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### Rest in Peace Helen Hill

We were shocked to learn earlier this week that our friend and sister in the faith Helen Hill passed away on Monday night at Caritas Christi where she had been for a few days. While we knew Helen was gravely unwell I don't think any of us who saw her at Mark the Evangelist shared worship on April 28 suspected that her death was so imminent.

Helen had many friends and colleagues from her days in Melbourne and her adventures overseas, for many years in Dili, East Timor and there have been many messages of encouragement and comfort coming in recent days. Click [here](#) to read the one from the Government of Timor-Leste and [here](#) for a tribute in a Dili newspaper

Her funeral will be held on Friday May 17 at 11.30 am at Church of All Nations. It will be live streamed and the link will be circulated next week.

### Visit from Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh

**T**his coming Sunday, May 12 (which also happens to be Mother's Day) we are very fortunate to be having a guest speaker during worship - Professor Mazin Butros Qumsiyeh is a Palestinian Christian scientist and author, founder and director of the Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability at Bethlehem University where he teaches.

He has previously taught at Tennessee, Duke, and Yale and had books published on topics from biodiversity to cancer. His books include: Sharing the Land of Canaan, Popular Resistance in Palestine: A History of Hope and Empowerment.

He will be speaking of his life as a Palestinian Christian and the work of sustainability of the natural world and humans.

You can watch a Youtube interview by Michael Spath by clicking [here](#)



### This Week at CAN

- Sunday May 12 @ 10.00 worship at CAN, including visit of prof Mazin Qumsiyeh
- Sunday May 12 @ 4.00 at CAN Lieder Society concert "Mother Nature" (see flyer on page 7
- Tuesday May 14 @ 8.00pm induction of Jessica Hateley- Browne as Mission director or Uniting.
- See page 6
- Wednesday May 15 @ 7.45am Holy Communion by Zoom
- Wednesday May 15 @ 2.00pm worship at Redmond Park
- Friday May 17 @ . >?? funeral of Helen Hill at CAN
- Friday May 17 @ 7.30pm induction of Brendan Byrne at Wesley Uniting 130 Lonsdale St
- Sunday May 19 @ 10.00 worship at CAN, celebrating Pentecost

### Lectionary Bible Readings

Today

Sunday May 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Next Sunday May 19, 2024 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

#### CAN roster for Sunday volunteers:

|                  | 12 May<br>WHITE<br>Easter 7 | 19 May<br>RED<br>Pentecost | 26 May<br>WHITE<br>Trinity |                 | 12 May<br>WHITE<br>Easter 7 | 19 May<br>RED<br>Pentecost | 26 May<br>WHITE<br>Trinity |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Preacher</u>  | Mazin Qumsiyeh              | Ray G                      | Pam K                      | <u>Property</u> | Ian B                       | Ken T                      | David J                    |
| <u>Liturgist</u> | Ray G                       | Jill T                     | David H                    | <u>Offering</u> | Ian B<br>David J            | William V<br>Ken T         | David J<br>Shiny I         |
| <u>PP Prep</u>   | Ray G                       | Jill T                     | Barbara LV                 | <u>Hosp 1</u>   | Pam K                       | Barbara LV                 | Katie E                    |
| <u>Music</u>     | Donna C                     | Jean E                     | Jean E                     | <u>Hosp 2</u>   | Jill T                      | Alice LV                   | Jean D                     |
| <u>Camera</u>    | Jeff J                      | Prebin A                   | William V                  | <u>Flowers</u>  | Jill T                      | Greta B                    | Jill T                     |
| <u>Reader</u>    | Jean D                      | Olivia LV<br>Elika S       | Lydia P<br>(in Korean)     | <u>HC Elder</u> | -                           | -                          | -                          |
| <u>AV</u>        | Ian B                       | William V                  | David J                    | <u>Children</u> | Jill T<br>Ken T             | (Inter-Gen service)        | Ken T<br>Jill T            |
| <u>Greeter</u>   | Ken T                       | Pam K                      | Mac N                      |                 |                             |                            |                            |

## From CAN Community Support

Sadly, Thursday week ago we had an unfortunate incident in the community centre. One of our very sweet, quietly spoken and particularly lovely volunteers had her bag stolen while she was volunteering in the community pantry. Unfortunately, for her own legitimate reasons, she was carrying around a significant amount of cash in her bag. This was a huge blow to herself and her family, who, on top of trying to get by in these times of excessive cost of living, have had some major dental bills to cover for one of the children. Everyone was very upset. Our dear volunteer's confidence took a big hit and she struggled to get out of the house this week. So we were absolutely delighted when she summoned up her courage to come back for her usual volunteering spot this Thursday. There were huge hugs and tears all round as we welcomed her back and tried to reassure her, reminding her that she is missed and that we stand with her during this difficult time. We have also reassessed some of our procedures for secure storage of volunteers' possessions and security during pantry hours. But it is a sheer delight to see our community rally around someone during a difficult time and to see our volunteer finish her shift this week laughing and connected back with us.

We are all super excited for the first of a series of community choir sessions for our local community this coming Wednesday, May 15 at 1pm in the drop in space at the rear of the community centre. We would love to see some of you there for some hearty singing with others from around the local community. This will run for several weeks as a pilot to see how much interest there is. See page 5 for flyer. Please join us!

And click [here](#) to read the latest Supporter's Newsletter

Virginia Moebus-Nelson

Executive Officer



### 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...

### The School of Discipleship

The School of Discipleship (SoD) is back for 2024, taking place from 5-7 July at the Uniting Church Centre for Ministry in Sydney. Open to all, SoD is a radical discipleship conference which has run since 2004, bringing together challenging input, deep Bible engagement, study, prayer, community and worship. This year the keynote will be given by theologian and scholar Grace Ji-Sun Kim. For more information and to register click [here](#) and follow the

### CAN Wednesday Communion

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.

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



## Choir Sessions

**WHAT:** SIMPLE AND FUN GROUP SINGING!

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAYS @ 1PM

**WHERE:** DROP IN @ CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
ENTER VIA REAR OF 180 PALMERSTON ST

**FIRST SESSION ON MAY 15TH**

**NO SINGING EXPERIENCE OR ENGLISH REQUIRED  
ALL WARMLY WELCOME!**

### **Love to the World has arrived.**

Just the daily bible reading and not yet world peace. With Love to the World is an aid to help people in their daily reading of scripture. The Church Council a while ago made a decision that they thought this so important that copies of this booklet would be made available free of charge to any church members who wished to take a copy. They are on the welcome table so grab your copy on Sunday. This latest edition covers the period May 13 - August 11.

### **Astra's 2024 Season**

#### **Astra Embarks on an Expanded 2024 Season with Musical Directors Andrew Byrne and John McCaughey**

In 2024, Astra welcomes composer and artistic director Andrew Byrne to the leadership team, joining long-time musical director John McCaughey. With decades of combined experience and a shared vision, the duo is set to expand Astra's cultural footprint with a significant increase in its concert activities in 2024.

Reflecting on this moment, John McCaughey remarks, "Astra is delighted to connect with the times in fresh ways through the arrival of Andrew Byrne as co-director. He has a long history with Astra – as composer and guest curator – but also brings a wealth of outside knowledge from many years of activity at the heart of cultural diversities in New York."

Read more from Astra (it is their piano we use in worship every Sunday morning and they rehearse in the church) by clicking [here](#)



# You're invited.

## A Uniting Church commissioning service for Jessica Hateley-Browne.

**A gathering and service to recognise Jess' new role as Director of Mission at Uniting Vic.Tas.**

Please join us at the Northcote Uniting Church on Tuesday 14 May for a gathering and service. The service will be embedded within the usual worship gathering.

**Date**  
Tuesday 14 May

**Time**  
7:00pm for drinks and finger food. The service will take place at 8:00-9:15pm.

**Venue**  
Northcote Uniting Church,  
251 High Street,  
Northcote  
*(In the hall at the back of the site, near the Indonesian restaurant.)*

**Get in touch**  
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### 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

# Uniting

Friday May 17, 2024 7:30pm Induction of **Rev Brendan Byrne** at Wesley/Melb Uni Tertiary Chaplaincy. The induction will be held at Wesley Uniting located at 130 Lonsdale St Melbourne



On the left we have our very own Jill Tabart in her capacity as then President of the Assembly signing the covenant with Pastor Bill Hollingsworth

## Living the Covenant 30th Anniversary



Almost three decades ago the Uniting Church in Australia and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress made a historic covenant under God.

Captured in a Covenanting Statement which was formally signed at the 7th Assembly in 1994, the Covenant followed years of discernment by visionary First Nations leaders within the Uniting Church. Acknowledging the pain of the past, it committed us to a new relationship where we would seek a more just and reconciled future together.

On 10 July 2024 we will celebrate 30 years of the Covenant. In the same month we will also mark 15 years of the revised Preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution (12th Assembly, 15-21 July 2009). Both dates will fall in NAIDOC Week.

The Assembly will soon release resources to equip Uniting Church communities to celebrate these anniversaries in worship and reflect on their ongoing meaning. You can sign up to receive these resources as soon as they're available.

We encourage you to save the date in your church calendars as we prepare for what we pray will be a significant opportunity for the Uniting Church to grow in friendship with Australia's First Peoples, remember our history and recommit to walking together.

Read more and sign up for the resources by clicking [here](#) and [here](#) for **all the latest news from the Assembly**