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The Uniting Church in Australia
180 Palmerston Street Carlton

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 written by Paul Chalson

Click the link to study material <https://www.unitingearthweb.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Living-humbly-hopefully.pdf>.

There are a couple of printed copies of the study on the Welcome desk

With Love to the World

A new edition of **With Love to the World** has arrived. It covers the period February 10 - May 11 which spans the Lent Easter period.

With Love to the World is a daily Bible reading guide which includes scripture passages and a brief reflection on each reading. The Church Council has purchased a multiple subscription in order to make this available for free to members of the congregation in order to encourage daily reading of the scriptures.

Pick up your complimentary copy at the Welcome table at the entrance to the church.

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:					2 February GREEN HC	9 February GREEN	16 February GREEN
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Pam K	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ken T	Jeff J
<u>Liturgist</u>	-	Jean D	Sue C	<u>Offering</u>	David J Jeff J	Ken T David J	Jeff J Shiny I
<u>PP Pre</u>	Ray G	Barbara LV	Barbara LV	<u>Hospitality 1</u>	Julie P	Barbara LV	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	Donna C	Adam D	<u>Hospitality 2</u>	Jean D	Alice LV	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	William V	Prebin A	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Shirley J	Greta B
<u>Reader</u>	Leah B	Alice LV	Evan R	<u>HC</u>	Sue C	-	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ken T	William V	<u>Children</u>	Jill T Ken T	Barbara LV Shiny I	Ken T Jill T
<u>Greeter</u>	Leah B	Mac N	Shirley J				

This Week at CAN

- Sunday February 2 @ 10.00am CAN worship and Holy Communion
- Sunday February 2 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council
- Wednesday February 5 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by Zoom resumes
- Wednesday February 5 @ 10.30am worship at Rathdowne Place
- Sunday February 9 @ 10.00am worship at CAN with Pam Kerr preaching

CAN Wednesday Communion

The weekly Wednesday Communion by Zoom resumes this coming 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, February 2, 2025 (Epiphany 4)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Next Sunday February 9

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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...

From Synod - A number of people with Uniting Church connections have been recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours List.

The late **Paul Richard Madden** was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for significant service to the community through social welfare organisations, social policy development, and the arts.

Paul was a member of the Church of All Nations in Carlton and was Events Director from 2011-2020, and Treasurer from 2008-2019.

The Paul Madden Memorial Window was dedicated in his honour in 2023.

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/>

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Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Fundraiser

An Evening in the Garden

Join us for a stylish outdoor garden party fundraiser featuring garden-to-plate cuisine by renowned Rumi restaurant, "Tram Car" wine by Michael Unwin Wines, live entertainment, an art auction, and more.

Help us expand our community garden and transform a historic tram into a vibrant/community space, enhancing our ability to support people experiencing disadvantage.

HOW TO GET YOUR TICKET?

Scan the QR Code to secure your spot or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1210218248359> to purchase your ticket!

🕒 Friday, 28 February 2025, 5.30-8.00 PM

📍 20 Princes St, Carlton North

Your special invitation

Dear friends,

I'm writing to invite you to *An Evening in the Garden*, a special fundraiser for the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

Join us on Friday, 28 February 2025, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at 20 Princes St, Carlton North, for a magical evening filled with:

- ✨ Garden-to-plate cuisine crafted by the renowned Rumi restaurant
- 🍷 "Tram Car" wine by Michael Unwin Wine
- 🎵 Live entertainment, including chamber orchestra group Inveni Ensemble, to set the perfect mood
- 🎨 An art auction showcasing incredible works
- 🌟 A silent auction and so much more!

All proceeds from the evening will support two transformative projects:

- Expanding our community garden.
- Restoring a historic tram into a unique classroom and community space, creating new opportunities for

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



RUMI The Guardian



Michael Unwin Wines



This is your chance to enjoy a special evening while making a meaningful impact on our community. Tickets are \$100 per person, with all proceeds going directly toward these initiatives.

[Click here to get your tickets!](#)

If you're unable to attend, you can still support our work by making a **tax-deductible donation** here: <https://cnlc.org.au/donate/>.

Warm regards,

Tony Milne

Executive Officer

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre

P.S. Dress your best — we can't wait to see you there!

WESLEY CONVERSATIONS

The Ethics of Housing

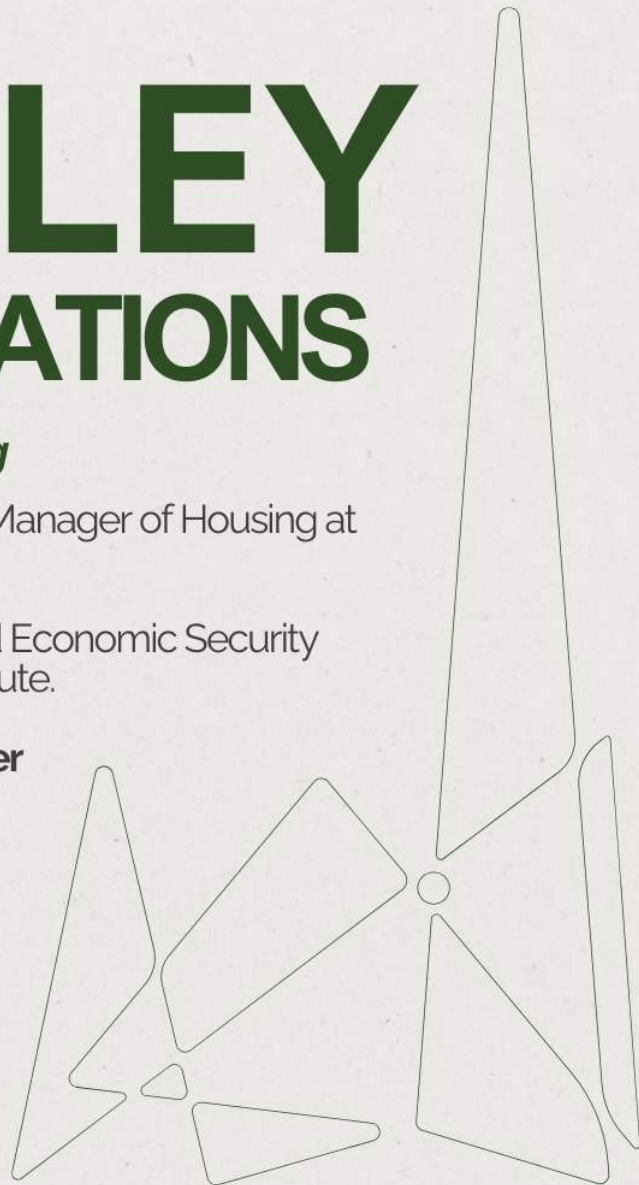
With **Kristie Looney**, General Manager of Housing at Uniting VicTas

Brendan Coates, Housing and Economic Security Program Director, Grattan Institute.

Moderated by **Robyn Whitaker**

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20TH
12:30 PM - 1:20PM**

**WESLEY CHURCH,
LONSDALE ST,
MELBOURNE.**



The Wesley Centre has a new and upcoming series that will be running every **third Thursday** of each month in **2025** called ***Wesley Conversations that matter***.

Event Bio:

The Wesley Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Policy is hosting a series of 'Conversations That Matter'—lunchtime conversations with experts on the big questions facing society, from housing to politics to bioethics and AI. 'Conversations That Matter' are held in Wesley Church, 130 Lonsdale St, on the **third Thursday** of the month from **12.30 – 1.20pm**. BYO lunch or coffee.

How do we solve the housing crisis? At the start of an election year in which housing is front of mind for many voters, join us for a free lunchtime conversation about the ethics, economics, and politics of housing, with Brendan Coates from the Grattan Institute, and Kristie Looney from Uniting Vic.Tas.

Event Link - <https://www.facebook.com/share/18VcmV1RNe/>

Lenten Studies

Our Lenten Studies for 2025 will be in conjunction with our friends at Mark the Evangelist. We will use Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles our Judgement*.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

In this book the former Archbishop of Canterbury looks in depth at the trial of Jesus, using it to teach readers how to face the challenges of life in today's trying times.

Bringing the biblical accounts of Jesus' trial vividly to life, Rowan Williams highlights what can be learned about Jesus from each of the four Gospel portraits. Mark shows a mysterious figure revealed as the Son of God. Matthew describes the Wisdom of God tried by foolish men. Luke presents a divine stranger. John speaks of the paradox of divinity submitting to judgement. These discussions are followed by a reflection on Christian martyrdom and a meditation on tyranny, freedom, and truth.

Throughout the book, Williams draws not only from the Bible but also from fiction, drama, and current events, pointing out ways in which society today continues to put Christ on trial. Even more, he argues that all Christians stand with Jesus before a watching world. Though we may not be directly confronted with death, we are nevertheless called daily to respond to the falsehood of such lures as power, influence, and prestige.

The study groups seek to be ecumenical in participation, with people from MtE, Parkville's St Carthages, Carlton's Church of All Nations and Hawthorn's Habitat Uniting Church being among those participating. (Let us know if you would like to join our online ones!)

At the moment, two online (Zoom) groups are planned from Wednesday March 5 (7.45pm) and Friday March 7 (1.30PM), for six weeks (one week per chapter). (We are, however, hoping to be able to offer other groups in co-operation with other congregations — these will be added to the page here as they are confirmed). (Let us know if you would like to offer a parallel series of studies on this text we could advertise!)

Participants should get their own copies of the book. [Amazon](#) will be the quickest, but it is also [available at other places](#) more cheaply if you get early. The version of the book (cover) on this page is the "reference" version; the older blue-covered edition has the same pagination if you can find a cheap secondhand copy; the black-covered edition is probably also the same pagination, but unconfirmed!

Please register your intention to join us below, so that you can receive the Zoom link for the discussions!

