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### Annual General Meeting

The CAN Annual General Meeting will be held immediately after worship **this coming Sunday, November 30.**

We will consider reports of activities during the year, approve the budget for 2026, hold elections for Elders and Church Councillors and consider future options for the future of Church of All Nations



### Advent Beckons

This Sunday, November 30 is the first Sunday in the season of Advent

The traditional Advent season invites worshippers into four weeks of deep reflection on the advent, or arrival, of God in Jesus of Nazareth, as well as on his promised return. From focused prayer and Scripture reading, to candled wreaths and embellished calendars, Advent celebrations vary widely. But all Advent practices share a heightened anticipation for God's arrival. More than a countdown to Christmas, Advent embraces the way of Jesus and encourages hopeful waiting, courageous peace-making, resilient joy, and self-giving love in our still-suffering world.

This Sunday the Choir make one of their popular appearances, under the leadership of Jean Evans and some of our children singing and playing instruments.

### Thanks to Grace

Thanks to Grace Hornsby who stepped up into the lofty shoes of the Editor in Chief for our gallant little Bulletin in the absence of Ray who has now returned from overseas and is back in harness. Grace brought her usual flair and good humour to the task, even when unwell. It was a good orientation for taking on the same duties when Ray is retired.

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes - and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent" - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, [God is in the Manger](#)

I'm writing to let you know about an upcoming event that might be of interest to you and the folks in your broader community. System Error is a late night show (at 6:30pm) that looks at the intersection of politics and technology.

The event is the final event and keynote of this year's Being Human Festival, hosted by the Melbourne Public Humanities Initiative. It will be on 3 December at the Union Theatre at the University of Melbourne's Parkville campus, at 6:30pm. It's meant to be a broad look at the technologies transforming our world, and trying to unpack what that means for the future of democracy.

Instead of a standard lecture, we've reimagined a public talk into a late night show format, with guest interviews, a band, and a few laughs along the way.

I'll be hosting the show along with a fantastic crew of guests. For background, I'm a researcher at the University of Melbourne looking at the impact of AI on democracy I write regular columns at The Age and the Straits Times (Singapore), and in outlets around the world on US politics and the tech sector. I served for three years in the Biden White House, and before that in senior roles in US politics for a decade. I'll be joined by Jacob Varghese (chair of Maurice Blackburn), Imogen Crump (editor of Pursuit, formerly with the BBC and the ABC), Andy Perfors (Director of the Melbourne Complex Human Data Lab), Tash York (the star of the Melbourne cabaret scene), and more to be announced soon.

The RSVP link is here: <https://events.humanitix.com/system-error-late-night-show>

This is a really exciting new show, and hopefully something that helps to continue a broader conversation about the role of technology in our society.

Cory Alpert

## Monday Movies at the Nova

This Monday, December 1 it is Edge of Life, @ 10.45 am.

The blurb (below) looks as if it will lead to good discussion:

The doorway to death is the last great frontier in human life. Intellectually, we all know our lives will end, and yet - in the Western world at least - we act as if death is a mirage, disappearing the closer we move towards it. Two doctors in Australia are using psilocybin to help ease the anguish of their patients at the end of life, and the results they have seen are truly remarkable. But this visioning tool, like other plant medicines, is not new; it comes from ancient traditions. When the doctors' journey to the Amazon to experience traditional medicines for themselves, they are confronted by realisations they have no explanation for. Is it possible the world's oldest cultures have something important to teach us, not just about traditional medicines, but about death itself?



Buy your ticket and meet in the Nova foyer prior to the movie starting and more details are available through the What's App group chat.



## WEEK 2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**OVERCOMING ISOLATION AND POVERTY IN ETHIOPIA**

Arsema moved to Ethiopia hoping to find work that would help her support her family back home in Eritrea. But isolated in a new country, she faced daily struggles to make ends meet. And, when she became a single mother, her situation seemed dire. Yet through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), Arsema received mentoring, training and financial support to start a small business.

"I'm studying make-up artistry so I can provide for my daughter," she says. Your support helps urban women like Arsema's build financial stability and independence with dignity.





**PRAYER**

*God of peace,  
May Your presence be known among those in urban contexts, struggling to build a new life and financial stability.  
Amen.*



**THERE'S HISTORY IN THIS BOWL. WHAT YOU BRING MATTERS.**  
This Christmas, add your gift to the Bowl. Continue the legacy. Act for peace.  
Call us: 1800 025 101 or visit: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)

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 centre next to the church and provide a brunch and hospitality for anyone looking for some company on Christmas Day

**Friendship the theme of the day at the Parliamentary Interfaith Breakfast**

Friendship is the secret when it comes to building a society that embraces diversity and interfaith dialogue, journalist Geraldine Doogue has said at this year's Federal Parliamentary Interfaith Breakfast. President Rev Charissa Suli and other Uniting Church ministers and leaders were among more than 200 people of many faiths and cultures in attendance at Parliament House.

Read this story by clicking [here](#)

And all the latest National Assembly news by clicking [here](#)

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 worship roster to 7 December 2025:

	30 November PURPLE Advent 1 Choir Cong AGM	7 December PURPLE Advent 2 Holy Communion	14 December PURPLE Advent 3 Choir		30 November PURPLE Advent 1 Choir Cong AGM	7 December PURPLE Advent 2 Holy Communion	14 December PURPLE Advent 3 Choir
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Ian B	David J	Ken T
<u>Liturgist</u>	Sue C	Ray G	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	Ian B Brendan C	David J Brendan C	Ken T Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	Ray G	Evan R	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Pam K	Shirley J	Kate E
<u>Music</u>	Glen W	Adam D	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Prit S	Coco C	Mark S
<u>Camera</u>	Prebin A	Jeff J	Bruce W	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Prit S	Jill T
<u>Reader</u>	Leah B Georgina S	Pam K	Jean E	<u>HC</u>	-	Sue C	-
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	David J	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	-	Ken T Jill T	Kate E Mark S
<u>Greeter</u>	Jill T	Ken T	Prit S				

## This Week at CAN

- Sunday November 30 @ 10.00 worship at CAN
- Sunday November 30 @ 11.15 CAN Annual General Meeting
- Wednesday December 3 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday December 3 @ 12.00 Final community lunch for the year at CCS
- Wednesday December 3 @ 10.30 am worship at Rathdowne Place
- Sunday December 7 @ 10.00 worship at CAN
- Sunday December 7 @ 12.00 CAN Church Council meets

## 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=YzIxcExjQUU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

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



## Bible Readings

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

**November 30, 2025**

**Lamentations 3:55-57**

**Luke 1:13-15**

**Next Sunday December 7**

**Matthew 11:1-11**

**Isaiah 43:19-21**

## 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

