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LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO TAX APPEAL!

It's the last week of June, which means it's your last opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to [CAN Community Support's Tax Appeal](#) this financial year.

We are so grateful to everyone who has made a contribution so far!

Click [here](#) to read this year's article from *EO Virginia Moebus-Nelson* about how one of our programs is serving local families!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY UCA!



In [this address](#) marking the Uniting Church in Australia's 49th Anniversary, President Rev. Charissa Suli reflects on what holds the Church together across its diversity — the love of Christ, woven through every thread of its common life.

Drawing on the image of an unfinished Tongan fala, Rev Charissa Suli speaks to a Church navigating change and weariness, calling it back to prayer, depth, and courageous reconciliation. She looks ahead to the Church's fiftieth year — a Jubilee — and the work still to be done: crossing boundaries, healing wounds, and making room for every voice.

This address follows thirty days of national prayer from Pentecost to the anniversary, and was delivered to mark forty-nine years since the 1977 inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia.

CONFERENCE SPARKS NATIONAL CONVERSATION



On 18–19 June, the Uniting Church in Australia brought together schools, colleges, principals, board members and chaplains from 17 entities across four Synods for Uniting Connections Conference, hosted at The Lakes College in Brisbane.

It was the first national conversation on Uniting Church education in 17 years, an opportunity to discern together about what it means to be a school affiliated to the Uniting Church.

A few threads from the conference are worth bringing into our school board conversations.

Identity is governed, not just stated

One of the strongest contributions came from Knox Grammar School in Sydney, where Headmaster Scott James and Senior Chaplain Rev Dr Rosalie Clarke MacLarty spoke about reclaiming their Uniting Church heritage — describing it as an evolution rather than a revolution, built on rediscovering threads already present in the life of the school, rather than imposing something new.

Their broader point: identity isn't carried solely by a values statement or a line in a strategic plan. It shows up in the decisions a school makes, and it's visible in the ordinary, everyday rhythms of school life. For boards, that's an invitation to ask whether our decisions, plans and priorities genuinely reflect who we say we are.

Child safety and dignity sit inside mission, not beside it

Read on [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

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



COST
\$50

SEMESTER 2 2026

Uniting Learning Units

Uniting Learning offers accessible, **Zoom-based units** delivered **7–9pm**, designed to support discipleship and leadership development in the Uniting Church. Units are **\$50 each** (with a **free orientation session**), providing flexible, low-intensity opportunities to grow in faith, theology, and ministry skills.

Introduction to Uniting Learning

July 20 (free session)

Orientation session covering LMS, library access, assessments, and support.

[Register by July 10.](#)

Understanding the UCA

July 27 | Aug 17 | Sept 14 | Oct 12

Explore the identity, history, theology and structure of the UCA. [Register by July 17.](#)

Exploring the Old Testament

Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | Sept 16, 23, 30 | Oct 7

Discover key themes of the Old Testament and its role in faith and history. [Register by July 27.](#)

Exploring Worship in the UCA

Oct 26 | Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Learn to plan and lead meaningful, engaging worship services. [Register by Oct 9.](#)



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PILGRIM
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Stanley Spencer: Prophetic Visions

Presented by Dr Claire Renkin
Faith and the Arts Series | St Peter's Eastern Hill

LECTURE

Thursday 16 July
6pm - 8pm
St Peter's Eastern Hill

Presented by Dr Claire Renkin

This event is part of the Faith and the Arts series at St Peter's Eastern Hill.

Read more about the series [here](#).

Stanley Spencer (1891 – 1959) is one of the most celebrated and idiosyncratic English painters of the 20th century. Born in Cookham on the Thames, Spencer rarely worked outside his village and its vicinity. Scripture and Christian revelation inspired him above all, as he depicted people and places of his home in a visual language all his own. Working alone, almost defiantly, he crafted paintings full of passion and energy that catch not just a sense of life now, but what lies behind it: he evokes something greater than all of us. Thoroughly anti-urban and anti-elitist, he rooted his art in his local community, full of eccentric neighbours and wounded villagers who exude a perverse joy. His own life was not easy, but by deploying muted colours and distorted shapes he manages to evoke redemption beyond suffering, goodness at the heart of humanity. Always struggling, Stanley Spencer stares deeply into our world, creating a prophetic vision of ourselves in all our brokenness, yet held in a greater love.

[Book tickets now!](#)

NORTH ESSENDON UNITING CHURCH
invites you to:
THE NARROW BRIDGE



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VICTORIA

Moonee Valley



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Interfaith Network



Rami



Bassam



Bushra



Meytal

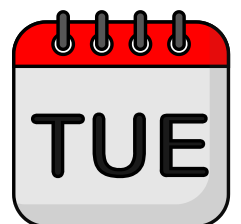
THE NARROW BRIDGE - Film screening and discussion

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 12 July 2026:

	28 June GREEN Pentecost 5 <i>School Hols</i>	5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>	12 July GREEN Pentecost 7 <i>School Hols</i>			28 June GREEN Pentecost 5 <i>School Hols</i>	5 July GREEN Pentecost 6 <i>School Hols</i>	12 July GREEN Pentecost 7 <i>School Hols</i>
<u>Preacher</u>	Alister P	David H	Rev Rod Brown		<u>Property</u>	Ian B	David J	Ian B Mark S
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Jean D	David H	Jill T		<u>Offering</u>	Ian B David J	David J Michelle A	Ian B Shiny I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	Jill T	Jill T		<u>Hosp 1</u>	Sue C	Jill T	Kate E
<u>Music</u>	Glen W	Kate E Sarah C	Jean E		<u>Hosp 2</u>	Coco C	Noruyi L	Mark S
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Ethan K	Ethan K		<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Jill T	Greta B
<u>Read</u>	Mac N	Leah B	Jean E		<u>HC</u>	-	Paul M	-
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	David J	Ian B		<u>Chr Min</u>	- <i>School Hols</i>	- <i>School Hols</i>	- <i>School Hols</i>
<u>Greet</u>	Leah B	Jill T	Pam K					

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

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, West Brunswick

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

Wednesday 1 July @ 7.45am - weekly online Holy Communion

@ 10.30am - monthly worship at Rathdowne Place Aged Care

@ 7.45pm - Study Gp A: AI & the Human Person 4

Friday 3 July @ 1.30pm - Study Gp B: AI & the Human Person 4

Sunday 5 July @ 10.00am - Rev David Howie leads worship & Holy Communion @ CAN, Rev Rod Brown is introduced to Supply Ministry with CAN Congregation

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=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHaqGD9THbP.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 28, 2026

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

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

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Next Sunday July 5, 2026

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

