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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.

WHAT MAKES CAN CAN?

Over the coming months, Church Council will be inviting the CAN community into some gentle conversations about who we are as a church, what we treasure, and how we are called to live out our faith into the future.



These conversations arise from opportunities to explore closer cooperation with Mark the Evangelist and Northcote Uniting Church. No decisions have been made, this is a time for listening, reflection and shared discernment.

Our first opportunity to gather will be as part of the **CAN shared lunch on Sunday 15 March**, where we'll spend some time reflecting together on what makes CAN CAN. Everyone is welcome.

CAN CHOIR FOR EASTER MUSIC



Jean Evans invites all who love to sing to join in practices commencing **this 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

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!



LENT EVENT



During Lent, UnitingWorld is sharing resources outlining what God is doing among our neighbours to fight

poverty and deal with the impacts of climate change.

Find resources [here!](#)

DOING
ANYTHING
FOR LENT
THIS YEAR?

JUST THE
USUAL-
SOLEMNLY
OBSERVING
THE PIETY
OF OTHERS



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An excerpt from correspondence with Paul Samual, from home in India

I often think of you and CAN members in prayer, and we are glad to hear that you are well and active. Thank you for sharing your news about church life, including the joining with North Melbourne and Northcote, Here myself, Sylvia, Nancy and Johan are good by God's grace. We are having an opportunity to see our extended family and enjoy some time together with them too.

May 2026 indeed bring all good things to you and your family.

*With much love and gratitude,
Paul & Sylvia*



FUNERAL NOTICE



In loving memory of
Julian John Peter Cafarella
1947 - 2026

Please join us in remembering Julian
at LePine Croydon chapel.

Thursday 26th Feb at 10am

*Julian and Sue Cafarella were
married at CAN and still have friends
among the congregation and Carlton
community.*

A live stream of the funeral can be
found [here](#).

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS: CELEBRATING WOMEN OF THE UNITING CHURCH



As part of International Women's Day on March 8, the
Uniting Church Assembly is celebrating the leadership,
witness and service of women across the Church.

Nominations are invited which recognise inspiring Uniting
Church women making a positive impact in their
congregations and communities.

Nominations close on February 26.

Find out more, or make a nomination [here!](#)

POWER AND PASSION – LENTEN STUDIES 2026

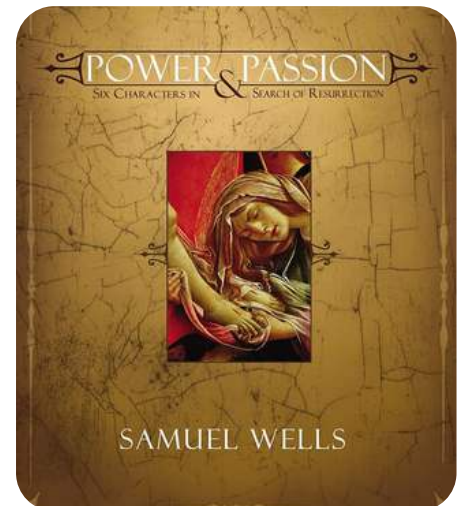
As we have done for several years, some members of Church of All
Nations join regular book studies online with some from other
congregations. **Rev Dr Craig Thompson** (minister with Mark the
Evangelist Uniting Church) leads the discussions. We start this week
with 6 studies using **Sam Wells: Power & 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!





Fairness, not just growth, is the key to productivity.

As the Federal Government sharpens its focus on productivity, *President Rev Charissa Suli* contends that it must be grounded in fairness, justice and human dignity to truly strengthen Australia's economy

The Federal Government has indicated that productivity growth will be its primary economic focus for the remainder of its second term. Productivity matters. But if it is pursued without fairness at its heart, it will fail – not only economically, but socially and morally.

True productivity cannot be separated from justice. It must be grounded in human dignity, equal opportunity, and care for Creation on behalf of future generations. Without these foundations, productivity becomes hollow – producing growth for some while entrenching hardship for others.

Martin Luther once wrote, “I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” His words remind us that when our moral foundations are right, our work becomes clearer, more purposeful, and more effective.

Christian faith begins with the conviction that every person is created in the image of God and therefore possesses equal and immeasurable worth. The ministry of Jesus Christ is not only about personal spirituality; it is about how communities are shaped, how power is exercised, and how economies serve the common good.

At its heart, productivity is about co-operation. Inclusivity boosts co-operation by enabling as many people as possible to contribute to national prosperity and well-being. Co-operation flourishes when people are secure – housed, healthy, and able to contribute without fear or precarity. Fairness is not a barrier to productivity; it is its precondition.

This is why UnitingCare Australia, a key agency of the Uniting Church, rightly states in its 2026–27 Pre-Budget Submission that “productivity is not an end in itself, but a means to improving the wellbeing of all Australians, especially those most vulnerable.”

Too often, productivity is narrowly measured through Gross Domestic Product per hour worked – a blunt indicator that fails to reflect social wellbeing. GDP can rise even when living standards fall.

As economist Joseph Stiglitz has warned, “What we measure affects what we do; and if our measurements are flawed, decisions may be distorted.”

Australia now has better tools available, including the [Australian National Development Index](#) and Treasury's [Measuring What Matters](#) framework, which recognise that wellbeing, sustainability, and social cohesion matter.

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

CAN worship roster to 8 March 2026:

	22 Feb 2026 PURPLE Lent 1	1 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	8 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 3		22 Feb 2026 PURPLE Lent 1	1 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	8 March 2026 PURPLE Lent 3
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Alister P	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Pam K	Alister P	Jill T	<u>Offering</u>	David J Shiny I	Ian B Michelle A	Shiny I Noyuri L
<u>PP Prep</u>	Pam K	Alister P	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Shirley J	Kate E	Julie P
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	Peter A	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Shiny I	Mark S	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Jeff J	?	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Greta B	Jill T
<u>Read</u>	Leah B	Mac N	Jean D	<u>HC</u>	-	Shiny I	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ian B	Ian B	<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Ken T	Kate E Mark S	Ken T Fiona M
<u>Greet</u>	Leah B	Pam K	Ken T				

THIS WEEK AT CAN

- 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
- Sunday 22 Feb @ 10am** - worship in CAN church
- Tuesday 24 Feb @ 11.30am** - Finance & Property C'tee meet by zoom
- Tuesday 24 Feb @ 6.30pm** - CCS Board meeting in CAN Conference Room
- Wednesday 25 Feb @ 7.45am** - weekly Holy Communion by zoom
- Wednesday 25 Feb @ 7.45pm** - Lenten Study ch. 2 online with Craig Thompson
- Friday 27 Feb @ 6.30pm** - CAN Family meal at Mel's home: bring food to share
- Saturday 28 Feb @ 9.30am** - CAN Choir practice in Dyson Hall

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=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHagGDa9THbP.1>

Meeting ID: 867 2957 5044

Passcode: 404804



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:

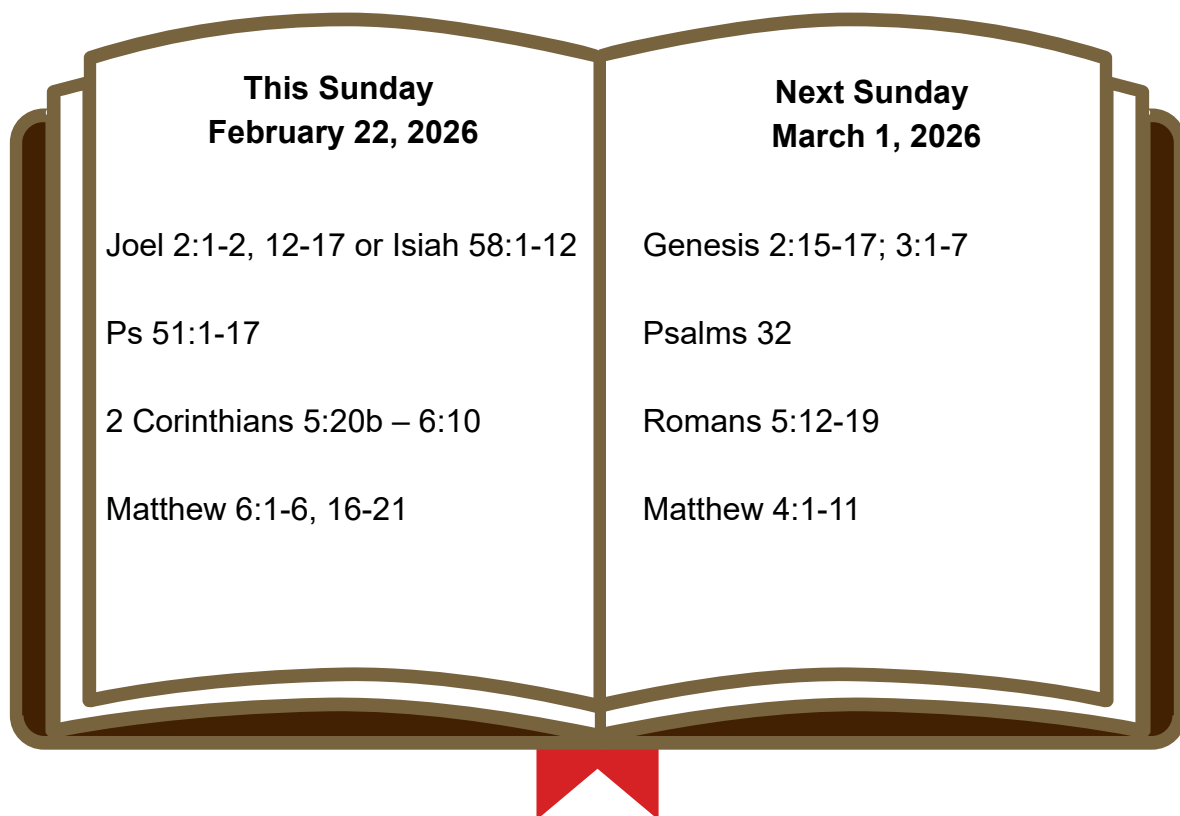
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



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

