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Rev. Ray will be on well-earned annual leave until November 26 - please continue to send news, photos and event information for the bulletin to contact@cancarlton.org.au before 3pm each Thursday.

Treaty for Victoria

Australia's first Treaty between First Peoples and government will commence before the end of the year after the Victorian upper house passed enabling legislation last Thursday.

"This is the first time in Australia's history that a state has enshrined in law a pathway for Treaty with its traditional owners. It is a moment born of courage, truth-telling, and the long journey of faith and endurance led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



As people of faith, we recognise that this is more than a legal or political milestone, it is a deeply spiritual one. The call to Treaty invites us to reflect on who we are becoming as a people: to walk humbly, to listen deeply, and to seek reconciliation not as a destination, but as a shared pilgrimage of the Spirit. For the Uniting Church, this moment affirms what we have long held: that

First Peoples are sovereign, created in the image of God, and that sovereignty has never been ceded. We give thanks for the generations of Elders and leaders who have kept the flame of justice and hope alive, whose love for their people and land continues to inspire and challenge us."

Click [here](#) to read the full statement from Rev. Salesi Faupula, Moderator of Synod of VicTas, or [here](#) to learn more about the journey to Treaty so far.

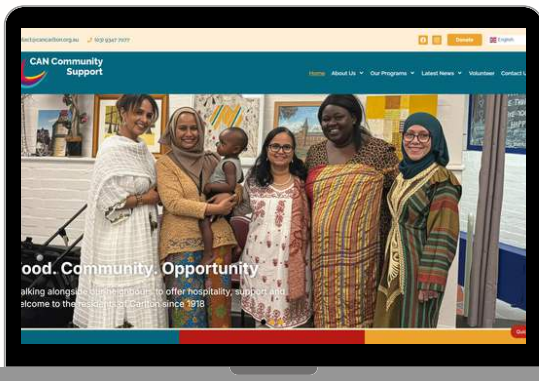
A word from CAN Community Support

“Cup Day has been and gone which means we are now in our final run to the end of the year including upcoming distribution of food hampers (which are kindly donated to us by Hillsong CityCare), our final Christmas Community Lunch at 12noon on Wednesday December 3 (also lovingly prepared by volunteers from Hillsong Church), our end of year community party from 2pm on December 9 out the back of the community centre and our final sessions of Homework Club which will all be finished by November 26!

Speaking of which we have decided to keep our donations box for Homework Club Christmas gifts available for donations for another two weeks – if you didn’t get a chance to donate some stationery there’s still time & a few extra goodies for our kids wouldn’t go astray - gender-neutral items such as quality notebooks, sketchbooks, coloured pencils, or textas/markers would be especially appreciated.

Please place donations in the box at church by Sunday, November 15.

We are also very excited to be able to share our brand spanking new website with you all – www.cancommunitysupport.org.au .



There are some gorgeous images on here and all the information you could possibly need about our programs and more!

This has been a labour of love this year and we were grateful for a grant from Volunteering Victoria to be able to give a much needed overhaul to our old website, and replace it with something much more user-friendly and sparkly!

Please enjoy having a peruse!”

Virginia Moebus-Nelson, EO



CAN Choir regathers for special occasions!

All singers welcome to join - tell Jean Evans [0422 163 450] of your interest, note these dates and join the practices.

Practices underway: **Saturday mornings 9:30-10:45**

Presentations:

10:00am Sun 30 Nov: **Advent 1 worship, Church of All Nations**

10:30am Wed 3 Dec: **Christmas Songs @ Rathdowne Place**

10:00am Sun 14 Dec: **Advent 3 worship, Church of All Nations**

2:00pm Wed 17 Dec: **Christmas songs @ Rathdowne Place**

10:00am Sun 21 Dec: **Lessons and Carols, Church of All Nations**

9:00am Thurs 25 Dec: **Christmas Day worship**

Fight Poverty



UnitingWorld's new Everything in Common gift catalogue has arrived for Christmas and it’s full of gifts that fight poverty and build hope through the power of shared generosity.

View the catalogue [here](#)

Samoan National Conference a gathering of hospitality, fellowship, prayer and laughter



by Rev Kath Behan, Assembly National Consultant

It was a delight to attend Day 1 of the Samoan National Conference in Melbourne recently, on behalf of the Assembly. Gathering with others from QLD, NSW, and VIC, hospitality was shared through singing, conversation, prayer, laughter, and lots of amazing food as is the way with Pacifica communities! The blessing of seeing babies and children, young people and elders, worshipping and sharing together, was an encouragement and a reminder of how the UCA's commitment to being an intergenerational church can look.

Read more, and see photos [here!](#)

Book Launch

Pilgrim Theological College lecturer Rev Dr Sally Douglas will launch her latest book, 'Rewilding Prayer: God Beyond Gender, Faith Beyond Formulas', at the Centre for Theology and Ministry on December 1.



Launch details [here](#).

CAN Annual General Meeting

CAN Congregation Annual General Meeting
30 November 2025, following morning worship.

Morning tea will be served during the meeting.

The AGM is an opportunity to hear what's been going on, and what's planned for the future. There's an Annual Report to receive, a Budget for 2026 to approve; AND a chance to elect new leaders – Church Councillors and Elders. Nominations are welcomed from Members & Members in Association.

See the noticeboard for more information. Nominations close on Friday 14 November 2025.

Link for live streaming the 10.00am service

The 10.00am service is livestreamed on the church's Facebook page every week - you do not need a Facebook account to watch.

[Click here to watch the service online.](#)

We will continue to offer this option for those who may be uncomfortable attending in person for whatever reason - health, mobility, geography, whatever!

Unfortunately we are short on volunteers to operate the camera for this coming quarter so there will be Sundays when we cannot offer the live streaming.



Kungan Kaldowinyeri: Listening to Creation

"If you want to be reconciled to me, you have to be reconciled to Country first [for] I am Ruwangk-il, of the soil." - Uncle Ken Sumner

This last semester Uniting College for Leadership and Theology (UCLT), a member college of the University of Divinity, has run a unit titled Kungan Kaldowinyeri. 'Kungan' in the language of Kukabrak Ngarrindjeri from the south-east coast of South Australia means "to listen," while 'Kaldowinyeri' is their entire worldview catching up the whole of creation.

The goal of the unit is to inspire expansions, particularly in Second/settler/migrant Peoples' understanding of who God is and what it means to be human.

Uncle Ken Sumner, State Development Officer for the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress in South Australia led this unit with Dr Rosemary Dewerse. It has included time spent in guided resource interaction, asynchronous discussions, live online sessions, and a four-day immersion on the Kurangk (Coorong).

We were asking 'Who is Creator God?' and 'What therefore does it mean to be human?', exploring the invitations to expansions in our understanding and practice by attending to ancient wisdom, stories of colonial impact and of regenerative work in human and ecological communities, and the perspectives, poetry, music, art and personal experiences of Aboriginal leaders.

Mikenzie Ling, a Wiradjuri woman and First Peoples Strategy and Engagement Consultant in the Synod of NSW/ACT, presented one evening on her excellent Masters' thesis, "Is Land My Mother?" Our immersion was hosted by Uncle Ken and Ngarrindjeri leaders Uncle Clyde Rigney and Tim Hartman, as well as Kenny Jnr, Craig, Natasha, and Carina Sumner.

We tasted welcome to Yarluiwe-Ruwe (Sea-Country) in a smoking ceremony, learned to weave Kaldowinyeri with our hands, heard the Ngarrindjeri history of fringe camps, Raukkan and the Point McLeay mission, visited significant environmental restoration projects, breathed with the mighty southern ocean, paused on the shores of Mungkuli (Lake Alexandrina) and the Kurangk, smelt the wind, watched pelicans soar, yarned under the night sky, and were gifted with art.

Throughout we have been growing skill in six-sense listening to our human and more than human kin. Participants have found the experience "life-changing."

In 2026 UCLT will offer its two Indigenous units again. "Yarta Wandatha: The Land is Speaking the People are Speaking" led by Rev Dr Aunty Denise Champion in Semester 1 focuses on the impact of Christian mission in these lands now called Australia, and wrestles with redefining "ethical ministry" for today, taught by Yarta (Country) and Adnyamathanha leaders. Kungan Kaldowinyeri is taught in Semester 2.

You are most welcome to join us!



[Read more, or register here.](#)

CAN worship roster to 23 November 2025:

	9 November GREEN Pentecost 22	16 November GREEN Pentecost 23	23 November WHITE Christ the King Congregation lunch		9 November GREEN Pentecost 22	17 November GREEN Pentecost 23	23 November WHITE Christ the King Congregation lunch
<u>Preacher</u>	Rev Pam Kerr	Rev Sandy Boyce	Rev Dr Peter Adam	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ken T	Brendan C
<u>Liturgist</u>	Sue C	Sandy B	Jill T	<u>Offering</u>	David J Ethan K	Ken T Michelle A	Ken T Shiny I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Pam K	Sandy B	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Katie E	Pam K	Katie E
<u>Music</u>	Adam D	Glen W	Peter A	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Leah B	Coco C	Mark S
<u>Camera</u>	Prebin A	Bruce W	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Prit S	Shirley J	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Mac N	Evan R	Michelle A	<u>HC</u>	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ken T	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	Katie E Shiny I	Jill T Shiny I	Katie E Mark S
<u>Greeter</u>	Leah B	Shirley J Mac N	Pam K				

This week at CAN

Saturday November 8 @ 9:30am - CAN Choir rehearsal in the church

Sunday November 9 @ 10.00am - Worship at CAN

Sunday November 9 @ 12pm - Church Council meets

Wednesday November 12 @ 7.45am - Holy Communion by zoom

Wednesday November 12 @ 12pm - Community Lunch at CCS

Weekly Wednesday Holy Communion

Holy 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

Zoomlink:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIxXcExjQlU5bHl0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09)

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Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673



Guest for Worship and Lunch on Sunday 23 Nov



We are delighted to welcome as guest **Preacher Rev Dr Peter Adam**, Anglican Minister and Vicar Emeritus with St Jude's.

We warmly appreciate regularly welcoming **Peter** as visiting **Organist** with this Congregation; on this occasion, he has agreed to not only make music, but also to proclaim God's Word on 23 November

Congregation members:

Please bring a plate or two of finger food to share in the lunch to follow worship - 23 Nov is 2 weeks from this weekend.

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:

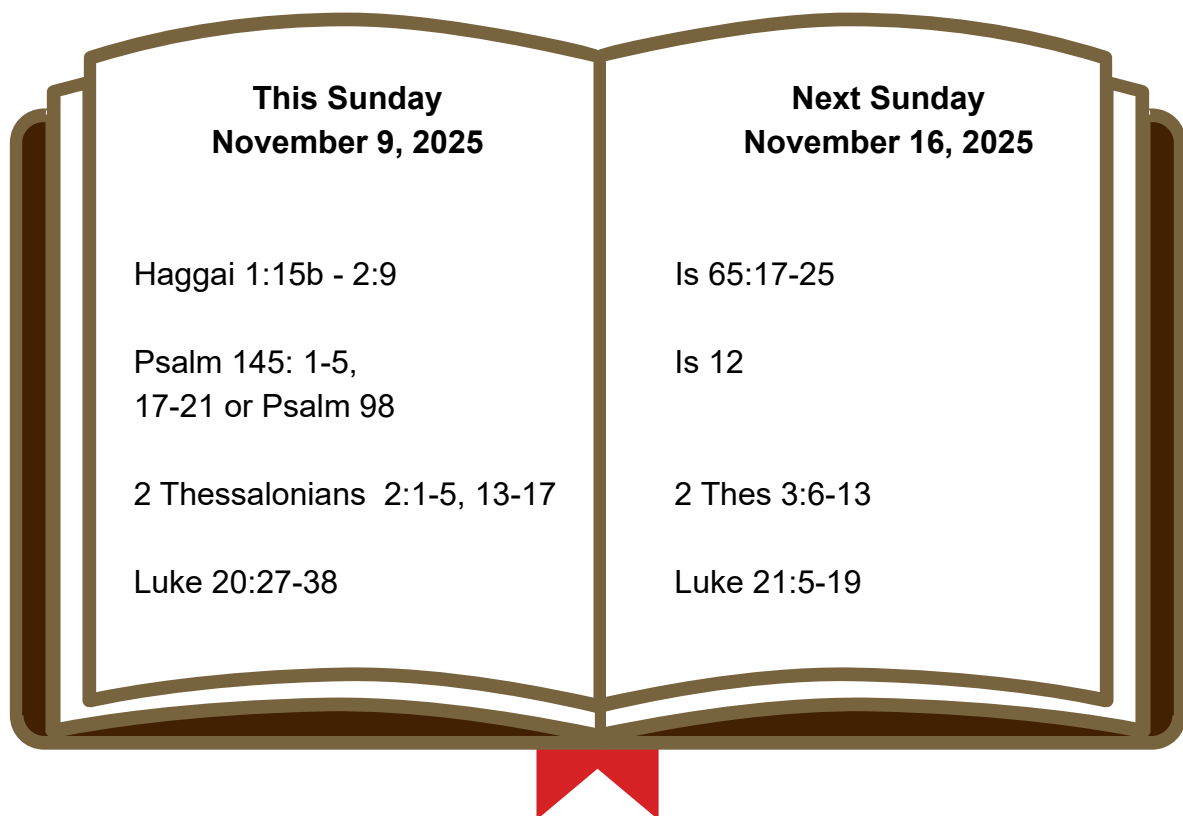
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Lectionary Bible Readings



Donations to CAN Community Support

Donations to CAN Community Support are tax deductible and can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/canparishmission, in person at CAN Community Support's Administration Office (Tuesday - Thursday) in the CCS Centre, OR by bank transfer as follows:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191170380

Name: CAN Community Support

