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SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 29 March

10.00 am in CAN Church:
Inter-Gen worship, CAN Choir singing

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 April

7.00 pm in CAN Church: Rev Alister Pate
leads a Tenebrae [L.= darkness] service.
(No meal this year)

GOOD FRIDAY 3 April

9.30 am in CAN Church [note changed time from previous
years]:
with guests from Mark the Evangelist & Northcote Uniting
Churches.
Rev Dr Craig Thompson preaching, CAN Choir singing

EASTER DAY 5 April

10.00 am in CAN Church;
Holy Communion service with
Rev Alister Pate; CAN Choir singing.
Guests from Mark the
Evangelist UC joining us for
worship & morning tea
to follow.



Prayer for Peace

God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
God of Isaac and Rebekah,

God revealed to us in Jesus Christ,

We bring before you the lands where our faith was
born, now shaken by escalating violence and deep
uncertainty. We pray for the people of Iran, for the
people of Israel, and for all across the region living
tonight with fear. We pray for children woken by sirens,
for families seeking safety, for those carrying grief,
anger and anxiety.

Prince of Peace, interrupt the cycle of violence.
Protect civilian life on every side. Grant leaders
wisdom and restraint. Turn hearts from further
destruction toward dialogue and de-escalation.
Call all nations to act with responsibility, with care for
human life, and with respect for the obligations of
international law.

Spirit of the Living God, comfort those in Australia
whose loved ones are in harm's way. Strengthen
Jewish, Muslim, Iranian, Arab and Christian
communities who may feel vulnerable or unsettled.
Guard us from antisemitism, from Islamophobia, and
from every form of hatred that rises in times of conflict.

Make your Church a place of safety, compassion and
steady hope.

May fear give way to understanding.

May violence give way to courage for peace.

May justice and mercy meet.

In the name of Christ, who is our peace. **Amen**



WHAT MAKES CAN CAN?

Over the coming months, Church Council invites the CAN community into gentle conversations about who we are, what we value, and how we're called to live 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.

On Sunday 15 March, the congregation were invited to participate in a series of questions and activations. If you missed it, you're warmly invited to share your thoughts via this [link](#) before **this Sunday** afternoon

For any questions, please email Katie (CAN CC Chair) via catee06@gmail.com.



**Walk for justice,
respect and kindness**
THIS SUNDAY 29 MARCH

1:00 pm – Gather on Princes Bridge with banners and placards

1:30 pm – Walk to Birrarung Marr Lower Terrace (Angel statue)

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Speakers and music

The inter-generational event is planned to affirm our multicultural and diverse communities, to stand together as Australians who have come from many lands, with the shared desire to live in peace and security.

We want Australia to remain a welcoming place for all, and especially for those who come here to find safety. Fear and division must not be allowed to tear at the rich fabric of our multicultural society. Consider coming along to support this event.

This event takes place on Palm Sunday in the long tradition of calling for social justice.

The Planning Committee is convened by the Refugee Advocacy Network, working with a wide range of community organisations, unions and ecumenical faith-based networks, including the Victorian Council of Churches, bringing together people to support justice and to stand with refugees.

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!

Moderator's
EASTER
MESSAGE 2026

Peace in a fractured room



[Click here to watch message](#)



This Easter, many carry more than expected. Summer fires have left deep impact in Victorian rural communities. Public life has felt strained: immigration protests, hate speech, language that turns people into categories rather than neighbours. Silent tension still lingers around 26th January (Australia Day for some, Invasion Day for others - often with more certainty than listening; with 1st Peoples' pain too easily pushed aside). And when Christianity is blended with nationalism, faith becomes a badge of belonging rather than a life shaped by Jesus. Beyond our shores, we watch war escalate with real anxiety. These events do not stay "over there." They ripple into our streets, our workplaces, our homes, our schools. For some it brings fear for loved ones, for others it brings grief or a feeling of being watched or misunderstood.

So what does Easter say in a season like this?

In John's Gospel, on the evening of the first Easter Day, the disciples were together with the doors locked because they were afraid. Into that room came Jesus. Jesus did not begin with a rebuke. His first words were "Peace be with you." Not peace as avoidance, or as a quick fix: but peace spoken into reality.

The cross was not brushed aside on Easter Day - it was carried into Easter. God does not heal the world by standing back from what is broken, but by entering it. The cross tells the truth about sin & violence & human failure. The resurrection answers that truth, opening a future we could not open for ourselves. In the locked room, Jesus spoke peace and breathed: "Receive the Holy Spirit." New breath for tired people; then he sent them out of fear, into love. In days ahead, our response may take many forms: practical care, patient listening, standing against hate, seeking repair where it's possible, returning to prayer and worship when words are hard to find — quiet faithfulness that keeps choosing love.

Easter does not promise that life will be simple. It proclaims God has acted decisively in Jesus Christ: crucified and risen, present among ordinary people, and speaking peace. So this Easter, hear the Gospel: deep joy - joy grounded in God's; and courage - steady strength for the next step of love.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

VicTas Moderator Rev Salesi Faupula

Cyclists protest Yarra's Elizabeth St bike lane downgrade in Richmond

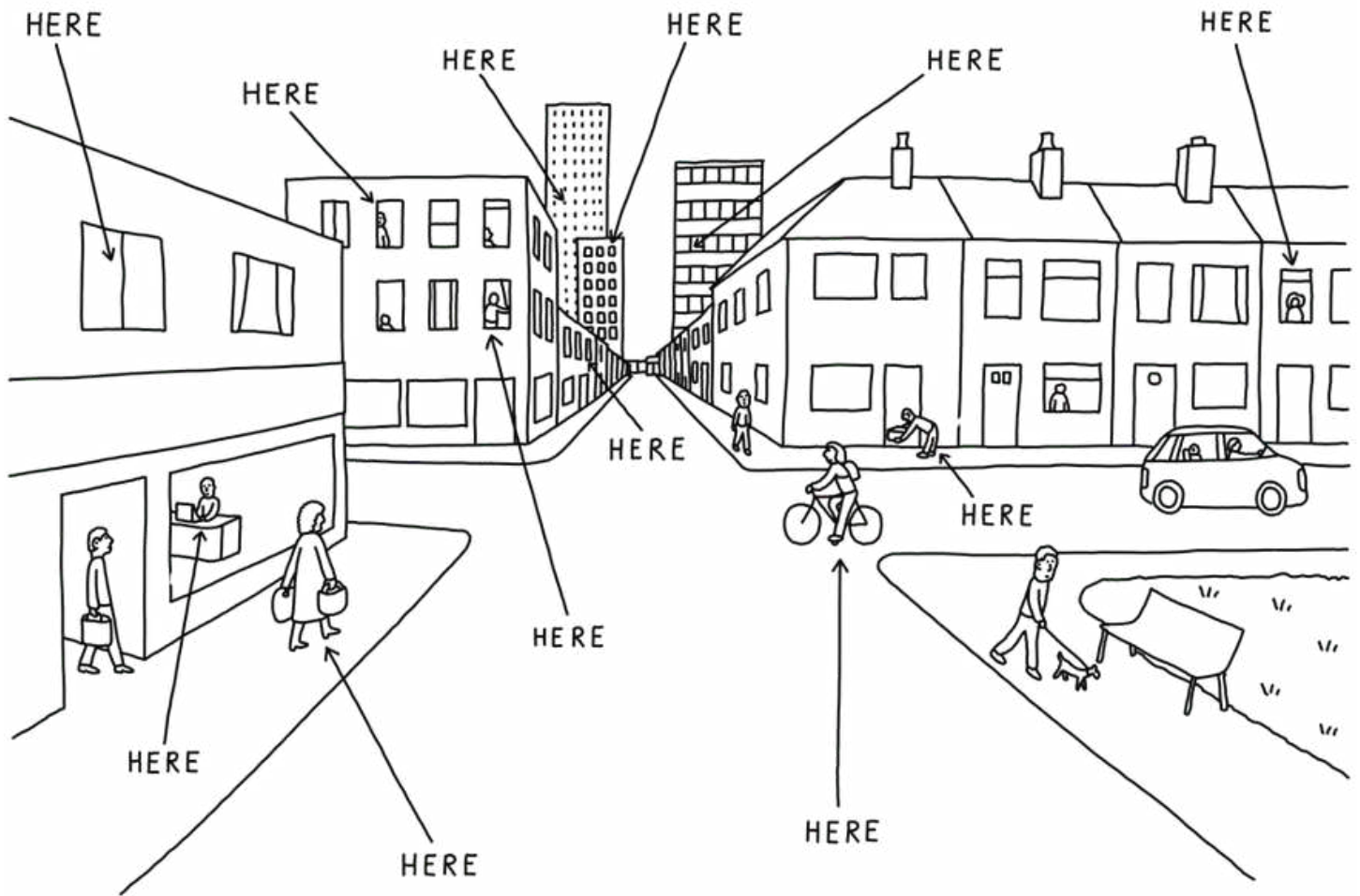


Cycling advocates and local residents gathered on Elizabeth St in Richmond on Sunday, March 15 to protest the City of Yarra's decision to narrow the street's protected bike lanes, warning the move will make one of inner Melbourne's key east-west cycling links less safe.

The protest came just a day before works began to remove the existing separators as part of road resurfacing and redesign works that will reduce the width of the lanes in order to reinstate 45 car parking spaces along the street.

Read more from Inner City News [here](#).

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



THIS WEEK AT CAN

Saturday 28 Mar @ 9.30 am - CAN Choir practice in the Church

Sunday 29 Mar @ 10.00 am - Inter-Gen Palm Sunday worship in Church with Choir

Wednesday 1 Apr @ 7.45 am - online Holy Communion

@ 10.30 am - monthly Worship at Rathdowne Place Aged Care

Thursday 2 Apr @ 7.00 pm - Maundy Thursday service: 'Tenebrae' in the Church

Friday 3 Apr @ 9.30 am - Good Friday worship in Church, guests from other churches

Sunday 5 Apr @ 10.00 am - Easter Day worship in Church

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



CAN worship roster 29 March 2026:

	29 March 2026 PURPLE Palm Sunday Inter-Gen worship CHOIR		29 March 2026 PURPLE Palm Sunday Inter-Gen worship CHOIR
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	David J
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	David J Ken T
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Jill T
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	<u>Flowers</u>	David J
<u>Read</u>	Olivia Ball	<u>HC</u>	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	<u>Chn Min</u>	Inter-Gen service
<u>Greet</u>	Leah B		

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



As is our usual practice at Church of All Nations, there are no separate Children's Ministry classes during worship in the school Holidays.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP, WHETHER IN CLASS OR NOT

Activity sheets will be available on clipboards for parents to supervise their children during each worship service after Easter, until school resumes.



CAN worship roster for Easter Week services 2026:

	2 April 2026 PURPLE Maundy Thurs	3 April 2026 BLACK Good Friday CHOIR	5 April 2026 WHITE Easter Day CHOIR		2 April 2026 PURPLE Maundy Thurs CHOIR	3 April 2026 BLACK Good Friday CHOIR	5 April 2026 WHITE Easter Day CHOIR
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Craig Thompson	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	Ken T	Brendan C	Ken T
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	-	Sue C	Alister P	<u>Offering</u>	-	-	David J Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	-	Jill T	Alister P	<u>Hosp 1</u>	-	-	Jill T
<u>Music</u>	Peter A	Donna C	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	-	-	Leah B
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Prebin A	<u>Flowers</u>	-	-	David J
<u>Read</u>	Michelle A	David J	Mac N	<u>HC</u>	-	-	Leah B
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Ken T	David J	<u>Chn Min</u>	<i>School Hols</i> -	<i>School Hols</i> -	<i>School Hols</i> -
<u>Greet</u>	Jill T	Jill T	Ken T			<i>Mark the Evangelist UC, Northcote UC at CAN</i>	<i>Mark the Evangelist UC at CAN</i>

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.

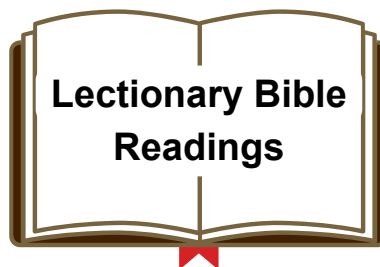
Offerings can be made during the church service OR by regular bank transfer. Bank transfers can be regular as weekly, fortnightly, monthly Offerings, OR as an occasional offering

Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



This Sunday
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday

April 3, 2026
Good Friday

Next Sunday
April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-4

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Acts 10:34-43 or
Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Psalms 22

Psalms 118:1-2, or
14-24

Philippians 2:5-11

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hebrews 10:16-25 or
4:14-16; 5:7-9

Colossians 3:1-4 or
Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 21:1-11

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

John 18:1-19:42

John 20:1-18 or
Matthew 28:1-10

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

