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Please continue to send news, photos and event information for the bulletin to contact@cancarlton.org.au before 3pm each Thursday.

UPDATE ON ASSEMBLY'S NEW PRIDE CIRCLE

Responding to both the UCA's commitment to being a loving, safe and inclusive Church, and the long history of struggle and marginalisation of LGBTIQ+ members within the UCA, the Assembly Standing Committee resolved to form an Assembly Circle of Interest for LGBTIQ+ members and allies to work together to help the church live out this call of Christ to love and welcome all with dignity and respect.

Following a call for expressions of interest in mid-2025, the Assembly Standing Committee approved 9 panel members and 3 co-advocates to launch the Pride Circle Panel initiative. The panel members are representative of the queer community including trans and gender-diverse people, most synods, diverse ages, and allies. Members bring skills, experience and passion for this work including queer theology; legal expertise; organisational transformation expertise; trauma-informed pastoral care; and understanding of UCA governance structures.

The panel has been meeting monthly since September 2025, and there is already a high energy within the group who are deeply committed to the purposes of the Pride Circle and have begun exploring the priority areas in greater depth to ascertain what is most appropriate to focus on over the next 6-12 months initially. Over the coming months, the panel is keen to encourage the wider church to be involved in this work through opportunities to participate in smaller, focused priority areas. More information will be provided as these opportunities start to emerge.

Click [here](#) to read more, including the letter of closure from from Rev Amanda Nicholas and to access downloadable pride resources.

If you are interested in receiving updates from the Pride Circle and/or being a part of the broader Pride Circle network, please email pridecircle@nat.uca.org.au.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP AT CAN



CAN is planning to start offering a monthly Intergenerational worship service on the fourth Sunday of the month. On the basis of “no talking about us without us”, it would be great to get some involvement in planning it - or even just brainstorming ideas.

Let Alister know if you want to know more, or if you are already up for it!

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THREADS OF LOVE: NATIONAL UPDATE

President's Conference 2025 in review

When members of the Uniting Church gathered for the 2025 UCA President's Conference last November, they did so as pilgrims and partners.

Hosted by President Rev Charissa Suli, the conference in Tonga was a homecoming of faith, friendship and renewal, celebrating the enduring relationship between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga.



Over four days on the island of Tongatapu, delegates moved between theological colleges, schools and churches, sharing worship, dialogue and deep cultural immersion. Voices from across the Pacific, Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, including First Peoples, came together to listen, learn and strengthen the cords that bind our churches in love and justice.

Read this story and more from this month's edition of Threads of Love [here](#).



Monday Morning Movies

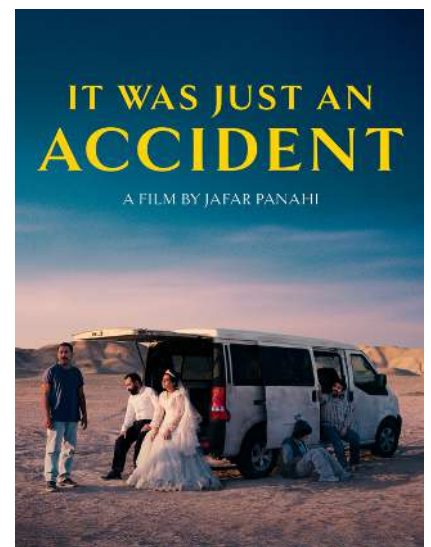
It Was Just an Accident

@ The Nova Mon Feb 2, 10.50am

From master filmmaker Jafar Panahi comes *IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT*, a searing moral thriller that won the prestigious Palme d'Or at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival.

Vahid (Vahid Mobasseri), an unassuming mechanic and former political prisoner, has a chance encounter with Eghbal (Ebrahim Azizi), a man he strongly suspects to be the intelligence officer who tortured him during imprisonment. Panicked, Vahid gathers several former prisoners, all abused by that same captor, to try and confirm Eghbal's identity. As the bickering group drives around Tehran with the captive, they must confront how far to take matters into their own hands with their presumed tormentor.

IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT engages with complex nature of the uncertainty of truth and the choice between revenge and mercy, allowing Panahi to turn his personal dissonance into a profound and galvanizing work of art. Two Academy Awards nominations: Best International Feature Film and Original Screenplay!



2026 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION SESSION INVITATION

As we swiftly move towards the commencement of the academic year in the VicTas Synod, we are offering two online information sessions to hear about all units scheduled for individual certificate learning experiences and degree level units through Pilgrim, and how to register for them.

These units may be of interest to those seeking to develop their own spirituality, people considering or in Lay Ministry programs such as Lay Preacher training, Period of Discernment, or those wishing to develop their leadership skills and knowledge to support their contributions in their local congregations and places of work.

There will be staff available to speak to all available units across 2026 and respond to your questions.

Sessions are as follows: :

Wednesday 4th February 2026, 7:30pm – 8:30pm AEDT

Thursday 5th February 2026, 1pm – 2pm AEDT

These sessions will not be recorded, and prospective attendees will need to complete the attendee confirmation form linked below to receive the zoom link.

[Attendee confirmation – Fill out form](#)



The Uniting Church in Australia
PRESBYTERY OF YARRA YARRA



CAN Community Support

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026

Join us for our first community
lunch of the year!



Peruvian Feast

Hosted in partnership with Hilisong Church

SERVING TIME:
12:00PM – 1:00PM

LOCATION:
CAN Community Support Services
Dyson Hall, 180A Palmerston Street, Carlton

Everyone is welcome!

Gold coin donation welcome

CAN CHOIR FOR EASTER MUSIC



Jean Evans invites all who love to sing
to join in practices commencing
Sat 21st February, 9.30 am in the Church.

The aim is to sing for special services on:

Palm Sunday 29 March 10.00 am

Good Friday 3 April 9.00 am

Easter Day 5 April 10.00 am

You are welcome to sing in weekly practices,
even if not available for all 3 Easter services.

To register, email Jean:

mj.evans@hotmail.com

VICTORIAN MOSQUE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

11:00AM - 3:00PM

ALBANIAN MOSQUE

765 DRUMMOND ST, CARLTON NTH

JOIN US FOR FUN, FAITH & FRIENDSHIP!

- All Welcome
- Mosque Tours and Q&A
- Islamic Information Slideshow
- History Exhibition - Melbourne's First Mosque
- Prayer Observation
- Try on a Hijab, Prayer Cap & Albanian Costume
- Kids Craft Activities
- Tea, Coffee & Traditional Albanian Desserts



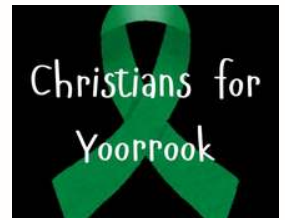
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CHRISTIANS FOR YOORROOK

Christians for Yoorrook will meet online (Teams) to read sections of Yoorrook reports alongside sections of the Bible.



We aim to engage with Yoorrook findings alongside our foundation spiritual text, allowing each to inform the other, to deepen understanding of both.

Dr. Peter Lewis, Acting in Solidarity: The church's Journey with Aboriginal People in Australia, will guide us through the texts; and send out relevant materials each month.

7.30 to 9.00 pm on 2nd Wednesday of each month, commencing Wed 11th February.

To join the discussion, email Matt Bell: mattbell21@gmail.com to confirm your interest, and to receive the link to join each session.

(If this date each month does not work for you, let Matt know; if enough of those interested can't make it, another time could be considered.)

COMBINED CONGREGATIONS LENTEN STUDY

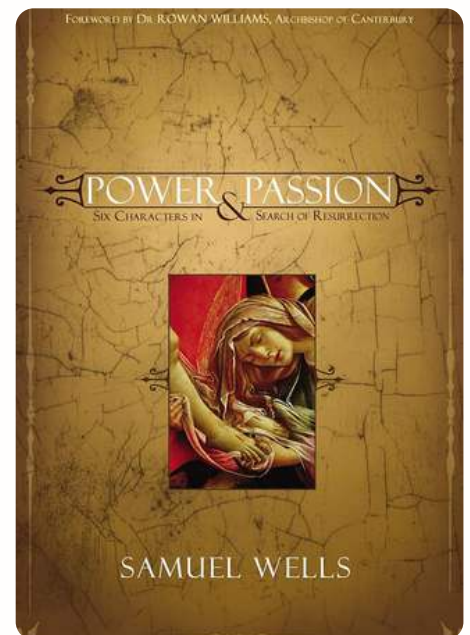
As we have done for several years, members of Church of All Nations join regular book studies online with some from other congregations. Rev Dr Craig Thompson (minister with Mark the Evangelist Uniting Church) leads the discussions.

We're starting this year with a 6-week Lenten study using Sam Wells: Power & Passion – Six characters in search of resurrection.

Two date options are available each week (the same chapter discussed at each) – choose the one which suits you best, starting on:

Wed 18 Feb 7.45 pm or Fri 20 Feb 1.30 pm

To register: email Craig Thompson
craigthompsonxyz@gmail.com



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 any reason - health, mobility, geography, whatever!

CAN worship roster to 15 Feb 2026:

	1 Feb 2026 GREEN Epiphany 4 HC	8 Feb 2026 GREEN Epiphany 5	15 Feb 2026 WHITE Transfiguration		1 Feb 2026 GREEN Epiphany 4 HC	8 Feb 2026 GREEN Epiphany 5	15 Feb 2026 WHITE Transfiguration
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Matt Julius	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ian B	Brendan C
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Alister P	Matt Julius	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	David J Noyuri L	Ian B Brendan C	Ken T Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	Alister P	Evan R	Alister P	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Julie P	Jean E	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Jean E	Glen W	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Leah B	Brendan C	Noruyi L
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Bruce W	Bruce W	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Greta B	Jill T
<u>Read</u>	Jean E	Shirley J	Michelle A	<u>HC</u>	Jill T	-	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T	<u>Chn Min</u>	Ken T Shiny I	Katie E Fiona M	Jill T Shiny I
<u>Greet</u>	Ken T	Jill T	Shirley J Mac N				

THIS WEEK AT CAN

- Sunday 1 Feb @ 10.00am** Worship with Holy Communion – Rev Alister Pate
- Wednesday 4 Feb @ 7.45am** Online Holy Communion (see box with link)
- Wednesday 4 Feb @ 12pm** Community lunch at CAN Community Support - all welcome!
- Wednesday 4 Feb @ 10.30am** Worship at Rathdowne Place Level 1
- Wednesday 4 Feb @ 7.00pm** Church Council meets online (Teams)
- Saturday 7 Feb @ 11.00am - 3.00pm** Albanian Mosque Open Day, Drummond St
- Sunday 8 Feb @ 10.00am** Worship – preacher Matthew Julius

EARLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION - STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Commencing Wednesday 4 February, 7.45 – 8.15 am, all are welcome to participate in this weekly quiet, reflective service online.

Each provides their own piece of bread & wine/juice.

A fresh zoom link is in place for this year:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89677677804?pwd=aLFfemly2sGNb27biUaBt6DoxaPQPH.1>

Meeting ID: 896 7767 7804

Passcode: 243683



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:

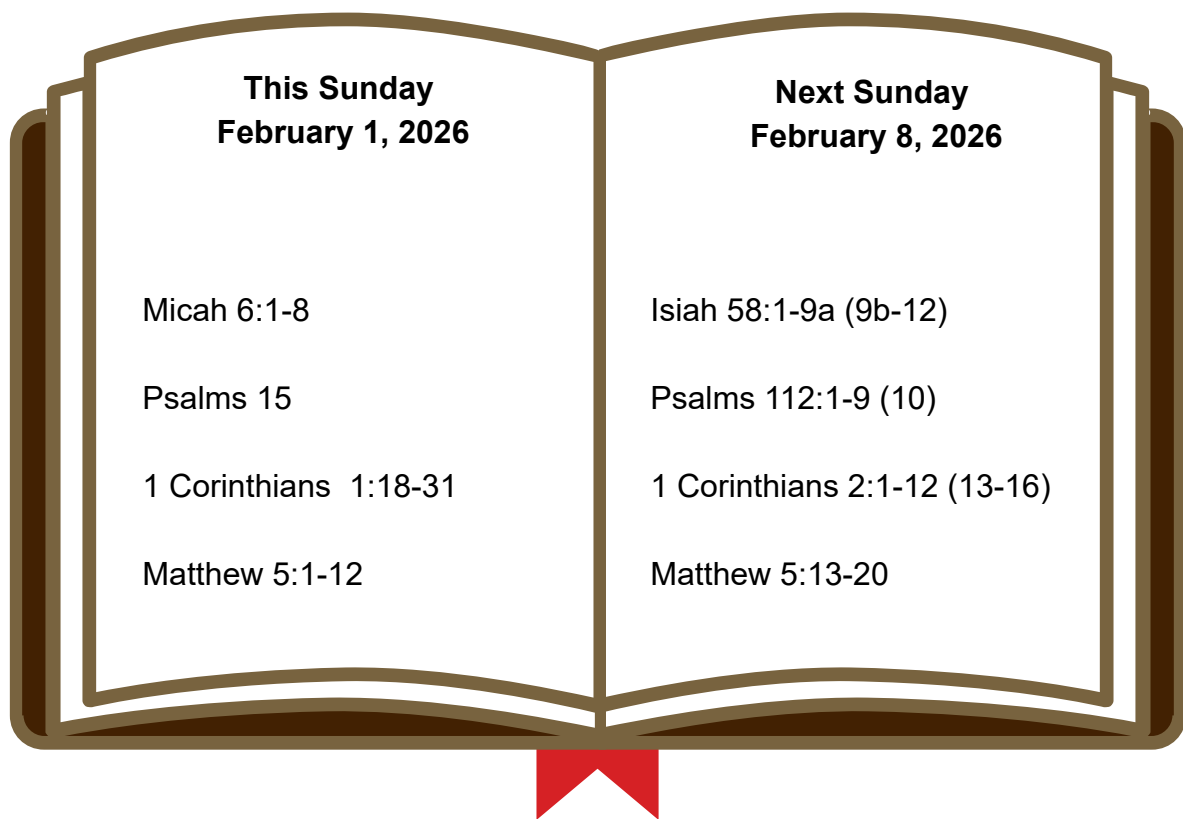
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Lectionary Bible Readings



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

