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CAN Annual General Meeting

At the CAN Annual Meeting held last Sunday the following people were elected to positions of leadership and we heartily congratulate them-

Church Council

Ken Tabart
Leah Billeam
Sue Clarkson
Katie Evans
Gene Reardon

William Voorsluys' term has expired and he is not continuing on Church Council
Evan Ritli and David Johnson's terms are still current and so they continue on the Church Council

Elders Council

Mel Suda
Paul Mayfield
Leah Billeam

Sue Clarkson's term as Elder has expired and she is not continuing on the Elder's Council.
Jill Tabart and Shiny Idicula's terms are current and they continue on the Elder's Council



Christmas Carols at Festival Hall

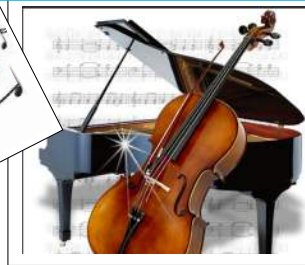
Hillsong Church have become partners in the life of CAN Community Support. They send volunteers once a month to cook a really delicious meal at the Wednesday Community lunch, and again this year are donating Christmas hampers for distribution. Also this year they have donated free tickets for free tickets for Carols at Festival Hall on December 21. There are three shows and we have complimentary tickets for all three times of 11.00am, 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

See Ray if you would like a ticket, or even a few.

Advent/Christmas worship with Church of All Nations

☺ **Sun 14 Dec 10.00 am:**

Music, music, music! Singers & Instrumentalists add a touch of **Handels' Messiah** to **Advent 3!**



☺ **Wed 17 Dec 2.00 pm:**

CAN choir sings in monthly worship at **Redmond Park Retirement Village**, 300 Pigdon St Princes Hill

☺ **Sun 21 Dec 10.00 am:**

Advent 4 (Sun before Christmas) is our Service of **Lessons & Carols** at Church of All Nations; a display of the **Advent lanterns** being prepared by each household; AND a local **honouring of Ray Gorman's time** as Minister with Church of All Nations. (The official 'cutting of ties' by the Presbytery will be in **Ray's last service on 28 Dec.**)




☺ **Thurs 25 Dec 9.00 am:**

Christmas Day worship with choir participation; and a Christmas **treat** as you depart, taking your **lantern** home.

Crosslight is Here!

Crosslight is the free Uniting Church magazine and the December edition is now available. You can pick your complimentary copy up from the Welcome Table at the front of the church on Sunday

CROSSLIGHT




WEEK 3: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BRINGING OPPORTUNITY TO YOUNG REFUGEES IN JORDAN

Hassan fled conflict with his family and struggled to find work. Through Act for Peace’s partner – the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) – he joined the Forsa Youth Project, learning hospitality and business skills that opened doors to new opportunities.

“This program changed my life,” says Hassan.

Your gift helps young people like Hassan gain skills, confidence and hope for a brighter future.



DSPR Jordan/Act for Peace

This Christmas we at CAN will again be supporting the work of the The Christmas Bowl.

A video of the work will be shown during worship on Sunday

Ayan and a few of the volunteers at CCS had mostly generously offered to open the Drop-in next to the church and provide a brunch and hospitality for anyone looking for some company on Christmas Day



CAN Community Support

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

December 25
10 am - 12 pm

Drop-In centre
(Behind 180 Palmerston Street, Carlton).

For people spending Christmas alone.

Cake, refreshments, and light snacks available!

CAN Community Support

Save the date

The opening of the 2026 Synod year, including the induction of Rev Dr Kylie Crabbe as Pilgrim Theological College Head of College, will be held at the Centre for Theology and Ministry from 9.30am on February 17. Uniting Church members are invited to attend, and more details will be distributed closer to the event.

CAN worship roster to 21 December 2025:							
	7 December PURPLE Advent 2 Holy Communion	14 December PURPLE Advent 3 Choir	21 December PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols: Choir		7 December PURPLE Advent 2 Holy Communion	14 December PURPLE Advent 3 Choir	21 December PURPLE Advent 4 Lessons & Carols: Choir
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ken T	Ken T
<u>Liturgist</u>	Ray G	Jean D	Pam K	<u>Offering</u>	David J Brendan C	Ken T Ethan K	Ken T Jason I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Ray G	Evan R	Pam K	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Shirley J	Kate E	Shirley J
<u>Music</u>	Adam D	Donna C	Peter A	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Coco C	Mark S	Jean D
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Bruce W	Prebin A	<u>Flowers</u>	Prit S	Jill T	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Pam K	Jean E	Prit S	<u>HC</u>	Sue C	-	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ken T	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	Ken T Jill T	Kate E Mark S	<i>School Holidays</i>
<u>Greeter</u>	Ken T	Prit S	Jill T				

This Week at CAN

- Sunday December 7 @ 10.00 worship at CAN, including Holy Communion
- Sunday December 7 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council meets
- Wednesday December 10 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Sunday December 14 @ 10.00 worship at CAN
- Sunday December 14 @ 12.00 CAN Elders meet

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=YzIxXcExjQIU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673





A Word From the Executive Officer

Thank you to all who so generously donated stationery for our Homework Club students.

Last week, Yirgalem, Janet, and the team celebrated the end of a full, busy, and productive year of Homework Club, distributing 92 bags to the children who participated throughout the year. Parents and carers expressed heartfelt gratitude to our staff and volunteers; the support offered means a great deal as they work to nurture their children's education. In addition, Yirgalem treated the women's group to a celebratory lunch, where they enjoyed warm fellowship and reflected on the friendship and support that have grown over the year.

End-of-Year Celebrations

Although we have had to cancel the end-of-year celebration originally scheduled for 9 December, we were grateful to share a wonderful festive community lunch on Wednesday. Around 50 people joined us for a delicious meal of Chicken Cacciatore and Christmas Pudding, thoughtfully planned and prepared by our friends from Hillsong Church. We were also treated to excellent entertainment from two talented young folk musicians, Talitha and Mhairi, and from our very own CAN Community Choir, whose voices grow stronger with every performance. We also farewelled Rev. Ray, whose presence at our community lunches—and in many other aspects of our ministry—has been deeply appreciated. The afternoon was filled with conversation, laughter, and even a few joyful tears. Dyson Hall looked beautifully shiny and festive thanks to Tad and our dedicated volunteer, Ollie, who worked hard to make the space feel especially celebratory. Our hearts are full, even if our feet are tired! Thank you to everyone in the congregation who supported the event in various ways.

Please keep our staff in your prayers

As we approach Christmas, we ask you to hold our staff team in your prayers. This season can amplify the challenges faced by many in our community, and our staff are working tirelessly to offer support and relief. At the same time, several team members are navigating personal challenges of their own, yet continue to serve with remarkable generosity and without complaint. Their commitment is truly inspiring.

2025 Christmas Appeal

Our **2025 Christmas Appeal** is now live. We encourage you to consider giving generously to CAN Community Support this Christmas. Details can be found on our website [Appeals - CAN Community Support](#). While you are there, please take a moment to explore our newly updated site.

Virginia Moebus-Nelson
Executive Officer
CAN Community Support

Got some Spare Time on Tuesday Morning?

Anyone with a spare hour or so next Tuesday morning (Dec 9) the CCS staff would appreciate any volunteers to do the mailout for the Christmas Appeal. You would be putting items in envelope and sticking on sticky labels with addresses.

Just turn up at the door anytime from 10.00am onwards.

Faithful Futures Resources

This is a major initiative of the Synod to discern the future directions of the Uniting Church. You can read more about the areas of priority by clicking [here](#)

And the rest of the Synod news by clicking [here](#)

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



Bible Readings

We are using material from A Sanctified Art through Advent so these readings are not from the Revised Common Lectionary

This Sunday Sunday December 7 - Advent 1

Matthew 11:1-11

Isaiah 43:19-21

Next Sunday December 14 - Advent 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 1:26-39

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...

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

