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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE | [#NRW2025](https://www.nrww2025.org.au) | [RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU](https://reconciliation.org.au)

What is National Reconciliation Week?

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful [1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

We will observe National Reconciliation Week during worship on Sunday June 1 at CAN. In the meantime you can read more by clicking [here](#)

Church Dinner Coming Up

Next church meal is dinner on tonight - **Friday May 23 at 6.30pm**. Thanks so much to Katie and Mark, Georgina and Scarlett for inviting us to their home. Always a great night!

Their home is at 11 Fitzgibbons Ave Brunswick West. If anyone needs a ride see Ray or your elder. Could people with surnames starting with A-K bring something savoury and those with surnames starting with L-Z bring something sweet.



Donna Coleman is playing piano again this Sunday and will be the last time we see for for a while. She is returning to the United States for 5 months. Thanks once again for playing music at our worship services and have a wonderful time back in your home country. We look forward to seeing Donna again in December just in time for some marvellous Christmas music!

CAN worship roster to 8 June 2025:

	25 May WHITE Easter 6	1 June WHITE Easter 7 HC	8 June RED Pentecost		25 May WHITE Easter 6	1 June WHITE Easter 7 HC	8 June RED Pentecost
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	David J	Jason I	Ian B
<u>Liturgist</u>		Ray G	Jill T	<u>Offering</u>	David J Ethan K	Ken T Brendan C	Ian B Jason I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	Coco C	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Barbara LV	Kate E	?
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	Adam D	Adam D	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Alice LV	Mark S	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	Bruce W	Jeff J	Prebin A	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Shirley J	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Shirley J	Leah B	Prit S Bahasa Malaysia	<u>HC</u>	-	Shiny I	-
<u>AV</u>	Prebin A	William V	Ian B	<u>Children</u>	Ken T Barbara LV	Jill T Shiny I	Ken T Shiny I
<u>Greeter</u>	Jill T	Jean D	Ken T				

Friday May 23 @ 6.30pm Church Dinner at 11 Fitzgibbons Ave Brunswick West

Sunday May 25 @ 10.00 CAN worship

Tuesday May 27 @ 12.00 CAN Property and Finance by Zoom

Tuesday May 27 @ 6.30 CAN Community Support Board

Wednesday May 28 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom

Wednesday May 28 @ 12.00 CAN community support lunch in Dyson Hall

Thursday May 29 @ 2.30pm CAN Project

Saturday May 31 @ 9.30am Yarra Yarra Presbytery

Sunday June 1 @ 10.00am CAN worship, including Holy Communion

CAN Wednesday Communion

The weekly Wednesday Communion by Zoom is held weekly 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=YzIXcExjQUU5bHl0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

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 May 25, 2025

Acts 16:9-16

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 5:1-9

Next Sunday, June 1, 2025

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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



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...

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



you are invited

LUNCHTIME
Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday

4 June 2025

Start 1.00pm AEST



**National Council of Churches
in Australia**

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQDG>

A ZOOM meeting link to registrants by 4pm on the day before the lunchtime prayers.



Image used: The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, Greek-Orthodox Metropolis in Paris.
Source: Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (www.christianunity.va)

A Conversation With Revd Dr Garry Worete Deverell.

Three videos with Discussion Guide on Aboriginal Spirituality and Culture. Click [here](#) to view

This is a collaboration between Garry and Craig Mitchell on behalf of [Port Phillip East Presbytery](#) of the Uniting Church in Australia, with the initial support of the University of Divinity. Three short videos explore Aboriginal worldviews, spirituality and culture alongside a commentary about the colonisation of Australia. Each video is about 8 minutes long. A Group Discussion Guide is available for download.

Revd Dr Garry Deverell is a Trawlolway man from *Iutruwita*, northern Tasmania. He is an Anglican priest, theologian, writer and speaker. Garry is a former lecturer in the School of Indigenous Studies, University of Divinity. His most recent books are [Contemplating Country](#) (Wipf and Stock) and [Gondwana Theology](#) (ATF Press).

- **Video #1 – Living on Country**
- **Video #2 – The Dreaming**
- **Video #3 – Country & Colonisation**

A Prayer from Nadia Bolz-Weber

Almighty God,

Creator of all things, including all those Spring flowers that I haven't spent enough time appreciating because I think for some reason that doom-scrolling is a better use of my time,

I've cut down some, but it doesn't seem to be enough, so I beseech thee to grant me the will to get off the internet more. You and I both know that the last thing I need is to watch another inane video, read another hot take, or buy any more stuff I absolutely do not need.

In your infinite mercy, guide me away:

...from the virtual and into the actual

...from feared tomorrows into this only now.

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**40th Anniversary of 1985 Statement:
'The Uniting Church is a Multicultural Church'**

2025 marks the 40th anniversary of the Uniting Church Assembly's 1985 declaration, 'The Uniting Church is a Multicultural Church.'

To mark this significant occasion, a 3-day National Theological Consultation will be held from 10-12 June.

Being a Multicultural Church: 40 Years On
will be streamed to hubs around Australia.

**Tuesday 10th June: *Being a Multicultural Church: Forty Years On*
— Reflection on the Declaration**

25 speakers around the country, from people who witnessed the declaration to those who travel on this journey, share their insights and reflections.

Join the event

☺ Online: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95579232232>

Meeting ID: 955 7923 2232

☺ In-person hub (free) Melbourne	Hub	https://events.humanitix.com/40th-anniversary-of-we-are-a-multicultural-church
Centre for Theology & Ministry 29 College Crescent, Parkville	9.00 am– 5.00 pm	

Christmas in July



Saturday 26th July 2025

We are FUNdraising
for the Olive Way ministry at BUC

Invite your family, friends, neighbours,
people you work with - the more the merrier
for a fabulous night out!!

Book now



Doors open at 7pm

\$33/\$11 concession

BUC Hall, 212 Sydney Rd, cnr Merri St, Brunswick

Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBPPT>

More details here





Photo: Ray Cameron

Creative Arts Exhibition at Brunswick Uniting Church Celebrating and Caring for Creation

[This year is the 800th anniversary](#) of the composition
St. Francis of Assisi's [The Canticle of the Creatures](#) (aka as The Canticle of the Sun)
a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God.

We invite you to immerse yourself in this canticle and to create an original artwork
that celebrates your relationship with and care for creation.

Friday 10 October to Sunday 26 October at Brunswick Uniting Church.

Preview - **Friday 10 October** 7:00-8:00pm

Opening night - **Saturday 11 October** from 7:00pm

Worship focus - **Sunday 19th October**, 9:30-10:30am

Performance event - **Saturday 25 October** from 6:30

Please mark your diaries now and join the celebration!

Written submissions to be provided by Sunday 7 September.

Written descriptions of works to be provided by Sunday 21 September.

Delivery of works on Saturday 4 October (2-4) and Sunday 5 October (11-1).

More details here



For enquiries bucexhibition@gmail.com

[Online Submission form available here](#)

[Printable submission form available here](#)



<https://brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/celebrating-creation-2025-exhibition/>

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Choirs in the Round

A fundraising concert for CAN Community Support in National Reconciliation Week

**Saturday 14th June, 2pm - 4:30pm
at The Church of All Nations, Carlton**

Featuring

The Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir

Thursday's Children

Gorani

Patsy Ryan

Luisa & Tess Hickey



**Book
tickets
here!**

trybooking.com/events/landing/1381042

(From page 4)...from what I see on a screen to what I behold in my life

...from what I am manipulated to desire to what I am content to have.

When my "will power" fails me yet again, may the strength of your hand keep my own from mindlessly picking up my phone or opening my laptop.

Guide me to what is most real, because you know, O Lord, how unsuited my heart is for the artificial.

And finally, in your infinite mercy, forgive me for the hypocrisy of posting this online.

Purchase Tickets from: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-other-screening>

The Other is an award-winning documentary filmed from 2017-2024, including post the 7 October Hamas attack and during the subsequent war. The Other focuses on Israeli and Palestinian peace-builders, anti-occupation activists, artists, academics, ex-fighters, bereaved parents and many more living the reality on the ground. Whether in non-violent co-resistance, peace-building, or shared community, we witness those who have only known each other through hate, bloodshed, inequality, and war, transcend beyond those narratives and belief systems.

They teach us that unlearning deep-seated conditioning is possible and that we can liberate ourselves from generational trauma, hatred and fear—no matter how ingrained and legitimate those fears are.

Among those featured are Ahmed Helou, a Gazan ex-Hamas member turned peace activist who has since lost 60 family members in Gaza.

View a trailer here: <https://weuncoverfilms.com/theother/>

Screening is Sunday June 15 from 2.30pm-4.30pm at the Nova, 380 Lygon St Carlton. Ticket price \$20 general and \$15 concession

The screening is jointly organised by the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania; Brunswick Uniting Church; Mark the Evangelist Uniting Church and Pax Christi Victoria.