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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.

Church Family Meal @ Mel's home

Every 2nd month, CAN Congregation members meet on a Friday evening in someone's home for a shared family meal and some fun together. First one this year is coming up fast!

DATE: Friday 27th February

TIME: 6.30 – 8.30 pm

PLACE: Mel Suda's home -Rooftop Room at The Eminence, 145 Queensberry Street, Carlton

BRING: surnames A-M = savoury food to share
surnames N-Z = sweet food to share

RSVP: Melanie Suda - 0417 345 155 or msuda6@gmail.com
before Wed 25 Feb (RSVP is essential for lift access)

TRANSPORT:

- Swanston St trams are most convenient
- Car parking in streets only, Cardigan or Queensberry
- Car-pooling: names to list on CAN Greeting table

All ages are 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

FEBRUARY
2026



Northey Lecture 'Providence and Possession'

**Thursday
February 26**

Centre for Theology and Ministry,
29 College Cres, Parkville, 3052

Time: 7pm-8:30pm

RSVP by Feb 25

Who: all are welcome

Register: to attend please register [here](#) or scan the QR code below

Northey Lecture – 'Providence and possession: how colonial concepts of religion explained away a genocide'

This two-part event begins at 7pm Thursday 26 February at Pilgrim Theological College. Supper is provided. All welcome! Join in person or online.

Acknowledgement of Country and Poetry Reading by Alison Overeem (Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Tasmania)



Alison is a proud palawa woman and Leprena Centre Manager (UAICC). Leprena is a lead provider of cultural and spiritual learning and immersion, uniting First and Second Peoples through Tasmanian Aboriginal culture, and the National UAICC story, across the nation. Alison will share a poem with us and lead us in an Acknowledgement of Country.

Northey Lecture: 'Providence and possession: how colonial concepts of religion explained away a genocide' by Associate Professor Laura Rademaker (Australian National University)

When settlers came to Australia, many believed in a God-given duty to "fill" and "subdue the earth" through agriculture and the supposed failure of First Nations people to do this. But the colonists also drew on other religious and biblical ideas to frame themselves in relation to First Nations people. This lecture will trace the ways that First Nations people's supposed "forgetting" of true religion was used to excuse the rapid First Nations population decline, and the implications of this history for us today.

This lecture will also be part of the Pilgrim unit, [Respecting Country: Deep history, the colonies and the church](#)

Contact us to enrol in the unit – study@pilgrim.edu.au



Repairers of the Breach, Bearers of the Light: President Reflections on her Ormond Uniting Church visit

I continue to reflect on my time with the people of Ormond Uniting Church last weekend, where I had the joy of being part of the dedication of their newly rebuilt church building – a moment many in the congregation had been waiting for over 17 years.

What was immediately present was a shared sense of joy, excitement and relief. Not simply relief that a building project had finally reached completion, but the deeper relief that comes when years of prayer, patience and perseverance are gathered into thanksgiving.

Read more from Rev Charissa Suli [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

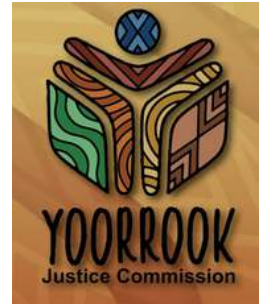
OPENING



The 2026 Synod Ministry and Mission Opening Day, 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 Tuesday, February 17. For more information contact bookings@victas.uca.org.au

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

(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.)

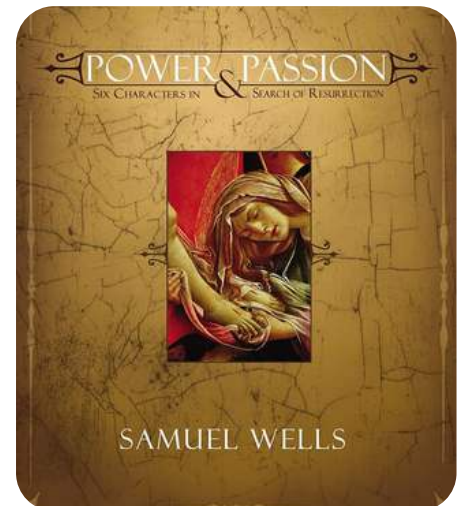
POWER AND PASSION – LENTEN STUDIES 2026

As we have done for several years, some 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 start this week with 6 studies 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 1 March 2026:

	15 Feb 2026 WHITE Transfiguration	22 Feb 2026 PURPLE Lent 1	1 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>		15 Feb 2026 WHITE Transfiguration	22 Feb 2026 PURPLE Lent 1	1 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Alister P	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	Brendan C	David J	Ian B
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Jean D	Pam K	Alister P	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Ethan K	David J Shiny I	Ian B Michelle A
<u>PP Prep</u>	Alister P	Pam K	Alister P	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Pam K	Shirley J	Kate E
<u>Music</u>	Glen W	Donna C	Peter A	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Noruyi L	Shiny I	Mark S
<u>Camera</u>	Bruce W	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Shirley J	Greta B
<u>Read</u>	Michelle A	Leah B	Mac N	<u>HC</u>	-	-	Shiny I
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	David J	Ian B	<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Shiny I	Jill T Ken T	Kate E Mark S
<u>Greet</u>	Shirley J Mac N	Leah B	Pam K				

THIS WEEK AT CAN

- Sunday 15 Feb @ 10.00am** - Worship: incl. commissioning Church Councillors, Elders
- Sunday 15 Feb @ 12.00–1.00pm** Pastoral Carers @ CAN over bring-your-own lunch
- Wednesday 18 Feb @ 7.45-8.15am** - Holy Communion online (check zoom link THIS Bulletin)
- Wednesday 18 Feb @ 2.00pm** - Worship @ Redmond Park Retirement Village (Rev Paul Mayfield)
- Wednesday 18 Feb @ 7.45 pm** - Lenten Study 1 with Mark the Evangelist online
OR (see box to register to receive the link)
- Friday 20 Feb @ 1.30 pm** - Lenten Study 1 with Mark the Evangelist online
- Saturday 21 Feb @ 9.30 am** - CAN Choir practice in Church for Easter Music
- Sunday 22 Feb @ 12.00 pm** - Elders meet at CAN over bring-your-own lunch

EARLY WEDNESDAY ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday from 7.45 to 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 being used for 2026:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86729575044?pwd=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHaqGDa9THbP.1>

Meeting ID: 867 2957 5044

Passcode: 404804





Event

Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Time: 6:30 PM (for a 7PM start)

Location: Masti, 354-356 Brunswick St, Fitzroy VIC 3065

Tickets Includes: 3-Course Dinner, Live Performance, and Panel Discussion.

Content Note: *This event and the performance extract contain references to domestic violence.*

BCD Theatre invites you to an evening of art, storytelling, and community connection at the acclaimed Masti Modern Indian Restaurant.

Funds raised will support the Melbourne premiere of an award-winning theatre work confronting domestic violence, coming to fortyfivedownstairs in July 2026.

[Click here for tickets and event information.](#)

Your presence helps break the silence and ensures this vital story reaches the stage.

What You'll Experience

An intimate evening of food, performance, and conversation - all in support of ending the silence around domestic violence.

Three-Course Dinner + Drinks: Enjoy a thoughtfully curated three-course modern Indian feast by Curry Queen Manpreet Sekhon and the team at Masti. Known for its signature Indian Soul Food, each course is a celebration of bold flavours, rich spices, and vibrant textures. Beer and wine included.

PALM SCHEME SUPPORTS WORKERS

Uniting Church congregations and members across our Synod continue to provide pastoral and material support to people working on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme. People on the PALM scheme are from the Pacific Islands and Timor Leste and work in Australia for up to four years, sending money home to their families and communities.

Key industries they work in include horticulture, meat processing and aged care.

A reasonable question that church members raise is whether the scheme really benefits the workers and their communities. In December 2025, the World Bank and the Australian National University Development Policy Centre released the findings of face-to-face interviews with 200 workers and 15 employers on the PALM scheme and the New Zealand Recognised Seasonal Employer scheme. The workers were from Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. The survey team also met with village chiefs, church leaders and more than 200 families in the countries the workers came from.

Workers reported earning several times more than they could in their home country. The remittances they have sent home have paid for houses, school fees, solar panels, water tanks, satellite internet connections, vehicles and household goods. The remittances have provided investments in land and small businesses such as taxi and car rental services, shops, commercial agriculture and catering ventures. In Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu, the researchers met with returned workers who were funding church renovations and supporting village projects. In Fiji, remittances had been pooled to purchase a school bus for 200 children from six villages.

Read more from Mark Zirnsak, Synod's Senior Social Justice Advocate [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:

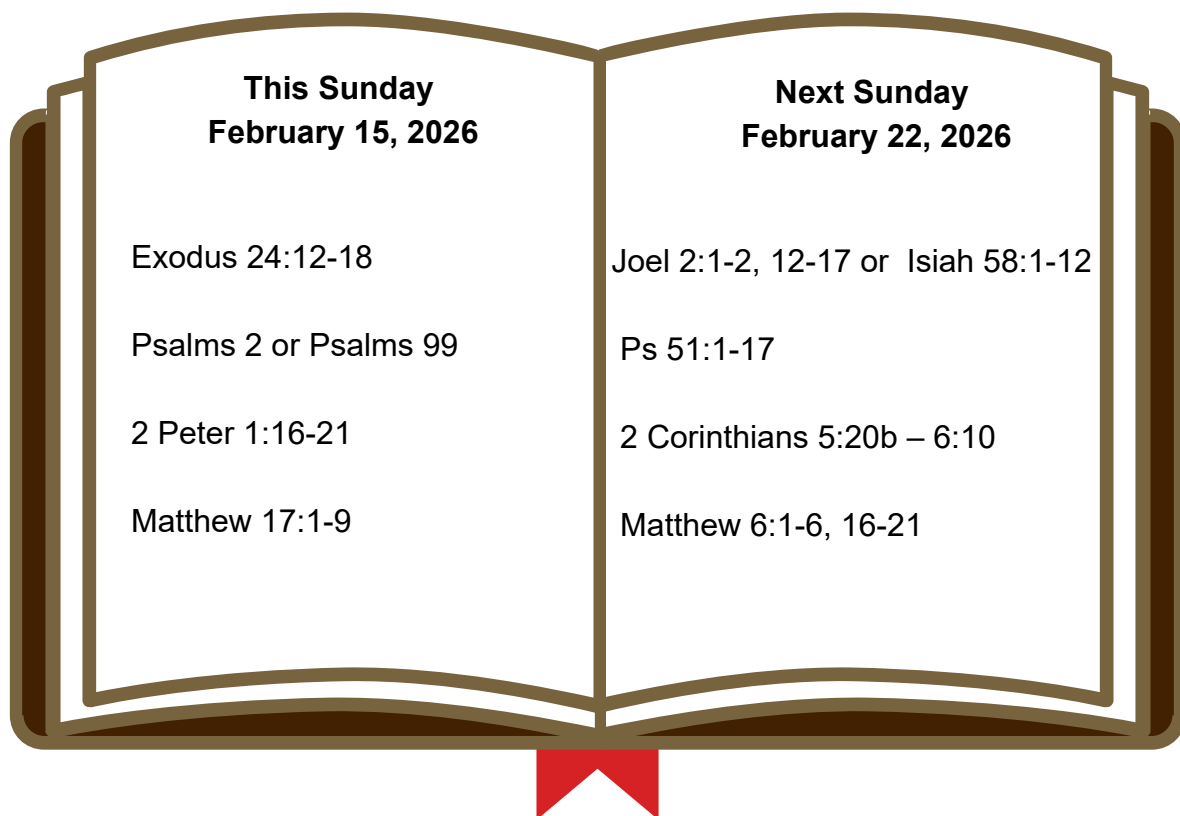
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Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



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

