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JUNE CROSSLIGHT

The new edition of Crosslight featuring articles on how a prayer shawl helped in healing, how Uniting Vic.Tas is addressing the housing crisis in regional areas, why organist Judy Grimm is still going strong 75 years after she began playing, and the people



driving the Faithful Futures project forward throughout Victoria and Tasmania is now available for collection from the front of the Church, or to read online [here](#).

CHOIRS IN THE ROUND FUNDRAISER



Thanks to your support we were able to raise \$3200 at our most recent Choirs in the Round event!

We are so grateful for your ongoing belief in our programs.

COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT TO INCLUDE ONGOING LISTENING POSTS



The City of Melbourne will introduce ongoing councillor listening posts and clearer consultation rules under a new community engagement policy aimed at making public feedback more meaningful.

Councillors voted unanimously to support the updated four-year policy at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on May 26, following months of consultation and policy development involving more than 360 residents, stakeholders and community group members.

The policy sets out a clearer framework for when and how the city should consult, who it should engage with, and when engagement is not recommended.

Read more from [Jenny Denton](#) at Inner City News [here](#)

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS - BUILDING A PEACE CHURCH

Justice and International Mission Convention 2026

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Blessed are the Peacemakers - Building a Peace Church

Justice and International Mission Convention 2026

Where: Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville

When: Saturday 25 July 2026, 9:30 am – 4:45 pm

Cost: \$50 for metropolitan /\$25 concession or non-metropolitan Melbourne participants

The 1982 National Assembly affirmed the Uniting Church in Australia to be a peacemaking body and encouraging alternatives to war. However, the resolution did not rule out the use of “Just War” in exceptional circumstances. With a number of serious armed conflicts around the world, and increased polarisation across communities, the following statement from the World Council of Churches is highly relevant:

We are convinced: A clear witness to peace and nonviolence grounded in justice is what the world needs today from all the churches together...As Christians, we are motivated and encouraged by the Gospel message of the peace of Christ and the rich Biblical tradition of peace and justice...We want to engage in constructive efforts to build a culture of peace.

Click here for more workshop details, and to register: [2026 JIM Convention](#)



The Narrow Bridge Free Film screening and Discussion

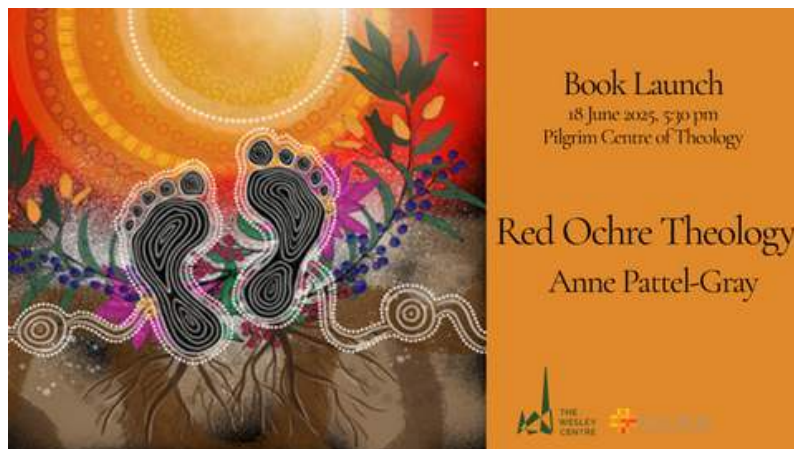
A story of loss, courage and human connection

When: Tuesday 30 June, 7 pm – 9 pm

Where: Essendon North Uniting Church,
132 Keilor Road, Essendon North

“The Narrow Bridge” follows four individuals whose lives have been shattered by conflict in the Middle East – yet who respond not with a desire for revenge, but with courage and compassion.

Click [here](#) for more info



Join us for the launch of Aunty Professor Anne Pattel-Gray's new book, *Red Ochre Theology* — a landmark work in First Nations theological thought.

Prof. Pattel-Gray, a descendant of the Bidjara/Kari Kari people and the first Aboriginal person to earn a PhD from the University of Sydney, brings two decades of scholarship to this groundbreaking text. Drawing on First Nations ancestral narratives, she constructs a theology rooted in the Creator's

interactions with land, water, sea, ceremony, and language — decolonising the biblical narrative from the ground up. Rev. Dr Garry Worete Deverell and Prof. Peter Sherlock will launch the book.

When: Thursday 18th June at 6pm (doors open at 5.30pm).

Location: The Centre for Theology and Ministry (Pilgrim Theological College).

Red Ochre Theology will be for sale on the night at a discount rate of (\$40 soft cover) or \$60 for hardcover. All welcome. RSVP [here](#) for catering purposes.

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!





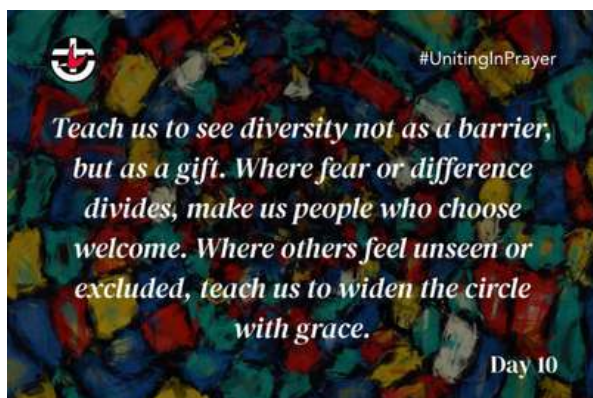
From Pentecost Sunday until the UCA's 49th Anniversary on 22 June, we as a Church are embarking on a shared season of national prayer.

Uniting in Prayer is an invitation for the whole Uniting Church to slow down, to listen deeply to God, and to reconnect with one another across cultures, communities and distances.

Each day, a different voice from our Church leads us in praying as one body around a single, unifying question:

"What does it mean to be woven together in Christ's love across cultures and boundaries?"

We encourage you to use the [resources](#), and to [sign up](#) to receive the daily prayer and other updates.



SOUTH KOREAN TIES STRENGTHENED



The contextual learning group's visit to South Korea from April 13-20 was made possible with great support from the VicTas Synod, equipping Leadership for Mission, local congregations and leaders and many individuals.

The group was warmly welcomed by nine hosting organisations in Seoul, Busan, Masan and Changwon.

This exposure trip offered 11 participants a rare chance to experience firsthand the legacy and ongoing mission works of Australian missionaries who have served in Korea since 1889, a history both rich and largely unknown to many. Along the way, the group also built a bonding and binding fellowship and embraced the adventure of sampling unfamiliar, yet wonderful, local foods. Read on [here](#)!

AI and the Human Person - Second Quarter Studies 2026

Our second-quarter online 2026 study series will be short but important, nonetheless.

The focus text will be Pope Leo's May 2026 encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*: On safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

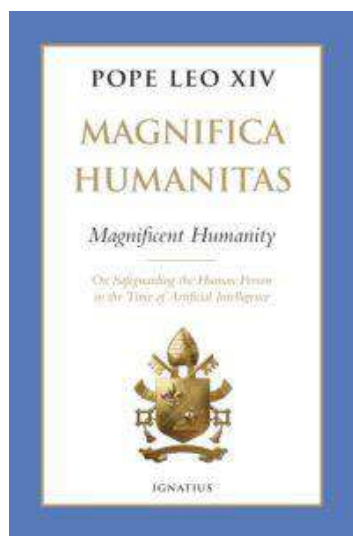
For some background and commentary on this:

- A brief introduction by Pope Leo himself, see this [YouTube video](#) (10 mins)
- A [response](#) from Chris Olah, a cofounder of AI company, Anthropic (7 mins)
- A [brief report](#) from Victoria Lorrimar (Notre Dame) on the ABC's Religions and Ethics Report (9 mins)
- [Comment by Stephen Bartholomeusz](#) in the Age

These study groups seek to be ecumenical in their participation, with people from Mark the Evangelist, Parkville's St Carthage's, Carlton's Church of All Nations, and Kew Uniting Church among those who have participated in previous study groups.

At the moment, two online (Zoom) groups are planned: - Wed 10th June, 7.45 pm, and - Fri 12th June, 1.30 pm, for three weeks (one to two chapters of the encyclical per week).

Register with Craig Thompson: craigthompsonxyz@gmail.com - for the zoom link - to access pdf doc if you prefer not to buy the book from Amazon.



FAITHFUL ADVOCACY AT THE HEART OF CLIMATE ACTION ROUNDTABLE

The Uniting Church's first Climate Action Roundtable of the year encouraged participants to engage in climate justice through informed, practical and collective action

More than 80 people from across the Uniting Church gathered online in late May for the first Assembly Net Zero Emissions Steering Group Roundtable of 2026, exploring how faith communities can strengthen their advocacy for climate justice. The roundtable focused on practical ways church members, congregations and communities can engage with wider Uniting Church initiatives and campaigns working towards a more just and sustainable future.



Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli opened the gathering, inviting participants to reflect on the Church's ongoing responsibility to care faithfully for God's creation and discern how that calling is lived out in the face of today's environmental challenges.

The keynote presentation was delivered by Rev Meredith Williams, President of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). Rev Williams highlighted the strong connection between faith and action, noting that climate advocacy is deeply aligned with the Uniting Church's commitment to confronting injustice and standing alongside vulnerable communities.

Particular attention was given to the impacts of climate change on First Peoples and Pacific Island nations, many of whom are already experiencing the devastating consequences of rising sea levels and increasingly severe weather events.

Rev Williams outlined several key priorities currently being pursued by ARRCC and its partners. These include support for a global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, an initiative championed by Pacific nations seeking an internationally coordinated phase-out of fossil fuels. Participants also heard about opportunities to integrate this advocacy into preparations for COP31, including a pre-COP gathering to be hosted by Tuvalu and Fiji, and ongoing efforts to encourage the Australian Government to commit to ending fossil fuel expansion and exports.

Church members, congregations, agencies, schools, Presbyteries and Synods were encouraged to support the Fossil Fuel Treaty campaign and contribute to the growing movement for climate action.

Participants then heard from **Thuy Linh Nguyen** of Uniting NSW.ACT and **Rev Moni Taumoepeau** from the Synod of NSW and ACT, who introduced advocacy approaches developed through the VAKA training program held earlier this year.

Central to the VAKA approach is the importance of building relationships and strengthening community connections. In breakout groups, participants shared stories of climate justice initiatives taking place in their own contexts and explored possibilities for future action. Discussions revealed a diverse range of activities already underway across congregations and cultural communities, with many participants expressing a desire to continue building momentum and keeping climate justice visible within church life.

Read on [here](#)!

CAN 3-week worship roster to 21 June 2026:

	7 June GREEN Pentecost 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	14 June GREEN Pentecost 3	21 June RED <i>UCA 49th birthday</i>		7 June GREEN Pentecost 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	14 June GREEN Pentecost 3	21 June RED <i>UCA 49th birthday</i>
<u>Preach</u>	Alister P	Rev Al Macrae	Alister P	<u>Prophecy</u>	Ken T	Ken T Mark S	Ken T
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Shiny I (prayers)	Rev Al Macrae	Sue C	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Michelle A	Ken T Ethan K	Ken T Shiny I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Alister P	Jill T	Sue C	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Pam K	Kate E	Julie P
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Glen W	Jean E	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Shiny I	Mark S	Jill T
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Jill T	Shirley J
<u>Read</u>	Jean D	Evan R	Jill T	<u>HC</u>	Leah B	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Ken T	Ken T	<u>Chn Min</u>	Kate E Mark S	Kate E Mark S	Jill T Shiny I
<u>Grief</u>	Jean D	Ken T	Shirley J Mac N				

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Sunday 7 June @10.00am - CAN Church worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday 10 June @ 7.45am - weekly Holy Communion online

@ 7.30pm - Yoorrook study 5 online

@ 7.45pm - online study group A - AI and the Human Person

Friday 12 June @ 1.30pm - online study group B - AI and the Human Person

Sunday 14 June @ 10.00am - Worship in Church guest preacher Rev Al Macrae

EARLY WEDNESDAY ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday from 7.45 to 8.15am - 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:

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings

This Sunday June 7, 2026

Genesis 12:1-9, Hos 5:15-6:6

Psalms 33:1-12, Ps 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Next Sunday June 14, 2026

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

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

