



CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS



**The Uniting Church in Australia
180 Palmerston Street Carlton**

Contact details**Office: 9347 7077**[facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations)[CarltonChurchOfAllNations](https://facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations)**Pastoral needs: Rev Ray****Gormann 0447 142 425**

youtube carlton-uca

email: minister@cancarlton.org.au**Visit from Mark the Evangelist**

This Sunday we welcome our near neighbours, the congregation of Mark the Evangelist to CAN at the 10.00 worship service. Each year on a couple of occasions we worship in a combined service. They are located in Pilgrim College at the University of Melbourne but are unable to use their facilities this weekend so we are very pleased to be able to host them this weekend. A straight after worship there will be an opportunity for whoever wishes to have a joint

photos with people holding signs calling for peace and justice in Gaza. This is an action being coordinated by the Palestine and Israel Ecumenical Network. All faith communities will send their photos in and a video will be prepared for forwarding to politicians. Read more about this and follow the link on page 2. And then after worship we will have a shared lunch that CAN is providing so please bring something to share - enough for CAN and our visitors. Finger food that does not require heating is best.

Our Stories Our Flats

Ayan Shirwa is the emergency relief co-ordinator at Carlton Community Services (the mission arm of our Parish Mission) but in another life volunteers for 3CR Radio hosting radio shows with a local focus. She also has a huge heart and passion for the community at the Carlton flats. Last Friday she launched a brand-new podcast Our Stories, Our Flats. The podcast shares the voices and experiences of residents from the Carlton flats – friends, volunteers and community members reflecting on life, housing, and change. Many of the participants are good friends of CAN; participants in our programs and regular visitors to the centre, ex-staff or volunteers. It will be a wonderful legacy of stories and testimonies given the uncertain future of the flats. The launch happened here in our very own drop-in space; a full house with food, laughter, delicious African coffee and stories.

The second episode has now been released- you can listen online at 3cr.org.au/OurStoriesOurFlats – episodes drop each Thursday at 7:30pm. (Check out our Instagram for fabulous photos from the event! <https://www.instagram.com/cancommunitysupport/>). Ayan has worked extremely hard on this project and we are incredibly proud of her and privileged to have



CAN Community Support

**Farewell and
Thanks to Greg
John**

It was an enthusiastic and well attended gathering on Tuesday at Kathleen Same library to say thanks to Greg after something like 15 years of wonderful service at the Homework Club. Greg has been a much loved fixture for so many of the kids growing up on the Carlton Estate. He has seen many of the kids pass through and some go on to tertiary education.

Gather your community to take part in a creative action being coordinated by the Palestine and Israel Ecumenical Network.

For the past two years the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network ([PIEN](#)) have produced a video showing Christians holding signs calling for an end to the injustice in the Holy Land.

This year they are once again **calling all clergy and churches** to take part in this simple action on **Sunday 21 September**, during the [World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel](#) (20-26 September).

To read more about this and to view last year's video click [here](#). We know many of the people and churches who took part last year.

There will be an opportunity for a combined Mark the Evangelist and Church of All Nations photo with people holding signs between worship and lunch on this Sunday, September 21. Signs provided but bring your own if you want a particular message.

Congratulations to Eyoel on Graduating (again!)

During the week our great friend of CCS Eyoel graduated from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Architecture-Engineering (Hons). This is his second graduation... a few years ago he graduated with a Diploma. A tremendous effort since arriving from Eritrea. He is now open to job offers!



Eyoel with the Vice
Chancellor of Victoria
University Prof Adam
Shoemaker

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...

Major review into Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice begins

The Uniting Church in Australia has commenced a major review of its Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice – the first significant review since 2009.

This important process aims to ensure the Code remains relevant, responsive and reflective of the evolving needs and expectations of church ministry.

Rev Dr Jenny Byrnes, (photo at right) a seasoned leader within the Church, has been appointed to lead the review. Her work will be supported by a Reference Group, representing each Synod and the Standards for Ministries Committee, and will entail a survey to all Presbyteries requesting comprehensive feedback



Click [here](#) to read more about the review

And [here](#) for all the other Assembly news in the National Update

Events and News from the Assembly

- To mark the UN's **International Day of Peace** this Sunday, an [Interfaith Prayer Service](#) will be held in Sydney. This event coincides with the **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel**, for which the World Council of Churches has produced a range of [helpful resources](#).
- **Uniting Vic.Tas** have put together a great range of [worship resources](#) for Foster Care Week, plus an informative [video](#) to share with your church.
- The **Assembly** and **Synod of Vic/Tas** have welcomed the Victorian Parliament's introduction of legislation to establish a [Treaty](#) between the State and Victoria's First Peoples.
- **Rev Dr Tim Costello** will be speaking at the next [Polkinghorne Oration](#) on 16 October at Adelaide West UC. He'll be discussing "The Challenge of our Times: Climate Change in the Context of Culture in Crisis".
- Stand with our neighbours in [West Papua](#) through **UnitingWorld's** Spring Appeal.
- The **Pacific Conference of Churches** has released a [statement](#) affirming the WCC's call to end apartheid, occupation and impunity in Palestine and Israel.
- A new team of **ecumenical accompaniers** has resumed a protective presence in key [West Bank areas](#) after a three-month pause.
- Are you considering attending the **President's Conference** this November? [Find out more here](#).

CAN worship roster to 5 October 2025:

	21 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 3 <i>Mark the Evangelist Congregation visits CAN</i>	28 September GREEN Season of Creation 4	5 October GREEN Pentecost 17 <i>HC</i>		21 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 3 <i>Mark the Evangelist Congregation visits CAN</i>	28 Sept GREEN Season of Creation 4	3 October GREEN Pentecost 17 <i>HC</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<i>Property</i>	Ken T	Ian B	David J
<i>Liturgist</i>	Pam K	Jill T	Ray G	<i>Offering</i>	Ken T Brendan C	Ian B Ken T	David J Shiny I
<i>PP Prep</i>	Pam K	Jill T	Ray G	<i>Hosp 1</i>	Pam K	Jean E	Kate E
<i>Music</i>	Glen W	Jean E	Jean E	<i>Hosp 2</i>	Jill T	Leah B	Mark S
<i>Camera</i>	Bruce W	David J	Prebin A	<i>Flowers</i>	Greta B	Shirley J	Shirley J
<i>Reader</i>	(MtE)	Jean E	Shiny I	<i>HC</i>	-	-	Sue C
<i>AV</i>	Ken T	Ian B	David J	<i>Children</i>	<i>School hols</i>	<i>School hols</i>	<i>School hols</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	Jill T	Ken T	Mac N Shirley J		<i>Congregation lunch</i>		

This Week at CAN

- Sunday September 21 @ 10.00am combine worship at CAN with Mark the Evangelist
- Sunday September 21 @ 11.30 combined lunch with Mark the Evangelist
- Wednesday September 24 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday September 24 @ 12.00 community lunch at CCS
- Wednesday September 24 @ 7.45pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E.
- Friday September 26 @ 1.30pm Passions of the Soul Zoom discussion with Mark the E
- Sunday September 28 @ 10.00 worship at CAN

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHl0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09)
pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHl0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673



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 14, 2025

Fauna Sunday

September 21, 2025

Job 28:20-27

Psalm 29

1 Corinthians 1:21-31

Luke 8:22-25

Next Sunday September 28, 2025

Cosmos Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 148

Colossians 1:15-20

John 6:41-51

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



Some churches around the world are observing the **Season of Creation** but sticking with the lectionary texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. In the latest VCC newsletter There is a reflection on Season of Creation and the Parable of the Unjust Steward which is the set reading for this Sunday

In an article by Robert Fletcher, [Capitalizing on chaos: Climate change and disaster capitalism](#), he states: "the growing effort to address anthropogenic climate change through carbon markets and other financial mechanisms constitutes a form of 'disaster capitalism' (Klein, 2007) whereby neoliberal policies seek to harness crises to which they themselves contribute as opportunities for continued economic expansion". He states that sustained economic growth is likely incompatible with the systemic societal changes necessary to mitigate the climate impacts.

One argument states: "Mitigation would have an enormously negative effect on developed economies and would cause a serious setback for emerging nations. . . [I]s it worth wreaking havoc on the global economy to prevent a level of warming to which we could adapt in the course of a century?" (C.H. Robinson, Climate for Change, 2008) This perspective - that combating climate change can be not merely compatible with economic growth but a form of growth in its own right - calls to mind investigative journalist [Naomi Klein](#)'s analysis of what she terms 'disaster capitalism', defined as 'orchestrated raids on the public sphere in the wake of catastrophic events, combined with the treatment of disasters as exciting marketing opportunities'.

[A counter-argument states](#): "It is becoming increasingly evident that (the)...insatiable drive for accumulation, is the main engine behind impending catastrophic climate change . . . [N]othing less than an ecological revolution - a fundamental reordering of relations of production and reproduction to generate a more sustainable society - is required in order to prevent a planetary disaster.

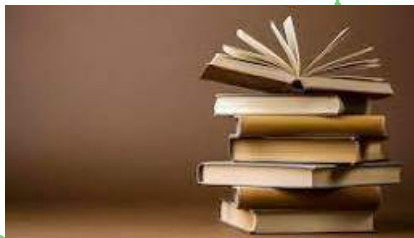
Despite its severity, mainstream economic approaches fall for 'the Midas Effect', the notion that ecological values can be converted into economic values".

The Parable of the Unjust Steward critiques the "Mammon system" (dishonest wealth) by presenting the unjust steward's radical actions as a model for discipleship, urging followers to use their resources for relationships and the common good, thus establishing a "new economy" of friendship and shared resources that subverts existing power structures and economic systems. When connected to the Season of Creation, this parable serves as a call to be faithful stewards of God's creation, not just wealth, by cultivating reciprocal, egalitarian relationships with others and the environment that reflect God's reign, rather than dominating or exploiting them. Ched Myers states: "We have the response-ability to act - however improvisationally and partially - to use capital to rebuild community and justice." And that justice includes climate justice.

Lending Library at CAN

A reminder of the lending library that we have established on the cupboards along the east side of the church. There are some interesting titles among the book and some of them are the latest releases from Readings bookstore from when they have book launches in our church. Others come from the estate of our good friend Helen Hill and others are donations from members of the congregation.

Just grab a book you want to read and return it when finished - or replace it with another you would like to donate. No forms to fill in or "return by dates" necessary.



CAN Annual General Meeting

Advance notice of the Annual meeting which will be held after worship on Sunday November 30.

At the meeting we will receive the Annual Report, hold elections for Elders and Church Council and get an update on some of the important issues the congregation is facing at the moment.