support are tax deductible and can be made in person to CAN Community Support Administration Office ( Tuesday – Thursday) in the CAN Centre, OR by Bank transfer as follows:Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank: BSB 633000 Account No.: 191170380

Name: CAN Community Support

### Carlton Community Support End of Year BBQ

You are invited to the end of year BBQ party on Tuesday December 19 at 4.00pm at the rear of the mission building.

### CAN Congregation

Offerings to the Church of All Nations Parish Mission. Your offerings support the ministry and mission of the congregation. The Congregation budget contributes the major component of the Community Support budget as well as ministry costs and other mission support.

Offerings can be made during the church service OR by regular bank transfer.

Bank transfers can be regular as weekly, fortnightly, monthly Offerings, OR as an occasional offering

Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No.:191446954  
Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Tabart

I wrapped my Christmas presents early this year, but I used the wrong paper. See, the paper I used said 'Happy Birthday' on it. I didn't want to waste it so I just wrote 'Jesus' on it.

[Demetri Martin](#)

