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We're Back !

Welcome to our first CAN bulletin of the year. We trust all our loyal readers had a blessed and restful Christmas and New Year period and are looking forward to all 2025 will bring. 2025! A quarter century since all that Y2000 kerfuffle! Can you remember that? Was it all for nought or did all the measures taken protect the world from otherwise certain calamity?

Thank you!

Donations to the 2024 National Council of Churches (Act for Peace) Appeal from Church of All Nations Congregation totalled:

\$ 995.55

(not counting some individual gifts sent directly)



Children's Ministry at Church of All Nations resumes after School Holidays

One more Sunday of school holidays!

Children's Ministry classes will resume next Sunday, 2 Feb 2025.

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship.

For this weekend (26 Jan), as has been throughout the holidays, individual activity sheets will be available for the use of children under parental supervision.



Up coming Church Meals

The next church lunch is after worship on Sunday Feb 16 and we are putting out the usual call for people to bring some finger food for sharing in a light and early lunch together.. Thanks to Elders who provided the special morning tea just before Christmas last year and it was a lovely spread.

And the next church meal after that is a Friday evening meal on March 28 at Shiny, Prebin, Michelle and Ethan's place. More details on that will come.

CAN 3-week roster for Sunday volunteers:					26 January GREEN	2 February GREEN HC	9 February GREEN
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Pam K	<u>Property</u>	Brendan C	David J	Ken T
<u>Liturgist</u>	Jill T	-	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	Brendan C Ken T	David J Jeff J	Ken T David J
<u>PP Prep</u>	Jill T	Ray G	Barbara LV	<u>Hospitality</u> 1	Jill T	Julie P	Barbara LV
<u>Music</u>	Mac N	Donna C	Donna C	<u>Hospitality</u> 2	Leah B	Jean D	Alice LV
<u>Camera</u>	David J	Jeff J	William V	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Jill T	Shirley J
<u>Reader</u>	Shirley J	Leah B	Alice LV	<u>HC</u>	-	Sue C	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	David J	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	(School Hols)	Jill T Ken T	Barbara LV ?Shiny I
<u>Greeter</u>	Leah B	Leah B	Mac N				

This Week at CAN

- Sunday January 26 @ 10.00 CAN worship Epiphany 3
- Tuesday January 28 @ 2.00pm Property and Finance committee meeting by Zoom
- Wednesday January 29 @ 5.30pm Property sustainability workshop with Rina from Synod
- Property Services
- Sunday February 2 @ 10.00am CAN worship and Holy Communion
- Sunday February 2 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council

CAN Wednesday Communion

The weekly Wednesday Communion by Zoom resumes on Wednesday, February 5 at 7.45am. Have you considered if you might be part of this group who share the bread and cup together? Bring along to your computer screen your own piece of bread and wine/juice and share in this 30 minute worship service

Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673

Passcode: 9dbLQu



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today, January 26, 2025 (Epiphany 3)

January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10,

Psalm 19,

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Next Sunday February 2, 2025 (Epiphany 4)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

CTM to host Ministry and Mission Day

The Centre for Theology and Ministry in Parkville will be the venue for a Ministry and Mission Day on February 18, which will also mark the beginning of the academic year for Pilgrim Theological College. The event will include a Welcome to Country, a Worship Service led by Moderator Rev David Fotheringham which will include the induction of new Synod ministry staff, and a Commencement Lecture from United Theological College's Sathi Clarke marking the start of the academic year.

Register for the event by clicking [here](#)

Gippsland Camino



Uniting Church members are invited to register for Gippsland Camino 2025, a 63km spiritual walk from Traralgon to Sale supported by the Uniting, Anglican and Catholic churches, from May 1-4.

Click [here](#) for more info and to register

And click [here](#) to read latest Synod Connect, the e-bulletin of the VIC/Tas Synod

ALBANIAN AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC SOCIETY



VICTORIAN MOSQUE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY
11:00AM - 3:00PM

ALBANIAN MOSQUE,
765 DRUMMOND ST, CARLTON NTH

JOIN US FOR FUN, FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP!

- All Welcome
- Mosque Tours and Q&A
- Islamic Information Slideshow
- History Exhibition - Melbourne's First Mosque
- Prayer Observation
- Try on a Hijab, Keffiyeh or Prayer Cap
- Kids Craft Activities and Face Painting
- Tea, Coffee & Traditional Albanian Desserts

Email: admin@aais.org.au for information

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



Midsumma at St Michael's

Sunday 9 February 2025

10:00 AM

"A feather on the breath of God" A celebration of queer inspiration

A special Church service inspired by St Hildegard of Bingen. Featuring the music of the Consort of Melbourne. Blessings will be offered to all.



11:30 AM

Midsumma morning tea

Special Morning Tea, open to all, in St Michael's Hall after the service.



12:30 PM

The Gospel according to Jesus, Queen of Heaven by Jo Clifford

A unique, award-winning show in which bread is shared, wine is drunk and familiar stories are reimagined by a transgender Jesus. Open to everyone at no cost, with donations collected to cover Jo Clifford's travel costs.



St Michael's will march alongside the Uniting Church of Australia at the Midsumma Pride March in St Kilda on Sunday 2 February 2025. You are welcome to join us there.



St Michael's Uniting Church

on Collins Street is thrilled to be holding two events as part of the Midsumma Festival: A Midsumma Gathering and performance by Jo Clifford as part of the Midsumma Festival, and would like extend the invitation to the Uniting Church community.

On **Sunday, 9 February at 10am** we celebrate with "**A Feather on the breath of God" – A Celebration of Queer Inspiration**

St Michael's welcomes you to their Sunday Gathering celebrating queer inspiration. St Michael's Uniting Church celebrates the long history of queer inspiration through spirituality and faith with their annual Midsumma Sunday Gathering.

St Michael's prides itself on being a welcoming and affirming church for LGBTIQ+ people of faith. St Michael's is recognised as an Open and Affirming congregation for LGBTIQ+ people by the Uniting Network Australia, the national network for LGBTIQ+ people, families, friends and supporters within the Uniting Church in Australia.

At **12:30pm** following the service is a performance '**The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven**' written and performed by **Jo Clifford**

This unique and award-winning show written and performed by UK legend Jo Clifford combines theatre with storytelling and ritual in a way that, according to one audience member, "leaves everyone feeling blessed".

If you are interested in attending, please find the link to the event here: <https://stmichaels.org.au/event/a-celebration-of-queer-inspiration-in-church-and-online/>

Our next study series kicks off on Tuesday Feb 11 at 2.00pm and there has been a kind offer from the good folk at Redmond Park located at 300 Pigdon St Princes Hill to host us. The series will be held over Feb 11, 18, 25

**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.

A study series for A Season of Creation

Paul Chalson

Click the link to study material

<https://>

www.unitearthweb.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Living-humbly-hopefully.pdf

Remember Advent/Christmas 2024 last month?

Clay nativity scene, prepared by the children early in Advent, displayed in Christmas Day worship. Can you see some Australian creatures? Thanks, Katie, for the inspiration!



Our Christmas Tree!

Can you find your own little triangle?

Together, we did great work proclaiming what Christmas means to us in different ways.

Thank you to all who helped build our Congregation project for Christmas 2024



Free Bible Society booklets

Were you able to share any amongst family, friends, neighbours? They were popular here in Carlton leading up to Christmas!

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...