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MONDAY MOVIES AT THE NOVA

MONDAY MAY 4, 10.45AM: FATHER, MOTHER SISTER, BROTHER.

Winner of the Golden Lion at the Venice International Film Festival, *FATHER MOTHER SISTER BROTHER* is an exploration of complicated family ties from indie iconoclast Jim Jarmusch (Only Lovers Left Alive, Patterson). A triptych of family relations, Jarmusch's latest follows three separate families navigating through their own idiosyncrasies and filial quirks. In the United States, Jeff (Adam Driver) and Emily (Mayim Bialik) visit their ailing, and increasingly lonely father (Tom Waits); Lilith (Vicky Krieps) and Timothea (Cate Blanchett) meet to have tea with their mother (Charlotte Rampling) in Dublin; and in Paris, Skye (Indya Moore) and Billy (Luka Sabbat) reunite after learning unfortunate news. These estranged families find themselves both distant and bound together, looking towards the future whilst affected by their past.



STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO DISRUPTIONS AT ANZAC DAY SERVICES

President Rev Charissa Suli



As President of the Uniting Church in Australia, and in solidarity with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and our Synod Moderators, we are deeply concerned and disappointed by the disruption and booing that occurred during Anzac Day services across the nation.

Anzac Day is a sacred moment in our national life. It is a time for remembrance, reflection, and gratitude for those who have served and sacrificed. It calls us to gather in dignity and respect. At the first light of dawn, we remember both the sacrifice of the Anzacs and the thousands of years of care for Country by our sovereign First Peoples. A Welcome to Country is also a sacred moment, deserving of dignity and respect. The behaviour observed yesterday fell short of the respect and dignity these moments call us to uphold. We stand in solidarity with Ray Minniecon, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, and all who were affected. For many—particularly First Peoples—this was not merely a disruption. It caused real harm and was deeply disrespectful and, for some, traumatic, reflecting the ongoing reality of racism and racial harm in our nation. Read more from Rev. Charissa Suli [here](#).



THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC ON

SUNDAY

24

MAY, 2026 - 2 PM
180 PALMERSTON ST,
CARLTON

CHOIRS IN THE ROUND

FEATURING...

MELBOURNE MASS GOSPEL CHOIR

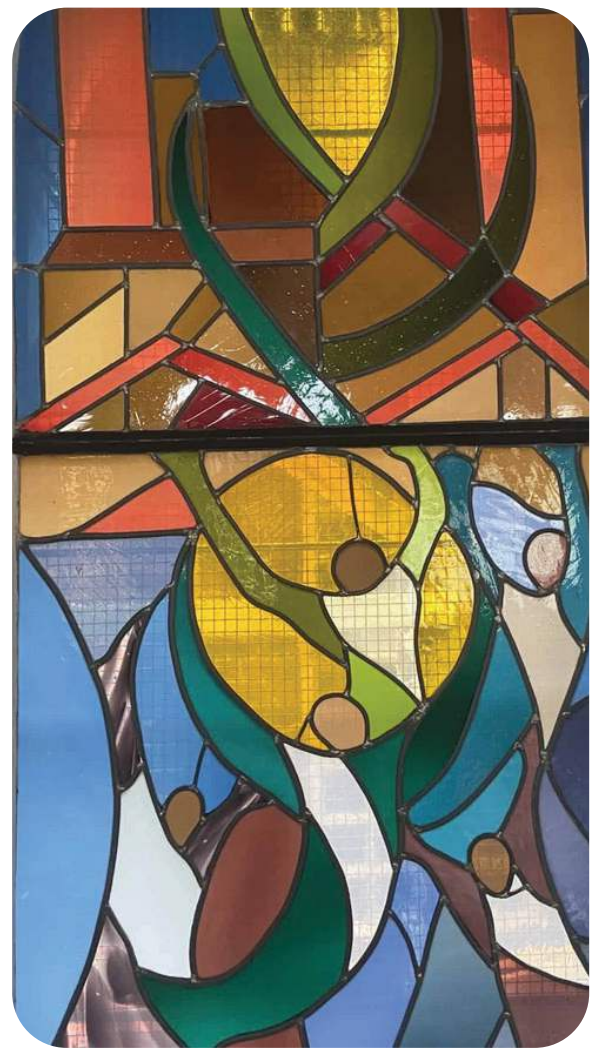
THE RAGLINS

GORANI

THURSDAY'S CHILDREN

GENERAL ADMISSION \$35
CONCESSION \$20
UNDER 15 FREE
AFTERNOON TEA \$5

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CONTINUED WORK OF CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PROVIDING FOOD SECURITY, COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION IN CARLTON AND SURROUNDS

CONGREGATION MEETING 3 MAY: NEXT STEPS?



Thank you to everyone who has shared what they treasure about our CAN community. Your reflections on faith, relationships, traditions and hopes for the future are deeply valued and are helping shape a thoughtful conversation about where we are heading together. Our next opportunity to gather to discuss the future of CAN will be after the service on **Sunday 3 May (approx 11am -12pm)**, for a facilitated congregational meeting to understand the possibilities.

Together we'll reflect on what we've heard so far from the congregation, hear why cooperation with Mark the Evangelist and Northcote Uniting Church is being considered, and explore the ministry and mission opportunities. The aim is to build clarity and create space for open conversation about what could come next. All are warmly invited to be part of this next step.

CAN Church Council

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!

The weather continues to lift our spirits and bring energy and momentum. This week our Weekly Fresh Food Market regulars took the opportunity to get out in the sunshine and enjoy some table tennis! A beautiful idea to keep the body moving and the endorphins pumping – I suspect it may have been a while since those table tennis tables out the back have had a work out so it was wonderful to see them being taken advantage of!

Last week saw week one for the year of our homework club at University High School and we were delighted to welcome 20 students who were supported by 8 volunteers to work through the homework they brought with them, as well as Janet and our new casual Homework Club Lead Tutor Mayar Mareng. Homework Club met in the beautifully equipped library at University High and after some staff changes we are delighted to have a new staff team who are supporting us at Uni High. It was a fabulous start to the year and we are super excited to see how this develops throughout 2026.



Opportunities to support Fundraising efforts for CAN Community Support over the coming months
We have some fun events coming up through the year which will be fundraising to raise money for our programs at CCS and we would LOVE your assistance if possible:

1. On **May 24** we have our annual **“Choirs in the Round” Fundraiser**. We would love donations from people of baked goods to sell for afternoon tea to bolster our fundraising efforts. We had a wonderful response previously and would love some more. Ideally we would ask that you drop your goodies at the CAN office on Thursday May 21 before 1pm or at the church on the day. Please label your treat clearly and with ingredients listed (no need for quantities just ingredient type). If this does not suit or it would be helpful for someone to collect your goodies please let us know and we can make arrangements. It would also be helpful if you could contact the office or send an email to contact@cancarlton.org.au to let us know of your intention to provide something if possible please so we know how much we will have.

2. **ADVANCE WARNING:** On Saturday **September 19** we will be running the regular Saturday Sausage Sizzle outside Bunnings in Collingwood. If you feel you could give a two hour slot on this day to assist the stall – either cooking sausages or serving hungry customers or collecting much needed funds – please contact the office on 9347-7077 or admin@cancarlton.org.au with your preference for either a morning or afternoon slot. We will be running from 8am – 4pm on the day.



Any support for either of these events is deeply appreciated as we try and raise much needed funds to keep our wonderful community programs running.

FINDING COMMON GROUND IN THE DESERT HEART



By Michael Zewdie

This week, in the heart of Anangu Country, a time-honoured expression of ecumenical partnership is taking place. From 26 to 30 April 2026, the Uniting Church in Australia's Northern Synod is hosting the Trans-Tasman General Secretaries' Gathering at Yulara — bringing together the Assembly and Synod General Secretaries of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), alongside their counterparts from the Methodist Church of New Zealand (MCNZ) and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ).

While the institutional demands of these roles are considerable, this gathering is far more than a business meeting. It is a space of spiritual discernment, collaborative strategy, and shared pilgrimage.

A Partnership Rooted in Shared Tradition

The UCA, PCANZ, and MCNZ share deep historical and theological bonds, born from similar Reformed and Methodist traditions. These annual gatherings have given the General Secretaries the freedom to look beyond domestic horizons — to be honest about the real challenges of contemporary church life: the evolution of traditional congregations, the complexities of property and risk management, and the search for fresh, innovative expressions of ministry.

What sets this forum apart is its spirit of mutual vulnerability. These are leaders who do not need to perform for one another. In that honesty, they find renewal.



Meeting on Sacred Ground

The setting of this year's gathering is more than a backdrop — it is part of the agenda itself. Rather than convening in a capital city boardroom, delegates are based at The Lost Camel Hotel and meeting formally at the nearby Sails in the Desert. The program, carefully curated by the Northern Synod, weaves business sessions together with cultural immersion and deep listening — a deliberate reminder that the work of church administration must always be rooted in the land and its First Peoples.

Delegates have been invited to learn key Pitjantjatjara words as part of their journey, engaging with concepts like Tjukurpa (Anangu law and story) and Waru (fire). On their first evening, the General Secretaries shared dinner with leaders from the Northern Regional Council of Congress (NRCC), including Chairperson Jamie Nyangu, Bush Chaplain Yanima Bryant, Resource Worker Peter Hobson, and Support Worker David Young. This direct engagement grounds the church's administrative strategies in the lived realities of remote Indigenous communities.

Alongside formal sessions, delegates have gathered at the Kata Tjuta and Uluru viewing platforms — moments of contemplative presence that quietly orient the work of governance within something far larger than any agenda item.

Shared Priorities, Common Calling

Three vital themes are shaping the conversations this week.

The first is the journey of covenanting and walking with First Peoples. The UCA's Covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the MCNZ's bicultural journey — Te Haerenga Bicultural — share common challenges and graces. Meeting with NRCC leaders in Central Australia, the General Secretaries are sharing insights on how administrative structures can better support Indigenous self-determination and truth-telling within the life of the church. Read on [here!](#)



Hey friends, the Treaty Election results are in!

The results of the 2026 Treaty Elections are announced by the independent Treaty Authority

Results announced are for 22 General Seats on the Assembly, from five regions: Metropolitan, North East, North West, South East and South West. There are also 12 Reserved Seats for Traditional Owner groups, elected through their own processes, with Traditional Owners voting for candidates in these seats.

Metro Seats



Jedda Atkinson-Costa
Wemba Wemba, Yorta Yorta, Mutti Mutti, Barapa Barapa



Troy Austin
Gunditjmara



Aunty Esmerelda Bamblett
Bangerang, Taungurung



Rueben Berg
Gunditjmara



Uncle Alan Brown
Gunditjmara



Indi Clarke
Wemba Wemba, Mutti Mutti, Boonwurrung, Trawlwoolway, Lardil



Barry Firebrace-Briggs
Yorta Yorta, Wemba Wemba, Dja Dja Wurrung



Meriki Onus
Gunaí, Gunditjmara



Kathleen Terrick
Wurundjeri, Tati Tati Mutthi Mutthi Wadi Wadi, Wemba Wemba, Berapa Berapa, Dja Dja Wurrung, Ngurai Illun, Waywurru, Gunaí and Bidwell



Lisa Rose Thorpe
Boonwurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Wemba Wemba, Gunaí and Gunditjmara



ASSEMBLY EMBARKS ON PROJECT TO RENEW LITURGY

By Matthew Julius, Growing in Faith Circle
Panel Member

“ THE WORD OF GOD ON WHOM SALVATION
DEPENDS IS TO BE HEARD AND KNOWN FROM
SCRIPTURE APPROPRIATED IN THE WORSHIPPING
AND WITNESSING LIFE OF THE CHURCH ”

The National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) is starting a new project of “Liturgical Renewal.” The word ‘liturgy’ refers to Christian worship, and is part of the “core business” of the Assembly (alongside doctrine and governance). This project seeks to foster renewal through building shared understanding about how we worship, why we worship, and, most importantly, who we worship.

‘Liturgy’ is often translated as ‘the work of the people.’ The origin of the word is more specifically associated with ‘public works’ (the Greek here is leitōs + ergon = leitourgia), originally public monuments like statues or stadiums. Perhaps a better translation of liturgy might be the Church’s ‘public work,’ our task in worship is to make public an encounter with God. This is the beating heart of worship: an encounter with the life-giving God, whose Spirit makes Jesus heard and known.

This project is about celebrating the diverse expressions of worship across our church, which in their own ways help make public an encounter with God. Our hope is to reflect our church’s diversity in how the Assembly speaks about and resources worship into the future. This has to begin with acknowledging that this hasn’t always been the case. The Assembly’s resourcing of worship has often favoured patterns of worship which emphasise scripted forms of prayer, and more traditional forms of gathering. This approach is understandable: there is so much beauty and wisdom in the e

We are also challenged about whether we have lived up to all of our commitments as a church in how we approach worship: Has our commitment to covenanting and walking together truly changed our Church? Beyond acknowledging Country, have we allowed ourselves to renew our love for the Creator and God’s good creation by listening to the wisdom of First Nations members of our church? And what have we been willing to share in return? Have we truly lived out our claim that, “We are a multicultural church”? Not simply by offering translations of resources developed from the majority culture centre, but allowing minority culture communities to reshape inherited practice.

Does our commitment to worshipping as a symbol of Christ’s reconciling unity and love for all people truly extend to all? In particular, to those who have historically been excluded from churches, and alienated by inherited language? The last Assembly resolved to commission guidance on “language which welcomes and affirms transgender, gender diverse, and intersex people.” (Assembly Minute 24.21.07) How might our language make public God’s reconciling love for all people?

Our diversity must be seen as an instrument of our unity, because our unity is a proclamation of Jesus: who reconciles all people to God and to one another. Our diversity is not a challenge to our unity, but a gift from God, and that’s where our worship begins: with the life-giving God, the Creator who makes us all unique and who draws us all together.

Whether your community is bound together by a deep connection to Country, drawn from across the moana, or shaped by stories of migration old and new — or maybe your community is “a colourful mess” (to quote the Moderator from my Synod, Rev. Salesi Faupula). Whether your church has organs, guitars, drums, or just voices. Whether the Spirit lingers with you during the week as you craft every word, or the Spirit inspires you with fresh words at the moment you begin to pray. Whether you have always felt welcomed and accepted by our Church, or you have had to struggle to find love and acceptance. Whether your theology is conservative, progressive, evangelical, liberal, pentecostal, liberationist, or something else entirely — or, if we’re honest, a mixture of everything! Everyone is invited to participate in this project of liturgical renewal, because everyone is invited to worship the life-giving God we meet in Jesus.

[Sign up to be involved!](#)

CAN 3-week worship roster to 17 May 2026:

	3 May WHITE Easter 5 <i>Congregation Mtg HC</i>	10 May WHITE Easter 6	17 May WHITE Easter 7 <i>Congregation lunch</i>		3 May WHITE Easter 5 <i>Congregation Mtg HC</i>	10 May WHITE Easter 6	17 May WHITE Easter 7 <i>Congregation lunch</i>
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Alister P	Alister P	<u>Property</u>	David J	Ian B Mark S	Ken T Mark S
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Alister P	Jean D (prayers)	Jill T	<u>Offering</u>	David J Shiny I	Ian B Ethan K	Ken T Michelle A
<u>PP Prep</u>	Alister P	Evan R	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Pam K	Kate E	Julie P
<u>Music</u>	Kate E Sarah C	Donna C	Jean E	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Jill T	Mark S	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Jeff J	Ethan K	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Greta B	Shirley J
<u>Read</u>	Pam K	Greta B	Kate E	<u>HC</u>	Shiny I	-	-
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T	<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Ken T	Kate E Mark S	Kate M Mark S
<u>Greet</u>	Jill T	Ken T	Mac N Shirley J				



THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Sunday 3 May @ 10.00am - Worship at CAN

@ 11.00am-12.00pm - Congregation Meeting during morning tea

@ 12.00pm - Church Council meets @ CAN

Monday 4 May @ 10:45am - Father, Mother Sister, Brother @ Cinema Nova

Wednesday 6 May @ 7.45am - Online Holy Communion

@ 10.30am - Worship with Rathdowne Place Aged Care

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 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:

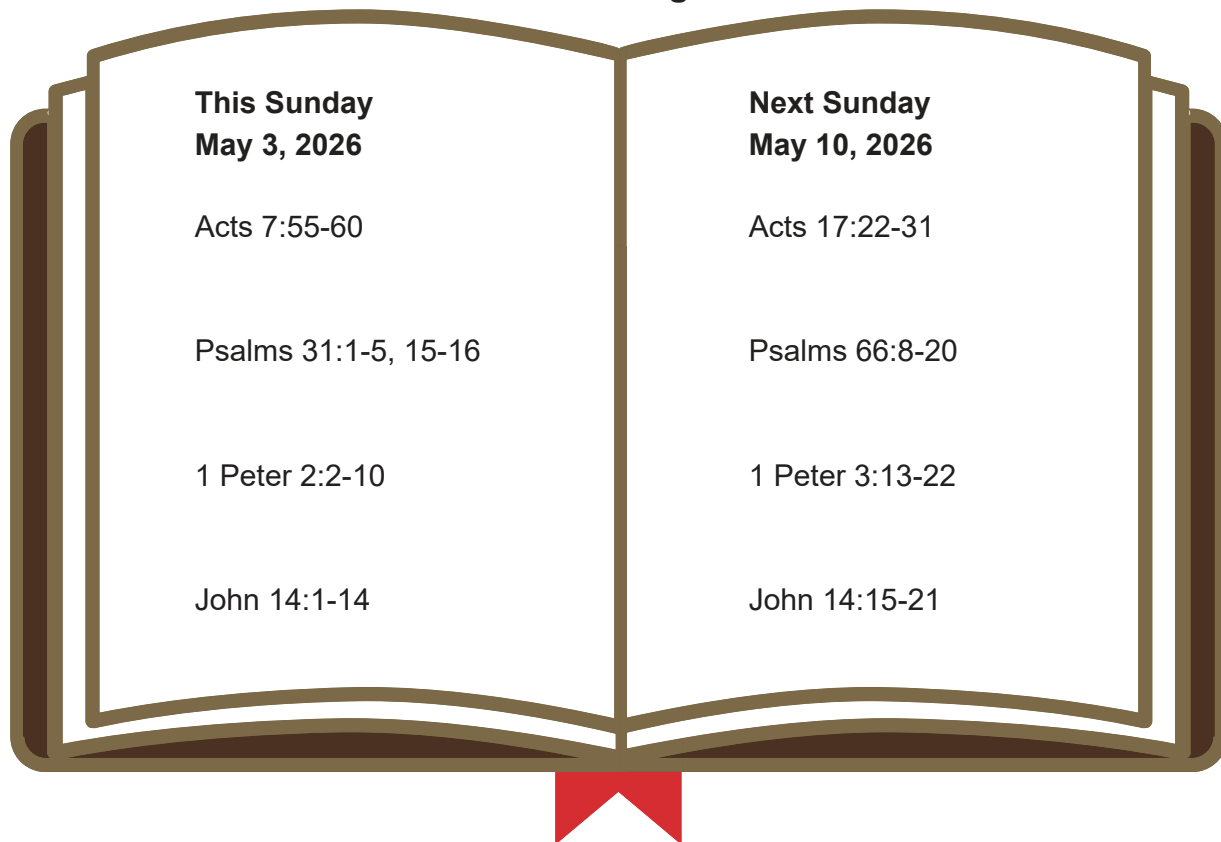
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Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



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

