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End of Year BBQ

In the words of one of our volunteers it was a “crazy, hectic and fun” end of year celebration here behind the community centre on Tuesday evening with a huge turnout from the community to mark Christmas and the end of another year! Our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that there was fabulous kids games, a delicious gourmet halal BBQ, African coffee and ice-creams for everyone! It was a great opportunity to have folk from across our programs come together to eat and enjoy each other’s company. A huge thank-you to those from the congregation who came along to enjoy the festivities and also those who volunteered. One of our ex-staff members, Samy Ibrahim came and took some gorgeous photos for us.

Our winter appeal is now on so please consider us in your giving over Christmas and have a read of our Christmas story www.givenow.com.au/christmasappeal2024 - we have a bunch of postcards to letterbox drop, so if you are able to assist with this please email me virginia.moebus-nelson@cancarlton.org.au or call the office on 9347-7077 .



Virginia Moebus-Nelson
 Executive Officer
 CAN Community Support
 Church of All Nations Parish Mission, Carlton



This Week at CAN

- Sunday December 15 @ 10.00 CAN worship Advent 3
- Wednesday December 18 @ 7.45am Holy Communion by Zoom
- Wednesday December 18 @ 2.00pm Christmas service at Redmond Park - all welcome!
- Sunday December 22 @ 10.00am CAN worship Advent 4 Lessons and Carols
- Sunday December 22 after worship Morning Tea provided by Elders

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today, December 15, Advent 3
 Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

Next Sunday, December 22, Advent 4
 Micah 5:2-5a
 Luke 1:46b-55
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45

CAN roster for Sunday volunteers:

	15 Dec PURPLE Advent 3	22 Dec PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols CHOIR	25 Dec WHITE Christmas CHOIR	29 Dec WHITE Christmas 1		15 Dec PURPLE Advent 3	22 Dec PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols CHOIR	25 Dec WHITE Christmas CHOIR	29 Dec WHITE Christmas 1
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Brendan C	David J	Jeff J	Brendan C
<u>Liturgist</u>	?	-	Pam K	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	Brendan C Shiny I	Ken T Michelle A	-	Shiny I Brendan C
<u>PP Prep</u>	Barbara LV	Jill T	Pam K	Ray G	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Barbara LV	Shirley J	-	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	Peter A	Donna C	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Alice LV	Leah B	-	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	William V	Jeff J David J	Jeff J	David J	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Jill T	Shirley J	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Jean D	Pam K	Shirley J	Brendan C	<u>HC Elder</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Prebin A	David J	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	Kate E Mark S	(School Hols)	-	(School Hols)
<u>Greeter</u>	Jill T	Leah B	Shirley J	Jill T					

CROSSLIGHT

The December edition of the free Uniting Church magazine called Crosslight has turned up. Grab your copy off the welcome table when you are at worship on Sunday.

Assembly Advent series: In his introduction to the series, a reflection on Advent waiting, Transforming Worship Circle Advocate Matt Julius writes:

"Advent invites us into a season of deep waiting, of yearning for Jesus the Prince of Peace to come near to us."

"The invitation to Advent, in a time of personal and global crisis, is to sit in the waiting. The invitation is to name the hard truths we carry. The invitation is to move slowly through the prayers and songs at this time which call for ransom, release, and freedom."

The offerings will be available [here](#)

each week and you can read the first one now, Expanding our Language, which explores some of the biblical context and offers a range of resources to consider the language we use in this season.

Christmas Services at CAN

We are having Advent services on the four Sundays in Advent, with the CAN choir taking part in two of those services, as well as the Christmas Day worship.

All services are below and commence at 10.00am except the Christmas Day service which is at 9.00am

Sunday December 15 Advent 3

Sunday December 22 Advent 4 Lessons and Carols and CAN Choir, followed by Elders provided morning tea

Wednesday December 25 at 9.00am Christmas Day and CAN choir (note earlier time)



Advance Notice of 2025 first half of year Study/Discussion Opportunities at CAN

In February here at CAN we will offer a 3 week series reflecting on our relationship with Creation. Originally written to complement the annual Season of Creation many churches now observe in the liturgical year UCA minister Paul Chalson says this 3 week study can be used at any time.

It is titled **LIVING HUMBLY, LIVING HOPEFULLY**
Reflections of identity and practice
and what that may mean for a vocation of caring for our planet
as followers of Jesus.

The plan is to meet in person on Tuesdays at 2.00pm on Feb 11, 15 and 22 at a venue to be decided. We are also open to repeating the series in the evening if there are people who are not available during the day but would like to participate. There is a sheet of paper on the welcome desk where you can indicate your interest for both the day time and evening sessions of this study. To look at this material click [here](#)

For **Lenten studies** next year we are encouraging CAN folk to join in with a study group offered through the Presbytery and sponsored by Mark the Evangelist. Lenten Studies for 2025 will use Rowan Williams' Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement. The study groups will be online (Zoom) from Wednesday March (7.45pm) and Friday March 7 (1.30PM), for six weeks (one week per chapter). Find out more about the combined with Mark the Evangelist Lenten studies by clicking [here](#)

All the Uniting Church News you could possibly want!!

Synod of Vic/Tas E/News can be read by clicking [here](#)

And for the National Assembly news click [here](#)

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 Communion

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

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://www.facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations>

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

Next week's edition of the CAN Bulletin will be the last for a while. We will take a break over the Christmas New Year period and return with all the CAN news in February 2025

Next Church Lunch and Dinner

Have you thought you would like to host a church dinner but thought your place is not large enough? We have a booking of the community room where Shiny, Prebin, Ethan and Michelle live for Friday March 28 2025 from 6.30-8.30. If interested you could host that night. Just have to set up and pack up the room and be around to greet people. Also provide disposable plates and cutlery if required. See Ray if interested.

And on the topic of lunches, morning teas and dinners...

There will be a morning tea on December 22 after worship. Food will be provided by the Elders so no need to bring anything. Our next lunch is after worship on February 16, 2025. Please bring some finger food to share.

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

