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180 Palmerston Street Carlton**

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

A UNITING CHURCH REFLECTION

Rev Sharon Hollis, National President UCA

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024 AT 2.30PM

FREE EVENT AT:

Church of All Nations,
180 Palmerston Street, Carlton.

Or for a Zoom link, email:

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VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This Sunday, February 11, is the last Sunday of Epiphany and that means it is Transfiguration Sunday.

The glory of God shines in the human flesh of Jesus Christ and he is revealed as the Beloved of God.

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday - why not consider joining us for Zoom communion - and next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent.

The **Dalton McCaughey Library** at the Uniting Church's Centre for Theology and Ministry in Parkville holds the research collection of the Uniting Church VicTas Synod and the Australian Jesuits. The library is again seeking volunteers to assist with a short-term project in its "stacks" section. The work would be on Friday mornings for about three hours over (perhaps) a couple of months, moving and re-ordering books on shelves. No in-depth library experience is required! If you are interested in assisting as part of a small team of volunteers, please contact the Library Manager, Cindy Derrenbacher, cderrenbacher@dml.vic.edu.au or 9340 8888.

Christmas Bowl Offerings

A big thank you to all the people who donated to the Christmas Bowl appeal. We raised \$771.00 from this Congregation collections.

This does not include donations made directly by members.



A Word from Carlton Community Support

A huge thank-you to all who braved the heat to come out to the Aequales fundraiser last Sunday afternoon and particularly to those who brought goodies for our afternoon tea. Despite the searing heat it was a wonderful event with a delicious and abundant afternoon tea spread. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of \$3105 including some very generous donations, tickets online and at the door and our delicious afternoon tea. We are so grateful to Sarah Cuming and her Aequales ensemble for their work and generosity in putting on this event.

The Community Centre has been decorated up to mark Lunar New Year – "The Year of the Dragon" this week. Many of our program participants and volunteers will be celebrating this festival with family and friends over the coming weeks. Our long term volunteer, Anne, explained how she will be sharing a meal with family over the weekend, attending community celebrations in Sunshine and going to worship at the temple, sharing gifts of oranges and pineapples that signify prosperity as well as coins in red envelopes for the little ones and notes in red envelopes for the older loved ones in her life. Our Thursday morning market group was noticeably relaxed and in a festive mood, enjoying some Mandarin opera music and a festive atmosphere as they waited for their fresh food market parcels. One of the great joys at Community Support is being able to mark cultural and religious festivals from around the world alongside our beautifully diverse community!

Virginia Moebus-Nelson
Executive Officer



CAN Choir re-gathering for special Easter music!

All who love singing are welcome to join.

Register with Jean Evans [0422 163 450 or mj.evans@hotmail.com]

Note these dates:

Practices: Saturday mornings starting 17 Feb 9.30-10.30 am

Presentations:

- 10.00 am Sun 24 March: Palm Sunday worship
- 9.00 am Friday 29 March: Good Friday worship
- 10.00 am Sun 31 March: Easter Day worship

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.

Sunday roster for volunteer helpers to 25 Feb 2024:

	Sun 11 Feb WHITE Transfiguration	Sun 18 Feb PURPLE Lent 1	Sun 25 Feb PURPLE Lent 2		Sun 11 Feb WHITE Transfiguration	Sun 18 Feb PURPLE Lent 1	Sun 25 Feb PURPLE Lent 2
<u>Preach</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Ian B	Shirley J	David J
<u>Liturgist</u>	Greta B	Jill T	David H	<u>Offering</u>	Ian B Paul SM	Paul SM Ken T	Shiny I David J
<u>PP Prep</u>	Greta B	Jill T	Barbara LV	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Julie P	Sue C	Shirley J
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Joan P	Jean E	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Jean D	Leah B	Coco C
<u>Camera</u>	Prebin A	William V	Paul SM	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Shirley J	Greta B
<u>Reader</u>	Mac N	Evan R	Michelle A	<u>HC Elder</u>	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	Ken T	William V	<u>Children</u>	Ken T Shiny I	Barbara LV ?	Ken T Shiny I
<u>Greeter</u>	Ken T	Shirley J	Jean D				

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today February 11, 2024 (Transfiguration)
2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Next Sunday February 18, 2024 (Lent 1)
Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Faiths for Climate Justice 2024 Week of Action

The GreenFaith International Network is calling for a week global action. The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is leading the activities here in Australia



Across the world, **we are seeing unprecedented climate impacts** and climate fueled storms, fires, droughts, and wars. Millions of people across the globe are being displaced and impacted. While the world is calling for an end to fossil fuels, a just transition to accessible, affordable, renewable energy for all, and for loss and damage for those most impacted, **our governments are not doing nearly enough.**

As grassroots, multi-faith people of conscience from many different faith and spiritual traditions, we know this is wrong, and that it's time to take action to call for the change we know is possible. **That's why, on 3-12 May, people of faith around the world will be mobilizing for a week of action calling for an end to fossil fuels, a sustainable future, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.**

Click [here](#) to find out more

This Week at CAN

- Sunday February 11@ 10.00 CAN worship
- Wednesday February 14 @ 7.45am Holy Communion by Zoom
- Sunday February 18 @ 10.00am CAN worship

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

Ash Wednesday **CAN** **Wednesday Communion**

has returned. Each Wednesday at 7.45am a group of around 8 people gather by Zoom for a time of worship and fellowship, including sharing the bread and wine. The worship service runs for around 30 minutes. BYO bread and wine. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we will include a brief litany of making the sign of the cross. We will have to self administer this so you can be creative in what you use for this - traditional ashes, water (reminding us of the waters of baptism), the wine you will consume in Holy Communion or just the sign of the cross made with your thumb.

Click [here](#) for link to Wednesday Zoom Communion

Lenten Studies Aplenty!

There are again Lenten Studies on offer for Church of All Nations. We are offering two options. We have our own (CAN) 6 week series which will be based on the book, "Witness at the Cross" by Amy-Jill Levine. You can learn more about this book by clicking [here](#). Ray has ordered multiple copies of the book to save on postage and time so if you wish to purchase your own copy for \$29.25 see him. It is possible to purchase a kindle version of the book but you will have to either have a kindle device or download a kindle app.

The studies will be held on 6 consecutive Thursdays at Mac Nicoll's home, (address will be advised in coming weeks) commencing on

February 22 at 2.00pm and concluding on March 28, which happens to be Maundy Thursday. Put your name on the Welcome table if interested in attending.

The second option is to join in with with Mark the Evangelist who are looking at the book by Sam Wells called A Cross in the Heart of God. Mark the Evangelist is offering this 5 week series by Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (starting Feb 21) or Friday afternoons at 1.30pm (starting Feb 23). Click [here](#) to find out more and register

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

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Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Tabart (Treasurer) or David Johnson (Deputy Treasurer)

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...



**And With Love
to the World
have arrived**

Our regular two free resources - Crosslight (bi monthly Synod of Vic/Tas magazine) and With Love to the World (daily bible reading aid) have arrived for their latest instalments. You can pick up a copy of both at the welcome table at the front of the church. With Love to the World is provided free by CAN Church Council as part of a commitment to encourage the regular reading of scripture by all of our community.

From the UCA National Assembly

This week in our This is my Uniting Church series we head to the beautiful Kentish town of Sheffield in Tasmania where the 140-year old Sheffield Uniting Church has stood in the main street since 1882.

Having shrunk down to a group of five by 2022, the congregation faced the choice of either closing or radically changing. Change they did, turning outward to their context - a small but busy and prosperous rural town - and opening wide their doors to the community.

The Church is now a recognised hub for mission and a community gathering space, used each week by over 100 people who are part of worshipping communities, creative and social groups and the University of the Third Age.

In this Q&A, Leoni Reed, one of the leaders in the community writes,

"Instead of a church focussing on Sunday worship, it has found a new lease of life, new direction, and new ways of serving, which has caught us by surprise."

"Pray for us as we continue and celebrate the role our church plays in our small country town. Just like a mustard seed planted in the ground, small and unseen, God's kingdom is present here in our community."

Do you know a great Uniting Church community? Nominate them

Click [here](#) to read the latest from the Asssembly

For all the latest news from **Synod of Vic/Tas**, including a range of interesting employment opportunities, click [here](#)

