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Pul Madden, a Great Friend of CAN to be Recognised in Naming of New Housing Project

We warmly invite you to the official opening of **Madden House**, by the Hon. Harriet Shing MP, Minister for Housing, at **10.45am on Wednesday 22 October 2025**.

Madden House is a partnership between the Victorian Government, the City of Port Phillip and St Kilda Community Housing. When open, it will provide life-changing, permanent accommodation and 24/7 support for 26 community members who have experienced long-term rough sleeping.

The event will include a Welcome to Country, followed by the official opening.

Event Details



Date: Wednesday 22 October 2025



Time: 10.45am – 12.00pm



Venue: Madden House, 28 Wellington Street, St Kilda



Older Person's Sunday

Uniting Church communities across Australia are invited to mark the fourth annual **Older Persons Sunday** during October. Established by the Uniting Church Assembly in 2022, Older Persons Sunday is a time to celebrate the contributions and human rights of older people, confront ageism, and consider how we can build communities that honour dignity and nurture hope across all generations.

While the suggested date to observe the day is the first Sunday in October – closely aligned with the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) – congregations are encouraged to choose any Sunday in October, or another suitable date that works best for their context.

We will include prayers for Older Persons during worship this Sunday, October 12.

Church Dinner

Our next Church Dinner will be held on Friday October 24 from 6.30-8.30pm .

Venue to be announced.

It is a shared meal and if your surname starts with A-L please bring savoury dishes and M-Z. Bring something sweet.



If you would like a ride see Ray or your elder

A message from Yarra Yarra Presbytery

Dear Friends,

All are welcome to celebrate with **Alisha Fung** as she is Ordained at Fairfield Uniting Church, 87 Gillies St, Fairfield at **7pm on Friday 17th October.**

Members of Presbytery are invited to meet at 6:45pm so we might pray with Alisha and process to commence the service. Ministers attending are invited to robe (red stole).

Singers welcome!

Jean Evans, our tireless Choir Director, is gathering names of any interested in the joy of singing with others as we prepare for special Advent/Christmas worship for 2025.



Practices start on Saturday morning 25th Oct.

Contact Jean: mj.evans@hotmail.com

if you'd like to be included.

These are dates we hope to sing in worship:

Sun 30 Nov. 10.00 am	@	CAN Church
Wed 3 Dec 10.30 am	@	Rathdowne Place
Wed 17 Dec 2.00 pm	@	Redmond Park
Sun 21 Dec 10.00 am	@	CAN Church
Thurs 25 Dec 9.00 am	@	CAN Church

CROSSLIGHT

The new edition of the free Uniting Church magazine, Crosslight has arrived. Pick up your copy from the welcome table at the front of the church on Sunday

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...

“To all at CAN – That time of year is fast approaching and we would love to ask again for your generous help in providing stationary gifts to our Homework Club students. This year 75 children and young people, from prep through Year 12, have attended the club. In a climate where “youth crime” dominates headlines, our programs offer a different, faith and justice-informed response: mentoring, study support, and encouragement that address the root causes of disadvantage rather than just its symptoms.

This year we are very excited to have been able to pilot our Transition to Secondary School program, including the Study Skills group for senior students at Carlton Primary School and “The Study Lounge” at University High, supporting young people with guidance, belonging, and the skills they need to thrive. It is hoped this will provide some ongoing, consistent and relationship based support for students from Carlton PS as they transition to secondary school at University High School. We continue to offer our usual programs to students in other year levels at the Kathleen Syme Library and Carlton PS also.

As we approach the end of the year, we hope to give each student a small gift of a book and some stationery. Gender-neutral items such as quality notebooks, sketchbooks, coloured pencils, or textas/markers would be especially appreciated. A suggested list can be found here: [Kmart Wishlist](#). Please place donations in the box at church by **Sunday, November 2nd**. If you would like further information please email admin@cancarlton.org.au or call us on 9347-7077.

We are always grateful for all of the support offered by the congregation – thanks in advance for walking alongside local families in this way.”



Welcoming the new Archbishop of Canterbury

The Uniting Church in Australia joyfully congratulates The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, named on



Friday the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Mullally makes history as the first woman to serve in this globally significant role. [Read the statement](#) from President Rev Charissa Suli, who writes: "This is an affirmation of our deep and long-held belief that the gifts and call of the Holy Spirit are poured out freely, without boundary or restriction of gender, for the leadership of Christ's church."

clicking [here](#).

Read all the other Assembly news by
And read the Synod news by clicking [here](#)

CAN worship roster to 26 October 2025:

	12 October GREEN Pentecost 18	19 October GREEN Pentecost 19	26 October GREEN Pentecost 20		12 October GREEN Pentecost 18	19 October GREEN Pentecost 19	26 October GREEN Pentecost 20
Preacher	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Property	Brendan C	Jason I	Brendan C
Liturgist	Pam K	Jean D	Jill T	Offering	William V Michelle A	Ken T Prit S	Ken T Brendan C
PP Prep	Pam K	Barbara LV	Jill T	Hosp 1	Barbara LV	Sue C	Pam K
Music	Peter A	Jean E	Glen W	Hosp 2	Alice LV Olivia LV	Shiny I	Leah B
Camera	William V	Prebin A	William V	Flowers	Prit S	Jill T	Jill T
Reader	Prit S	Jill T	Jean D	HC	-	-	-
AV	William V	Ken T	Prebin A	Children	Kate E Mark S	Jill T Shiny I	Ken T Barbara LV
Greeter	Jean D	Prit S	Leah B				

This Week at CAN

- Sunday October 12 @ 10.00 worship at CAN
- Wednesday October 15 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday October 15 @ 12.00 community lunch at CCS
- Wednesday October 15 @ 2.00pm worship at Redmond Park
- Sunday October 19 @10.00 worship at CAN
- Sunday October 19@ 12.00 CAN Elders

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 Sunday October 12, 2025

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sunday October 19, 2025

Jeremiah 32:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

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



Standing Together for Public Housing

call for support, September 2025



The intent of this statement is to establish a common base for the Victorian housing sector, from tenants' associations and advocacy groups to community housing associations and the established peak bodies. In addition, the call is being made to community legal centres, residents' associations, neighbourhood houses, religious centres, unions, universities and so on. All groups agreeing to these basic principles are invited to a public meeting on Thursday 23 October, 6pm at the Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston St. Melbourne, to discuss ways of proceeding. The authors of this statement are not an alternative group, they are just the engine behind this specific campaign.

Australia is in the worst housing crisis in its history. The effects of this are felt mainly and most severely by low and moderate-income households. The State of Victoria has the lowest level of public and community housing in Australia, at 2.8 percent. Over 58,000 households remain on the State public housing waiting list; many more remain in over-priced substandard private rental accommodation.

In this worsening situation, the State government plans to demolish Melbourne's 44 public housing towers. No evaluations of the structural conditions of the buildings have been released. Expert proposals to retrofit the towers with minimal disruption to residents have been ignored. The demolitions will displace more than 10,000 people with no relocation plans other than to be pushed to the front of the waiting list, meaning those already on the list will have to wait longer.

Meanwhile, other tracts of public land deemed surplus to government requirements are being sold to private companies for market-rate residential development. Just 10 percent of this housing is required to be 'affordable' (i.e. it will sell or rent at 90% of market price – NOT affordable to households on less than \$100K p.a.). Residential developers on private land are not required to build ANY below market-rate housing. This impoverished policy landscape in Victoria cannot be allowed to continue.

We call on the Victorian Labor government to:

- Commission and release detailed evaluations of the structural conditions of all the towers. If and when a strong case is made for demolition, build replacement public housing nearby or elsewhere on the estate first, and relocate the tenants when complete.
- End all 'surplus' public land sales and use that land to build more public housing.
- Introduce a mandatory component of public housing in new multi-unit developments on private land.

**For information on how to endorse this statement and further details
please see overleaf**

A Couple of Opportunities to Learn about the Recommendations of the Yoorrook Commission and Responses From Churches and Public Institutions

You are invited you to join a special forum to explore how the different churches might respond to the Yoorrook recommendations. Yoorrook has been a groundbreaking project in truth-telling, with many First Nations people showing courage to share their truth.

It is now over to the different denominations to decide how to respond to the truths revealed in Yoorrook.

On the day you will hear from different denominations speaking to their plans to respond, and how you can work within your church to create change.

This forum will have a special, but not exclusive, focus on recommendations 18 and 19 about land justice from the final [Yoorrook Report](#).

To help assist in the conversation, distinguished Indigenous Theologian Aunty Prof Anne Pattel -Grey will be presenting, along with a panel of church representatives.

A communal liturgical response to Yoorrook will close the session. Registrations essential, click [Here](#) to register.

Presented by Christians for Yoorrook, ANTAR and the Wesley Centre

And Secondly -

TRUTH BE TOLD: How we can respond to the Yoorrook Justice Commission

This is a pivotal moment in history to respond, not react, to the remarkable report and recommendations that are being offered to us.

The online panel, hosted by Naomi Wolfe, with Aunty Janet Turpie-Johnstone and Jane Hope will bring together people of different faith traditions and practice, Aboriginal people and allies, to engage with us in broad and diverse reflections on the status quo and ways forward as individuals and as collectives within our congregations, communities, and faith traditions.

We strongly encourage all who wish to attend to read the Yoorrook for Transformation- Summary Report beforehand (Recommendations 62-69 relate to Universities, and Recommendation 19 relates to Churches). We hope that reflections and discussion might foster some proactive and generative thinking and action so we can be agents for change on these fronts.

We expect this webinar to be of particular interest to anyone who attends or holds any leadership role for a place of worship or other faith-based organisation. Also, the academic and support staff, students and alumni of any institution of theological learning.

Date and Time 7-8.30pm AEDT, Thursday 16 October 2025

Online webinar, held via zoom. Registrations are essential as places are limited. Click [here](#) to register

Standing Together for Public Housing

23 October 6pm

Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston Street

Speakers include:

Keiran Stewart-Assheton (RAHU/ Black Peoples Union)
 Louisa Bassini (Inner Melbourne Community Legal)
 Kevin Bell (retired supreme court judge)
 Margaret Kelly (former Barak Beacon PH resident)
 Barry Berih (Founder of YAP, North Melbourne PH resident)
 Jeannie Erceg (Port Melbourne PH resident)
 Clare Hanson (Ascot Vale PH resident)
 Prof Brendon McNiven, Chris Jensen, Isabella Fyfe
 (Retrofit Lab, University of Melbourne)
 Simon Robinson (OFFICE)
 Richard Cameron (convenor of Habitat26+)
 Ebony Bennett (The Australia Institute)
 Karen Fletcher (FLATOUT)
 Damon Poustie (Stop the Demo)
 Peter Sibly (Former General Manager, United Housing Co-op)
 MC - Tony Birch



Australian media icon **Ray Martin AM** will be presenting the **2025 Joan Kirner Social Justice Oration** on Wednesday, 22 October. It will be broadcast live and free on YouTube at **6.15PM AEDT** and available on-demand after the conclusion of the Oration. Register below to be sent the link. Ray Martin is one of Australia's most trusted storytellers. From a childhood shaped by hardship and resilience, he rose to become a five-time Gold Logie-winning journalist whose career has spanned over fifty years. Beginning as an ABC cadet in 1965, Ray went on to report from the frontlines of history - the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, and the moon landing - before helping to launch *Sixty Minutes*, the most influential current affairs program in Australian television.

Click [here](#) to register

QUARTERLY ESSAY

**WOODSIDE
VS
THE PLANET**
 HOW A COMPANY CAPTURED
 A COUNTRY
**MARIAN
WILKINSON**

Quarterly Conversation on the Quarterly Essay

FRIDAY October 17 — in the library at [the Center for Theology and Ministry](#). (Some parking *may* be available onsite, but plan to park in the surrounding streets, just in case...). **Catch a coffee at the CTM cafe before the meeting** (although coffee not allowed in the library), and **then stay for lunch afterwards!** We meet for the conversation from 11.00-12.30.

More info: <https://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/quarterly-conversations>

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