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CONGREGATION SHARED LUNCH THIS SUNDAY, 19 JULY



This Sunday is our alternate-month shared finger-food lunch, following morning worship: 11.30 am.

Don't forget your plate of food to share!



WHAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP DOES AUSTRALIA NEED?

The focus question 'Conversations that matter' in lead up to the Vic State election. Over 3 evenings, conversations about wealth inequality & economic leadership, political & ethical leadership & the values that undergird them all.

- 1. 4th August** - What is the economic leadership Australia needs? Talking about wealth inequality with Jonathan Cornford (Mannagum) & Catherine de Fortenay (Commissioner, Productivity Commission).
- 2. 15th September** - What kind of moral leadership does Australia need? - Tim Costello & Jessica Hateley-Browne (Exec Director Mission & Equity at Uniting VicTas)
- 3. 20th October** - What kind of political leadership does Australia need? - Bronwyn Pike & Paul Strangio.

TIME: 5.30 pm doors open/drinks served (*Ticket includes light refreshments)

6.00 - 7.30 pm Panel discussion

VENUE: 'The School house' Wesley Place (next door Caretakers Cottage bar), 130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

COST: \$25 (full) or \$12.50 for students each session. Information and registration [here](#).

COVENANTING IN THE UNITING CHURCH

July 10 marks the 32nd anniversary of the Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.



Uniting Church President (and CAN's own) Jill Tabart and Rev. Bill Hollingsworth in 1994

The Uniting Church covenant relationship with First Peoples is at the heart of our Church. It is a commitment to walk together with our First Nations siblings in Christ in their struggle for justice.

In this covenant relationship, we acknowledge the ownership and sovereignty of First Nations people in this land and commit to First People's self-determination, truth-telling and working together for reconciliation.

In 1994 the Uniting Church in Australia formally [entered into a Covenant](#) with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress so that together we may contribute to a more just church and nation.

To mark these historic events, the Assembly has released some key resources, inviting the church to both celebrate our covenant relationship and to take the opportunity to fully commit to the work that must still be done to honour this commitment. The first resource is an [interactive presentation](#) that tells the journey thus far, and invites Church members to think about how we can truly live out the covenant commitment in our faith and mission, locally and across the church nationally. The resource can be viewed as a presentation, explored individually, or different elements could be shared as part of your worship or small group studies. The second resource is [two anniversary edition posters](#) of the Covenanting Statement and the Preamble. We encourage you to print these and display them in your communities to begin a conversation about what the Covenant means in your place.

We'd love to hear the different ways that you are marking the Covenant and Preamble anniversaries. Please get in touch to share your stories and photos. Email comms@nat.uca.org.au.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NAIDOC WEEK AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UAICC COVENANT

As we mark NAIDOC Week across our nation's history, I find myself giving thanks once again for the gift of Covenant.

The Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress is one of the greatest gifts God has given our Church. It is far more than an agreement between councils. It is a living relationship that continues to shape who we are as the Body of Christ and calls us to deeper discipleship, humility and right relationship with one another.

During my master's research, I spent considerable time reflecting on our Covenant with Congress. I came to understand more deeply that the Covenant is not simply something we affirm. It is a way of being Church. It shapes how we listen, lead, discern God's future together, and understand what it means to belong to one another in Christ.

As someone shaped by my Pacific heritage and called to lead a multicultural Church, I have come to appreciate more deeply that Covenant has something to teach each of us. First Peoples are not merely part of our Church. Their wisdom, spirituality and leadership continue to shape who we are becoming together. As we walk together, we come to understand more fully what it means to be the Body of Christ.

Covenant reminds us that we cannot speak of being one Church while walking separate paths. God continually calls us back into relationship with one another because reconciliation is not merely our mission—it is God's work, revealed in Jesus Christ and entrusted to the Church.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to give thanks for the enduring faith, wisdom and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. It is also an invitation to renew our commitment to walking together in Covenant—with honesty, humility, courage and hope.

My prayer is that we will continue to learn from one another, deepen our relationships, and bear witness together to Christ's reconciling love. May God keep weaving us together into the Church we are called to be.

"For Christ himself is our peace... and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility."

Ephesians 2:14



A Prayer for NAIDOC Week

Creator God,



We give you thanks for the First Peoples of this land, who have cared for Country for countless generations, and whose cultures, languages and wisdom continue to enrich the life of our nation and of your Church.

We thank you for the faithful witness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians, for their courage, resilience and enduring hope, and for how they continue to lead us to a deeper understanding of your love and justice.

As we mark NAIDOC Week, renew us in our Covenant together. Grant us hearts willing to listen, spirits open to learn, and the courage to walk alongside one another with humility and grace.

Strengthen the Elders who carry wisdom, the leaders who guide your people, the young people shaping the future, and the communities who continue to bear witness to your love in every part of this land.

Teach us to honour one another as members of one Body, to receive one another's gifts with gratitude, and to seek your Kingdom together.

May your Holy Spirit continue to lead the Uniting Church as we walk together in faith, hope, and love. May our life together reflect Christ's reconciling love, so that all people may know they are welcomed, valued, and that they belong.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to walk together in peace.

Amen.

*Rev Charissa Suli
President, Uniting Church in Australia*

THE COMING TOGETHER GATHERING

A huge thank you to everyone who came through and supported the Coming Together Gathering on Sunday! It was a great turnout, a good feed and plenty of connection.

Heaps of chat was going down and new relationships being formed — a great snapshot of who is in our neighbourhood, and what it looks like when we focus our energy together.

Big thanks to CAN for hosting us and opening up their space as the venue for the day.



This gathering was one of the first steps in our Food Security in Carlton 5-Year Action Plan — bringing people together, sharing a meal, and starting the work of making sure everyone in our community can find local, affordable, healthy food when they need it.



A big thanks to Melbourne Uni for providing the funds to kickstart what we hope is the first of many such events, and congratulations to City of Melbourne for launching their new food map for Carlton. The food map is a practical guide for the places in Carlton people can access free meals or pantry items.

Click [here](#) to visit the **Community Food Guide and interactive map for 2026!**

And thank you to Nes and Taryn from our CNLC team who co-ordinated the event, working with local residents and our Carlton Community Network partners, including: The University of Melbourne, City of Melbourne, City North Social Innovation Precinct (RMIT), St Judes Church, The Community Grocer, Local cafes and restaurants

To the exceptional volunteers, thank you so much for being so giving and loving. We powered through the chaos with a smile.

Report from CNLC, photos by Tony Milne



CAN 3-week worship roster to 2 Aug 2026:

	19 July GREEN Pentecost 8 <i>Congregation lunch</i>	26 July GREEN Pentecost 9	2 Aug GREEN Pentecost 10 <i>Holy Communion</i>			19 July GREEN Pentecost 8 <i>Congregation lunch</i>	26 July GREEN Pentecost 9	2 August GREEN Pentecost 10 <i>Holy Communion</i>
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod Brown	Rod B	Rod B		<u>Property</u>	Ken T	David J	Ian B
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Pam K	Sue C	Rod B		<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Ethan K	David J Noyuri L	Ian B Noyuri L
<u>PP Prep</u>	Pam K	Evan R	Rod B		<u>Hospo 1</u>	Julie P	Shirley J	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Shirley Frost	Glen W	Jean E		<u>Hospo 2</u>	Jill T	Coco C	Leah B
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Jeff J	Ethan K		<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Jill T	Greta B
<u>Read</u>	Michelle A	Evan R	Greta B		<u>HC</u>	-	-	Shiny I
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	David J	Ian B		<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Shiny I	Ken T Shiny I	
<u>Greet</u>	Jean D	Leah B	Shirley J Mac N					

THIS WEEK WITH CAN

Sunday 19 July @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church with Rev Rod Brown

@ 11.30am - Congregation shared lunch – please bring plate of finger food

Wednesday 22 Jul @7.45-8.15am - Early Holy Communion online

@ 4.30pm - Elders meet online

Sat 25 July @ 9.30am - 4.45 pm - JIM Convention at Centre for Theology & Mission

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:

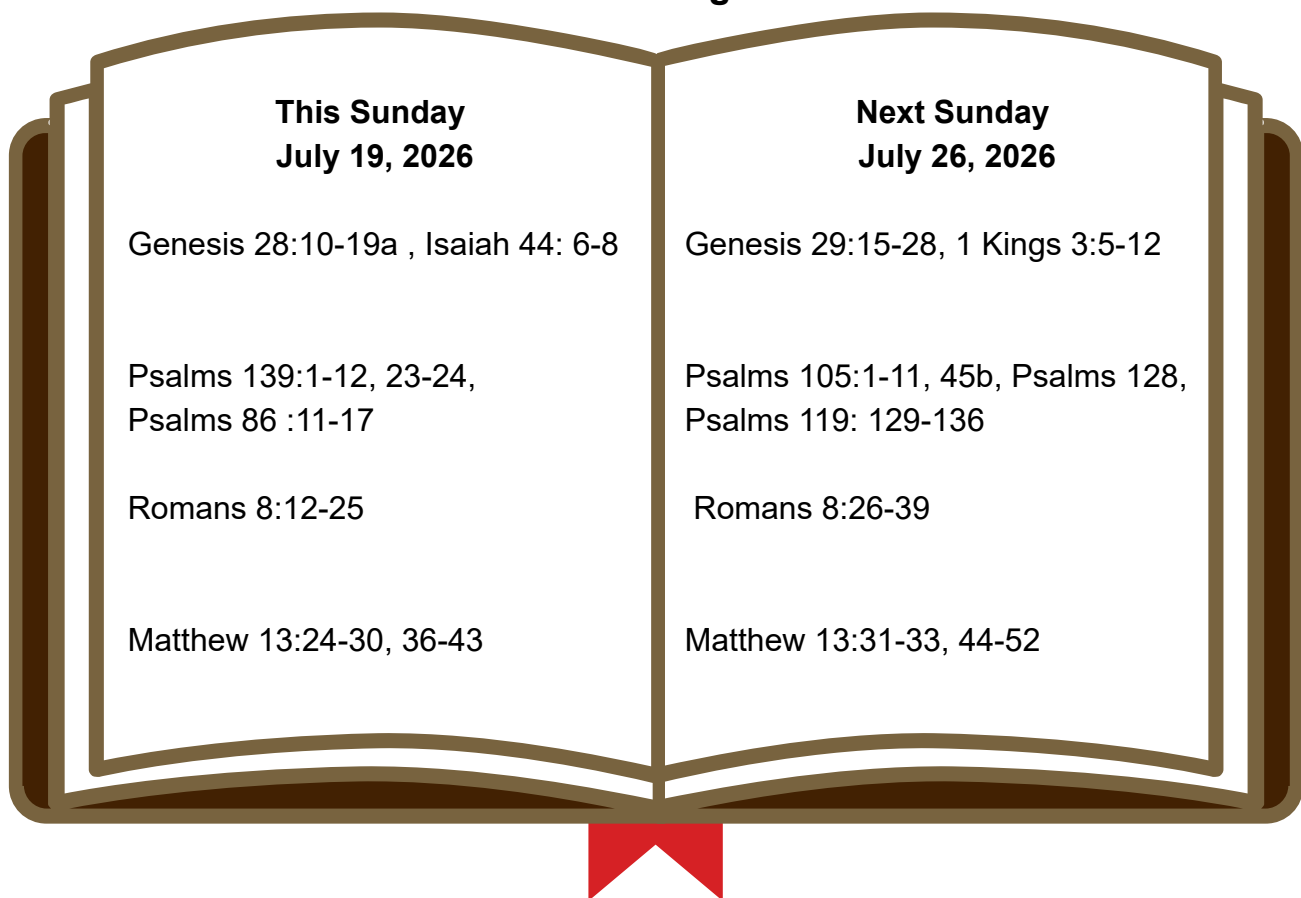
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Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



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

