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Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "*Garden of Peace*," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

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Getting to Know You Better

**makes a welcome return to
CAN this Sunday when
Leah Billeam will be in
conversation with Ray
during morning worship.**



Newly installed Moderator of the Synod of Vic/Tas the Rev Salesi Faupula (left) and the National Assembly President the Rev Charissa Suli (right). Tongans rule!

Read more about the recent Synod meeting by clicking [here](#)

And click [here](#) for all the latest assembly news

A Word From the Executive Officer

On Tuesday, Janet and I joined a statewide forum for Homework Clubs, run by Homework Club peak body, **Learning Beyond the Bell** at the Centre for Multicultural



Youth (CMY). We heard stories from clubs across Victoria and shared a table with our friends from down the road, Hotham Mission.

The highlight of the day (...the week... the month!) was meeting Alfia—a former student at our very own Homework Club in Carlton when her family lived in the Carlton flats! Alfia shared how attending multiple clubs (including ours) helped her through school. She went on to university, became a volunteer homework club tutor herself, and is now employed in the Learning Beyond the Bell program at CMY. In a beautiful full-circle moment, she's about to become the **CMY Regional Support Co-ordinator** for our very own CAN Homework Club which she once attended. What a delight and an inspiration to celebrate how seeds planted here years ago are bearing fruit today.

Alfia was also delighted to hear about our new pilot Homework Club at University High School (her old secondary school), which confirmed what we already know: that there is a deep need for learning support for students from the flats at UHS; the zoned government secondary school for the Carlton flats. She is keen to support this project and connect us with resources and support. This week also brought a different kind of encounter that touched us deeply. We welcomed a young Indigenous man from rural Victoria who has recently moved to Melbourne after the death of his mother. He is navigating huge challenges—serious health issues, unstable and unsafe housing for himself and his beloved dog, and caring responsibilities for a struggling family member—all while feeling completely overwhelmed in a new city. We were able to greet him with the simple but important question: “What do you need today?” From there, we offered a food parcel, a mobile phone top-up, some lunch and a cuppa, and time with one of our form-filling volunteers to work through tricky paperwork and explore other supports. In light of the racism and violence directed at migrants and the Indigenous community last weekend, this moment of welcome and care felt especially sacred.

Virginia Moebus-Nelson

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...

It is cruel, you know, that music should be so beautiful. It has the beauty of loneliness of pain: of strength and freedom. The beauty of disappointment and never-satisfied love. The cruel beauty of nature and everlasting beauty of monotony. Benjamin Britten

Conversation Opened Between Church of All Nations and Mark the Evangelist

In a decision that could lead to greater openings for the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ in our local area the Church Councils of Mark the Evangelist and Church of All Nations have entered into a conversation regarding the possibility of a shared future. There have been two conversations so far and more are planned.

Both of the congregations are part of a Parish Mission and have similar theological cultures. They are located within 2kms of each other and for about 3 years we have been sharing a worship service twice a year and have been participating in book discussion groups.

Our Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is encouraging these sorts of conversations and there are a number of ways of "sharing a future" - such as working on congregational mission projects, combined worship services, joint study groups, sharing ministerial agents, sponsoring or supporting mission activities elsewhere, sharing resources at our own mission agencies, through to a full merger.

We have entered into the dialogue with no preconceived assumptions but are trying to be open to the calling of the Spirit. Presbytery staff, Chris Barnett and Nadine Rozario are supporting the conversations. Click [here](#) To visit the website of Mark the Evangelist. We will keep you posted on discussions.

Prayers and meditations for COP30

One thing we can do together this coming week will be to meditate and pray. Every Tuesday from September 9 until the start of the UN Climate Summit COP30 in Belém, Brazil all people of faith are invited to join Prayers and Meditations for Our Earth. These will be on Zoom on Tuesdays from the 9th of September to the 4th of November.

9.00 AM AWST

At present this translates to 11am AEST

<https://zoom.us/j/93721160754?pwd=pMsLGwd0oLorhQLjSKZPSy4EMjKHuR.1>

Passcode: 960595



Format (30 minutes total)

Welcome by Host

- Opening (5 minutes) – Guest introduces the silence / offers a reflection / holds a Sacred Space
- Silent Meditation (20 minutes) – Each according to their own tradition
- Closing (5 minutes, optional) – Brief conversation for those who wish to **stay**

For more information contact Elaine Bowkett 0439 935 614 betranquil@westnet.com.au

CAN worship roster to 21 September 2025:

	7 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 1 HC	14 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 2	21 Sept GREEN Season of Creation Mark the Evangelist Congregation visits CAN		7 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 1 HC	14 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 2	21 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 3 Mark the Evangelist Congregation visits CAN
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Ian B	David J	Ken T
<u>Liturgist</u>	Ray G	Sue C	Pam K	<u>Offering</u>	Ian B Brendan C	David J Jason I	Ken T Brendan C
<u>PP Prep</u>	Barbara LV	Evan R	Pam K	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Sue C	Kate E	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Kate E	Adam D	Glen W	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Brendan C	Mark S	Jill T
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	William V	Bruce W	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Coco C	Greta B
<u>Reader</u>	Brendan C	Kate E	Pam K	<u>HC</u>	Leah B	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	David J	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	Ken T William LV	Kate E Mark S	School hols
<u>Greeter</u>	Leah B	Pam K	Jill T				Congregation lunch

This Week at CAN

- Sunday September 7 @ 10.00 CAN worship including Holy Communion
- Sunday September 7 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council
- Wednesday September 10 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday September 10 @ 12.00 community lunch at CCS
- Wednesday September 10 @ 7.45pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E.
- Friday September 12 @ 1.30pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E
- Saturday September 13 Presbytery meets at Mitcham UC

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, September 7, 2025 Season of Creation

Ocean Sunday

Genesis 1:1-10

Psalms 104:1-9, 24-26

Ephesians 1:3-10

Luke 5:1-11

Next Sunday September 14

Fauna Sunday

Job 39:1-8, 26-30

Psalms 104:14-23

1 Corinthians 1:10-23

Luke 12:22-31

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





HELP SHAPE A MORE AGE-FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Are you **65** or over and living in Carlton, North Melbourne, Parkville or the CBD?

Join RMIT University's **Empowering Senior Voices Project** — and help create real change for **healthy ageing** and **social connectedness** in your community.

*Let's walk, talk, and change things — **together!***

INTERESTED?

Email: seniorvoices@rmit.edu.au
Call/Text/WhatsApp: +61 415 045 927

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Walk & Observe:
2-hour guided walk session
(including a 40-minute slow walk)

Discuss & Reflect:
3-hour group meeting

Advocate & Share:
3-hour meeting with decision-makers

THANK YOU
\$50 gift card per session

WHEN?
Walks & Discussions: September & October
Advocacy Meetings: November



Season of Creation (contd) Throughout the month of September, Christians across the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth – our common home and the blessed, beloved creation of God.

The Season of Creation takes place from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) under the 2025 international theme, 'Peace with creation'. The symbol, 'Garden of Peace', is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18 and envisions a war-torn, overexploited land transformed into one that is fertile and thriving.

"There is hope for a peaceful Earth," reads the introduction to the [2025 Season of Creation resource](#). "Biblically, hope is active – it involves prayer, action, and reconciling with Creation and the Creator through repentance (metanoia) and solidarity."

We will be observing the Season of Creation at CAN through September this year.