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Please send news, photos and events for the bulletin to contact@cancarlton.org.au before 3pm on Thursday.

CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT TAX APPEAL LIVE!



Our 2026 Tax Appeal has officially launched! Keep an eye on your inboxes and postboxes for this year's story, featuring dedicated father Feysal and his family's journey with Homework Club.

If you'd like to make a **tax deductible** donation right now you can find this year's Give Now link [here](#).

P.S If you would like to update your details with us, or receive only digital correspondence in future, please send your request through to contact@cancarlton.org.au.



NEXT CAN CHURCH FAMILY MEAL - FRI 26 JUNE 6.30-8.30 pm

Every 2nd month, CAN Congregation members meet on a Friday evening in someone's home for a shared family meal + some fun together. Next one is due on:

DATE: Friday 26th June

TIME: 6.30 – 8.30 pm

PLACE: Katie, Mark, Georgina & Scarlett are hosts @ 11 Fitzgibbon Avenue Brunswick West

BRING: surnames A-M = first course (savoury) food to share
surnames N-Z = dessert course food to share

RSVP: Katie 0421 957 057 before Wed 24th June

TRANSPORT

- Car-pooling: names to list on CAN Greeting table if need (or to offer transport)
- Tram: #58 tram William St to stop 33 (Daly St), then 5 mins walk
- Tram/Bus: #1 tram Lygon St to stop 122 (Glen Lyon Rd, then 506 bus to stop Dawson/Pearson Streets, then 5 min walk



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



FAITHFUL FUTURES Expressions of Interest now open

Join us to help shape the future of ministry and mission with hope and faithfulness.

Join one of five goal groups:



RESPECTING
COUNTRY



COORDINATED
MINISTRIES



ALL-AGE
GROWTH



NEW
COMMUNITIES
OF FAITH



INTERCULTURAL
LEADERSHIP

No committee experience needed.

We are seeking people who bring a combination of lived faith, relevant experience, passion and collaborative skills.



Scan the QR code to register your interest



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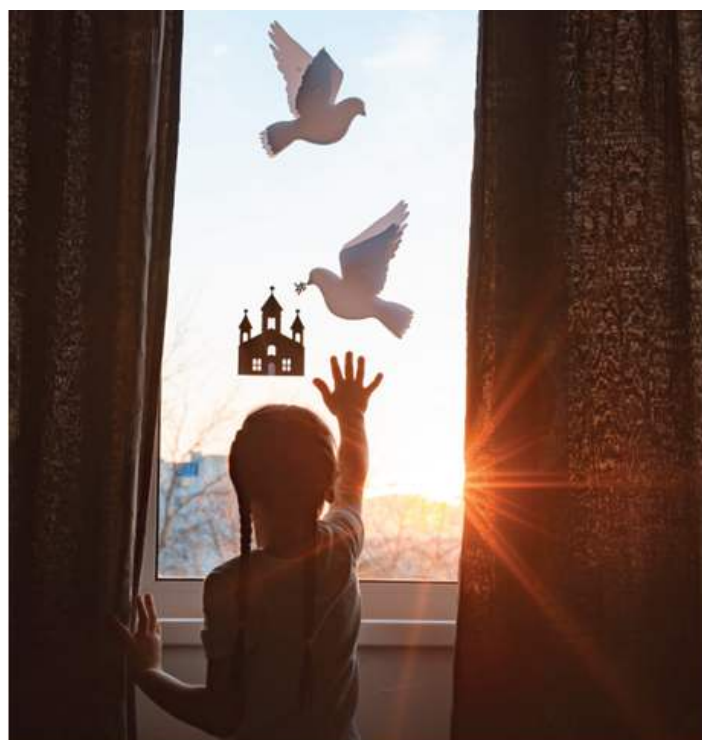
DEEPPAKES CAN CAUSE HARM

“Christians believe human beings are created in the likeness and image of God, and they look to the example of Jesus to live their lives. All the recorded encounters between Jesus and children were kind, gentle and respectful. Children were central to the new social order Jesus initiated.”

World Council of Churches, ‘Helping Children Out of the Shadows and into the Light. Resources for Spiritual Life Addressing Sexual Violence Against Children’, May 2020.

The development of artificial intelligence (AI) is creating new words. One of those is “deepfakes”.

Read more from regular Crosslight columnist Dr. Mark Zirnsak [here](#).



**BLESSED ARE
THE PEACEMAKERS —
BUILDING A PEACE CHURCH**

Justice and International Mission
Convention 2026

SATURDAY 25 JULY, 2026



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JUSTACT
ACT WITH JUSTICE IN MIND

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By Carmen-Lee Myers

When Maya* fled Syria with her children, she arrived in Jordan carrying more than a few belongings. She carried uncertainty. Fear. And the overwhelming responsibility of trying to rebuild a life from nothing.



Like many refugees, Maya wanted what every parent wants: safety, stability and hope for her children's future. But starting again in a new country with limited opportunities made that feel almost impossible. Then something changed.

Through the FORSA project, supported by Act for Peace and local partners, Maya joined vocational training in food preparation and productive kitchens. She gained practical skills, confidence, and eventually a small start-up grant to launch her own home-based catering business. Slowly, life began to shift.

Her income increased. She was able to repay debts that had weighed heavily on her family. For the first time in years, she could begin saving and planning for the future again.

Today, Maya is one of the most successful participants in the program.

"The FORSA program completely changed my life and helped me reach where I am today," she said.

Stories like Maya's remind us that refugees are not defined by what they have lost.

They are people with skills, resilience, leadership and dreams for the future—people rebuilding their lives with dignity when given the opportunity and support to do so.

This Refugee Week, Act for Peace is inviting Australians and churches to look beyond the headlines and see both the realities and possibilities facing displaced communities around the world, because displacement does not begin at a border. Often, it begins much earlier. In Indonesia, communities are facing repeated flooding driven by climate change. Families lose homes, livelihoods and stability overnight. For many, the risk of future displacement grows with every disaster season.

But through Act for Peace's CLEAR program, local communities are preparing before disaster strikes. Communities are developing evacuation plans, strengthening livelihoods and learning how to respond together in times of crisis. It is preventative work—but deeply human work too. It means families are more likely to remain safe in the places they call home. Children can continue attending school. Parents can continue earning an income. Communities can recover faster and remain connected to one another.

Read more about Act for Peace's work [here](#).

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!

FINDING HOPE AND A HOME

By Meg Hocking

At 73, Edith* should have been enjoying her retirement. Instead, she found herself homeless, living in a campervan in isolated bushland with no electricity or running water.

"It was the first time in my life I was actually frightened," she says.

"It's a sense of hopelessness. You don't know what to do or where to go. If it wasn't for Uniting Vic.Tas ... I don't know what I would have done."

Unable to secure work due to her age, Edith lived off an aged-care pension that barely covered her basic needs. She was unable to afford a private rental.

"You go to a real estate agent to see if you can rent somewhere — anything, something cheap you can afford. And they just look at you as though you're crazy," she says.

"The minute they find out you're on a pension, you're looked at as though 'just forget it'."

Sadly, Edith is not alone in her experience.

Older women have become the fastest growing cohort of people experiencing homelessness in Australia, with more than 400,000 over 45 at risk. That represents more than 165,000 women aged 45-54 and 240,000 women aged over 55 teetering on the edge of homelessness. Most of these women have never been homeless before. Read on [here](#).



NORTH ESSENDON UNITING CHURCH
invites you to:
THE NARROW BRIDGE



**COUNCIL OF
CHRISTIANS AND JEWS
VICTORIA**

Moonee Valley



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Interfaith Network



Rami



Bassam



Bushra



Meytal

THE NARROW BRIDGE - Film screening and discussion

A story of loss, courage and human connection

Date: Tuesday 30 June 2026

Time: 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Location: 132 Keilor Road, Essendon North Vic 3041

Here is the [trailer](#) - interviews people from 2 Palestinian/Jewish peace-building organisations, **Parents Circle: Families Forum** (Palestinians + Jews who've had loved ones killed in the conflict) & **Combatants for Peace** (former Jewish soldiers + Palestinian fighters who now reject violence as the way forward to a socially just outcome).

Rami, Bassam, Bushra & Meytal have each lost a child or parent. In unimaginable grief, they choose to transform their pain into a bridge towards understanding and peace.

- How do we live after devastating loss?
- How do we resist being defined by hatred?
- How do we hold on to our humanity in the face of violence?

Join us for a facilitated conversation exploring themes of reconciliation, shared humanity & connection across faiths.

Free Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-narrow-bridge>

CAN 3-week worship roster to 5 July 2026:

	21 June RED Pentecost 4 <i>UCA 49th Anniversary</i>	28 June GREEN Pentecost 5 <i>School Hols</i>	5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>		21 June RED Pentecost 4 <i>UCA 49th Anniversary</i>	28 June GREEN Pentecost 5 <i>School Hols</i>	5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>
<u>Preacher</u>	Alister P	Alister P	David H	<u>Property</u>	Ken T	Ian B	David J
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Sue C	Jean D	David H	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Shiny I	Ian B David J	David J Michelle A
<u>PP Prep</u>	Sue C	Evan R	Jill T	<u>Hospo 1</u>	Julie P	Sue C	Jill T
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Glen W	Kate E Sarah C	<u>Hospo 2</u>	Jill T	Coco C	Noruyi L
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Ethan K	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Greta B	Jill T
<u>Read</u>	Jill T	Mac N	Leah B	<u>HC</u>	-	-	Paul M
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Ian B	David J	<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Shiny I	<i>School Hols</i>	<i>School Hols</i>
<u>Greet</u>	Shirley J Mac N	Leah B	Jill T				

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Friday 19 June @ 1.30pm - group B study 2 (Pope Leo: AI & the Human Person)

Saturday 20 June @ 9.30–4.30pm - UCA Covenanting/Intercultural workshop @ CTM:

Sunday 21 June @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church - UCA 49th Anniversary service

Tuesday 23 June @ 6.30pm - CCS Board meets

Wednesday 24 June @ 7.45am - weekly online Holy Communion

@ 4.30pm - Elders meet online

@ 7.45pm - Group A online study 3: AI & the Human Person

Friday 26 June @ 1.30pm - Group B online study 3: AI & the Human Person

@ 6.30-8.30pm - CAN Church Family Meal at Mark/Katie's home

Sunday 28 June @ 10.00am - Worship in Church: Alister Pate's final service as Supply Minister @ CAN

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 21, 2026

Genesis 21:8-21,
Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Psalms 86: 1-10,16-17 or
Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Next Sunday June 28, 2026

Genesis 22:1-14 or
Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 13 or
Psalms 89:1-4,15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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

