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NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS) 2026

-CHANGE OF DATE-

On **Sunday 6 Sept**, our congregation along with thousands of other Australian faith communities will collate details about how we go about our Christian calling: this helps locally (as well as nationally) in developing strategies for strong worship and mission health.



AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACE

In his regular Crosslight magazine column, Moderator Rev Salesi Faupula reflects on how recent celebrations in Tonga marking 200 years of Christianity have reminded him of the abundance of God's grace.



This month's edition of Crosslight is now available online [here](#)



CAN Community Support

A WORD FROM CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thanks again to [Market Boys](#), [SecondBite](#) and City Of Melbourne for their abundant donations to CAN Community Support.

This week's delivery was another bountiful one and will help provide delicious, nutritious meals for residents doing it tough.

This support is especially important at a time when 47% of people living in the City of Melbourne are experiencing food insecurity.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Social Reform in Melbourne: Past, Present and Future

The Salvation Army Melbourne, Level 1/69 Bourke Street

Friday, 04 September

9 AM - 5:30 PM



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Vice-Chancellor's
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Public Ideas

Friday 4th September
9am - 5:30pm

The Salvation Army
Melbourne Project 614

Level 1 69 Bourke St

[Register here!](#)

Melbourne has long been at the forefront of social reform, from campaigns for workers' rights and women's equality to movements addressing poverty, housing, multiculturalism and social justice. This free one-day event brings together leading thinkers, researchers and practitioners to explore how social reform has shaped Melbourne's past, influenced its present, and may help guide its future.

Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Colonial Foundations (1850–1900)

Exploring the origins of social reform movements in Melbourne and their enduring legacy.

Then and Now: The Salvation Army and Social Reform

Examining the Salvation Army's role in responding to social need from the Federation era to today.

Industrial Society and the Quality of Life

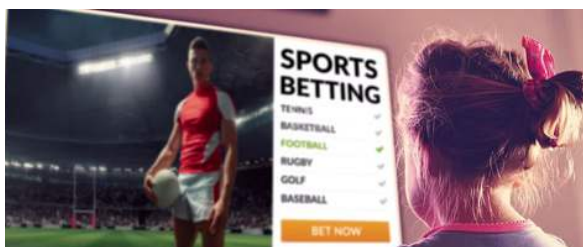
Considering how reformers responded to poverty, housing, urban change and social inequality in twentieth-century Melbourne.

The Present and Future of Reform

Reflecting on contemporary challenges and opportunities for social change.

Cost: Free - make sure to sign up via Humanitix.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.



LET'S END GAMBLING IN ADVERTISING

Our Federal Parliament is now considering a range of gambling reforms, including a total ban on gambling advertising. Gambling is causing devastating financial losses and social harms across the country.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to prevent gambling harm and to protect our kids from being targeted by the gambling industry online and through advertising and sponsorship that is now embedded in our sports.

It has been more than two years since the Federal Government received the recommendations of their online gambling inquiry – now we need your help to turn these recommendations into real government action to reduce gambling harm. We stamped tobacco out of sport. Now let's tell our political leaders, sporting codes and broadcasters to **#EndGamblingAds!**

Read more and sign the online petition [here](#).

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT URGED TO PALM SCHEME FOR PACIFIC ISLAND WORKERS

The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme delivers financial benefits to tens of thousands of people from the Pacific Islands and Timor Leste that come to work in Australia. The Synod has been part of building extensive safeguards and protections for workers on the scheme.



However, as highlighted by a recent 'Four Corners' program, there is still room for improvement.

The Synod's JIM Cluster and the Queensland and NSW-ACT Synods have produced a letter-writing action that people can use to write to the Commonwealth Government for further reform.

Find more information and letter writing tips [here](#).



Consultation has opened on proposed amendments to the Uniting Church Constitution to fulfil the Vision of Stream A of the Act2 Project, which envisages communities of faith worshipping God, growing as disciples, caring for one another, and participating in God's mission in ways that reflect their local context.



Click [here](#) to download this week's National Update, or sign up to get the latest news and content on Uniting Church activities on your inbox every week on Wednesdays [here](#)



HATE SPEECH LAWS



EVENT

The Synod's Senior Social Justice Advocate Dr Mark Zirnsak will speak at a Melbourne/Naarm Friends of Standing Together event on August 16, exploring

hate speech legislation in the wake of the Bondi terrorist attack.

Click [here](#) for the most recent Synod Connect

INSIDE AN OUTBACK LINKS TRIP TO COWELL, SA

Millie Hanlon

As the sun set on the first night of an [Outback Links](#) trip to Cowell, string lights flickered on through the trees, and a group of Outback Links volunteers sat down to share a meal together. Three days later, they'd leave behind a new carport, freshly laid paving, a working rainwater system, and a community that felt just a little less alone. This is what an Outback Links trip can look like on the ground, and why volunteers keep coming back for more.

Landing in Cowell

The trip began the way most Outback Links trips do, with a volunteer induction and a shared dinner as the team settled in together before the work began in earnest. Cowell sits on Franklin Harbour, on the eastern side of the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, sheep and wheat farming country, home to a close-knit community the team would get to know well over the days ahead.

Getting stuck in

The work started straight away and didn't let up.

A new carport went up at a local sheep station, paving was laid in and around sheds, and a water tank platform was built and connected with guttering, ready to catch rainwater for a family who needed it. Gardens were pruned and revitalised at homes across the district, a homestead was cleaned and tidied, and firewood was collected, cut and stacked for a family who couldn't manage it alone. The team even set aside half a day to help out at the Uniting Church Op Shop. It's a lot to fit into three days, but that's often exactly what an Outback Links trip looks like, a small team, a big list, and a community that notices every single job done.

The difference it makes

What looks like a to-do list on paper means something different on the ground. A new carport protects a family's vehicles and equipment from the harsh outback sun for years to come. A working rainwater system means one less thing for a household to worry about through a dry season. A tidy garden and a cleaned homestead can lift the spirits of someone managing a property largely on their own. None of it is glamorous work, but all of it matters, and it's exactly the kind of practical, hands-on care that sits at the heart of everything Outback Links does.

It's a reminder that sometimes the most valuable thing a volunteer can offer isn't a skill. It's time, and a willingness to listen.

Read more from Mille and see photos of the projects completed in Cowell [here](#)!



CAN 3-week worship roster to 23 Aug 2026:

	9 August GREEN Pentecost 11	16 August GREEN Pentecost 12	23 Aug GREEN Pentecost 13		9 August GREEN Pentecost 11	16 August GREEN Pentecost 12	23 August GREEN Pentecost 13
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod B	Rod B	Rod B	<u>Property</u>	Ken T Evan R	Ken T Evan R	David J
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	David H	Jill T	Pam K	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Ethan K	Brendan C Shiny I	David L Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	Evan R	Jill T	Pam K	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Jean E	Julie P	Kate E
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Adam D	Jean E	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Coco C	Noyuri L	Mark S
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Jill T	Shirley J
<u>Read</u>	Evan R	Kate E	Shirley J	<u>HC</u>	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T Sue C	Ken T	David J	<u>Chn Min</u>	Jill T Ken T	Kate E Mark S	Kate E Mark S
<u>Greet</u>	Jill T	Pam K	Leah B				

COMING UP THIS MONTH WITH CAN

Sunday 9 August @ 10.00am - Worship with Rev Rod Brown and Rev David Howie in CAN Church

Tuesday 11 August, evening - National Census survey to be completed

Wednesday 12 August @ 7.30pm - Yoorrook for Disciples study group - online

Sunday 16 August @ 10:00am - Worship with Rev Rod Brown in CAN Church

Wednesday 19 August @ 2.00pm - monthly worship at Redmond Park Retirement Village

@ 4.30pm - Elders meet online

Sunday 23 August @ 12.00pm - Pastoral Carers support group at CAN

Friday 28 August @ 6.30-8.30pm - Church Family shared meal. Venue: any offers?

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:

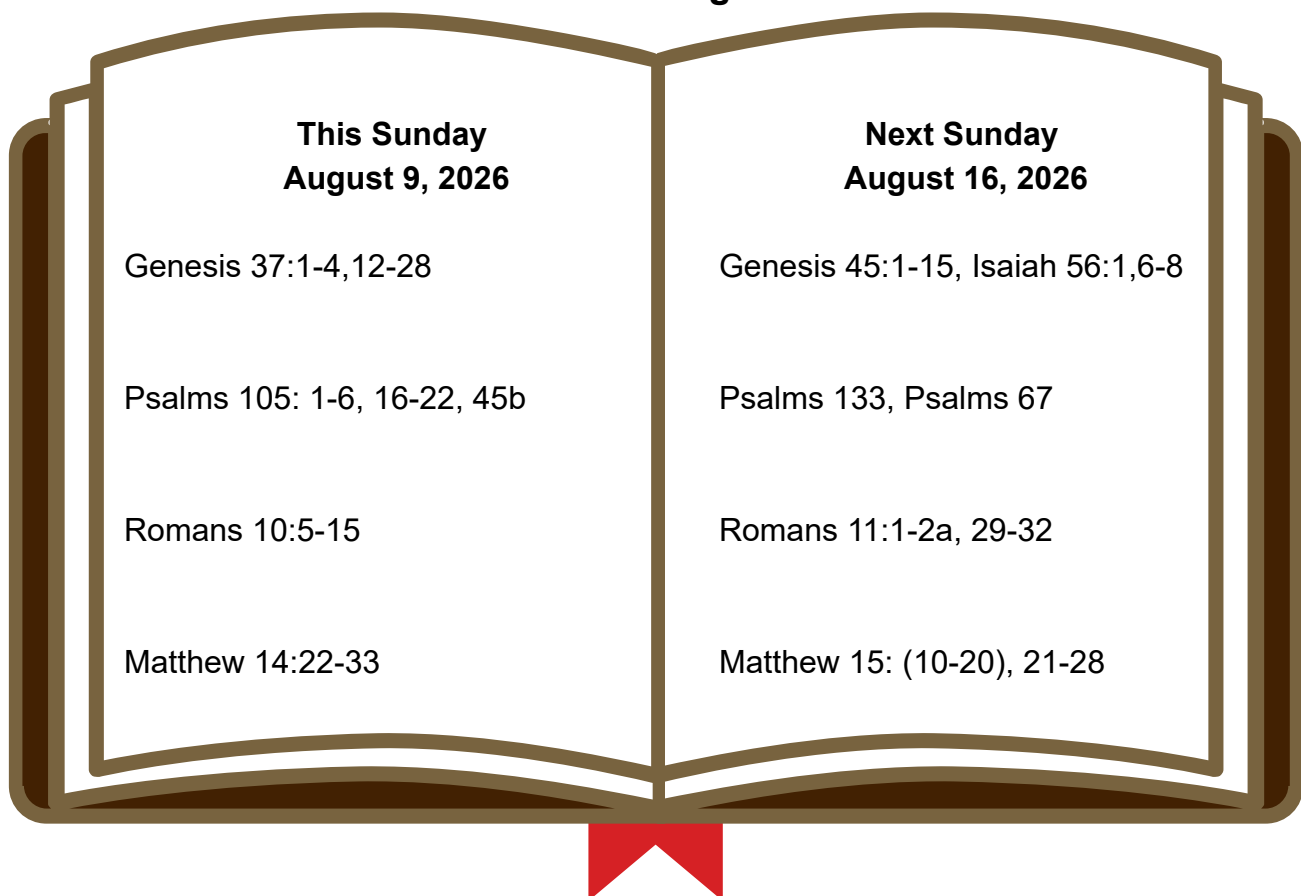
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Account No: 191446954

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

