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

Waiting for God – Third Quarter Studies 202

The Rev Dr Craig Thompson (Mark the Evangelist UC, Parkville) welcomes new Book Group participants to join this quarter's online discussions. It will be something rather different from what we've looked at before, as much an insight into a mind as content for discussion.

The text is ***Simone Weil's Waiting for God***, a collection of letters and essays by Weil across a wide range of themes. The duration of the study will be somewhat open-ended, depending on how the conversations go.

The studies begin on 26th/28th August. At the moment, two online (Zoom) groups are planned:

Wed 26th Aug at 7.45 pm OR Fri 28th Aug at 1.30 pm, both for 6-8 weeks.

If you don't already own a copy, get this one to get most of us on the same page!

- ISBN-10 : 0367705281
- ISBN-13 : 978-0367705282

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

Please register your intention to join, so you can receive the Zoom link for groups:

Craig Thompson: craigthompsonxyz@gmail.com



NEXT CHURCH FAMILY MEAL @ PAM & HARRY'S HOME

DATE: Friday 28 August

TIME: 6.30 – 8.30 pm

PLACE: Pam & Harry's home 29 Chicago St, Maribyrnong 3032

BRING: Surnames A-M = dessert course food to share

Surnames N-Z = 1st course (savory) food to share

RSVP: Pam 0415 660 821 by Wed 26 Aug OR

Names to clipboard on CAN Greeting table

TRANSPORT: Car-pooling: list on CAN Greeting table for needing

OR offering transport



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

MAKE DATE LABELS MAKE SENSE!

Confusion about 'use by' and 'best before' labels is a leading cause of food waste in Australia, costing households thousands of dollars and leading to over a million tonnes of food waste every year. Help us fix Australia's confusing date labels!

The problem with date labels

Up to 58% of households throw out food simply because of a 'use by' or 'best before' date – even when it's still perfectly good to eat. Though some people know the difference between the two, many treat both dates the same. The result: perfectly good food goes in the bin, wasting food and money.

Help us fix this!

We're asking Food Ministers to:

1. Support the removal of date labels from bags of whole fruit and vegetables, where the food safety risk is low.
2. Give manufacturers clear guidance about safely moving products like milk from 'use by' to 'best before'.
3. Add simple prompts near 'best before' dates, such as 'Look, Smell, Taste', to remind people to use their senses.

[Add your name](#), and we'll send a ready-to-go message straight to your Food Minister. It takes 30 seconds.



Keeping the pressure on

Adding your voice is just the start. Here's how else you can help:

- Encourage friends and family to sign on! The more signatures, the louder the message.
- Are you a manufacturer with a label? If you're keen to trial sensory guidance labelling, we'd love to hear from you at the link below.
- Spotted a confusing or unnecessary date label at the shops? Send us a photo at [this link](#)!



At CAN Community Support we know how confusing our food pantry users find the current labelling system. We highly encourage everyone to get behind this campaign to stop good food that is bought and donated to our pantry and market from being discarded by families who really need it!



JOIN THE MONTH OF CLIMATE ACTION

Uniting Church community members are called to join together in September for a month of action in the leadup to major climate talks in our Pacific Region.

Heatwaves, floods, fires, cyclones and other extreme weather events are getting more frequent and more intense. We believe it's the people here and around the world being hit by these impacts that need to be at the heart of climate decisionmaking and action.

That's why it's important for everyday people committed to care for creation and for those both here and in our neighbouring regions most affected by climate extremes to raise their voices for bold action from our world leaders.

Building on the Church foundations in Care for Creation and ongoing advocacy engagements with key decisionmakers, we are supporting our congregations to join together and take simple steps to advocate for climate justice.

Come along to the briefing to find out how you can get your congregation or community involved!

Click [here](#) to register!



What if one of the Church's most important gifts to Australia is the ability to bring people together across difference?

In a recent visit to Eastwood Uniting Church, President Rev Charissa Suli found a congregation putting this calling into practice.



Click [here](#) to download this week's National Update,

or sign up to get the latest news and content on Uniting Church activities in your inbox every week on Wednesdays [here](#)



ROY BRADLET ORATION



Australian Muslim community leader Saara Sabbagh OAM will deliver the Roy Bradley Oration at the Centre for Spirituality of Care and Community on August 30.

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

PolyphonicVoices

TOGETHER WITH

VOX

Polyphonic Voices (Melbourne) and Vox (Ballarat) join forces to present a brilliant buffet of beautiful music!

Bach Brahms Britten

Saturday 29th August, 5pm

Sunday 30th August, 2:30pm

St. Marys North Melbourne

Learn more at polyphonicvoices.com.

TICKETS



Ethiopian NEW YEAR 2019

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You're invited to

2nd September 2026

At CAN Dyson Hall

Time: 12:00pm

→ CONFIRM THIS WEEK →

Please wear *anything with* **YELLOW!**

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EAST MELBOURNE,
CARLTON &
PARKVILLE

INNER CITY

AUGUST 2026 EDITION #62

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NEWS



Farewell *Inner City News* – a short but meaningful chapter

“After 62 editions serving East Melbourne, Carlton and Parkville, *Inner City News* is signing off – but the stories, relationships and local voices it has helped bring together will continue through *The Melbourne*.”

WORDS BY
SEAN CAIR

Compared with some of our longer-running mastheads, *Inner City News* is still relatively young. But 62 editions is no small achievement in the current media landscape, particularly for a publication established quietly, without fanfare, during one of the most disruptive periods Melbourne has experienced. *Inner City News* was launched during COVID alongside its sibling publication, *North West City News*, at a time when connection felt more important than ever.

Melbourne's inner-city communities were navigating lockdowns, isolation, closed businesses, empty streets and anxious uncertainty. At the same time, many neighbourhoods had been without a dedicated local newspaper for years following the collapse of the *Leader*. We believed East Melbourne, Carlton and Parkville deserved a consistent source of local news again – one that understood the difference between the three communities while also recognising the many interests, institutions and challenges they share. The journey has not always been straightforward. Starting a newspaper rarely is, particularly during a pandemic. But from the beginning, locals embraced *Inner City News* and helped it quickly establish itself as a trusted source of information across some of Melbourne's oldest and most distinctive neighbourhoods. That support is something we will always be grateful for. The greatest privilege has been getting to know the people and organisations that quietly hold these communities together. East Melbourne Group, the Carlton Residents' Association and the Parkville Association are among the strongest and most capable local residents' organisations anywhere in Melbourne. Each has demonstrated the value of informed, persistent and constructive community advocacy. We have also enjoyed working with Carlton Inc., including partnering to produce the annual Carlton Directory – a celebration of local business and community life centred on one of Melbourne's most recognisable precincts, Lygon St.

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YARNAN 'BOUT FITZROY



Wed, 26 Aug, 6pm - 8pm AEST

Acclaimed Indigenous author, activist and academic Tony Birch will kick off our evening with a few yarns about the old Fitzroy of his childhood (or whatever else he feels like talking about) followed by an open mike of people talking about struggles faced by Fitzroy people and how those struggles have made this a stronger community.

Click [here](#) for more info and tickets!

CAN 3-week worship roster to 6 Sept 2026:

	23 August GREEN Pentecost 13	30 August GREEN Pentecost 14 Congregation Mtg	6 September GREEN Pentecost 15 Season of Creation 1 HC NCLS			23 August GREEN Pentecost 13	30 August GREEN Pentecost 14 Congregation Mtg	6 September GREEN Pentecost 15 Season of Creation 1 HC NCLS
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod B	Rod B	Rod B		<u>Property</u>	David J	Ian B	Brendan C
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Pam K	Sue C	Rod B		<u>Offering</u>	David L Ethan K	Ian B Noyuri L	Ken T Shiny I
<u>PP Prep</u>	Pam K	Sue C	Rod B		<u>Hosp 1</u>	Kate E	Shirley J	Sue C
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Adam D	Shirley Frost		<u>Hosp 2</u>	Mark S	Jill T	Noyuri L
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Ethan K		<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Greta B	Jill T
<u>Read</u>	Shirley J	Michelle A	Gene R		<u>HC</u>	-	-	Jill T
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ian B	Ken T		<u>Chn Min</u>	Kate E Mark S	Ken T Shiny I	Kate E Mark S
<u>Greet</u>	Leah B	Ken T	Jean D					

COMING UP THIS MONTH WITH CAN

Sunday 23 August @ 10:00am - Worship in CAN Church, including CCS monthly report

@ 12.00pm - Pastoral Carers support group at CAN

Tuesday 25 August @ 10.30am - CAN Finance & Property C'tee meets online

@ 6.00pm for 6.30pm - CCS Board meeting at CAN

Wednesday 26 August @ 7:45am - weekly online Holy Communion

@ 7:45pm - Book study¹ with Craig Thompson online - Simone Weil: Waiting for God **OR**

Friday 28 August @ 1:30pm - Book study¹ with Craig Thompson online - Simone Weil: Waiting for God

@ 6.30-8.30pm - Church Family Meal at Pam & Harry Kerr's home

Sunday 30 August @ 10.00am - worship in CAN Church: Rev Rod Brown/Rev Sue Clarkson

@ 11.30am - Congregation Meeting follows worship

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:

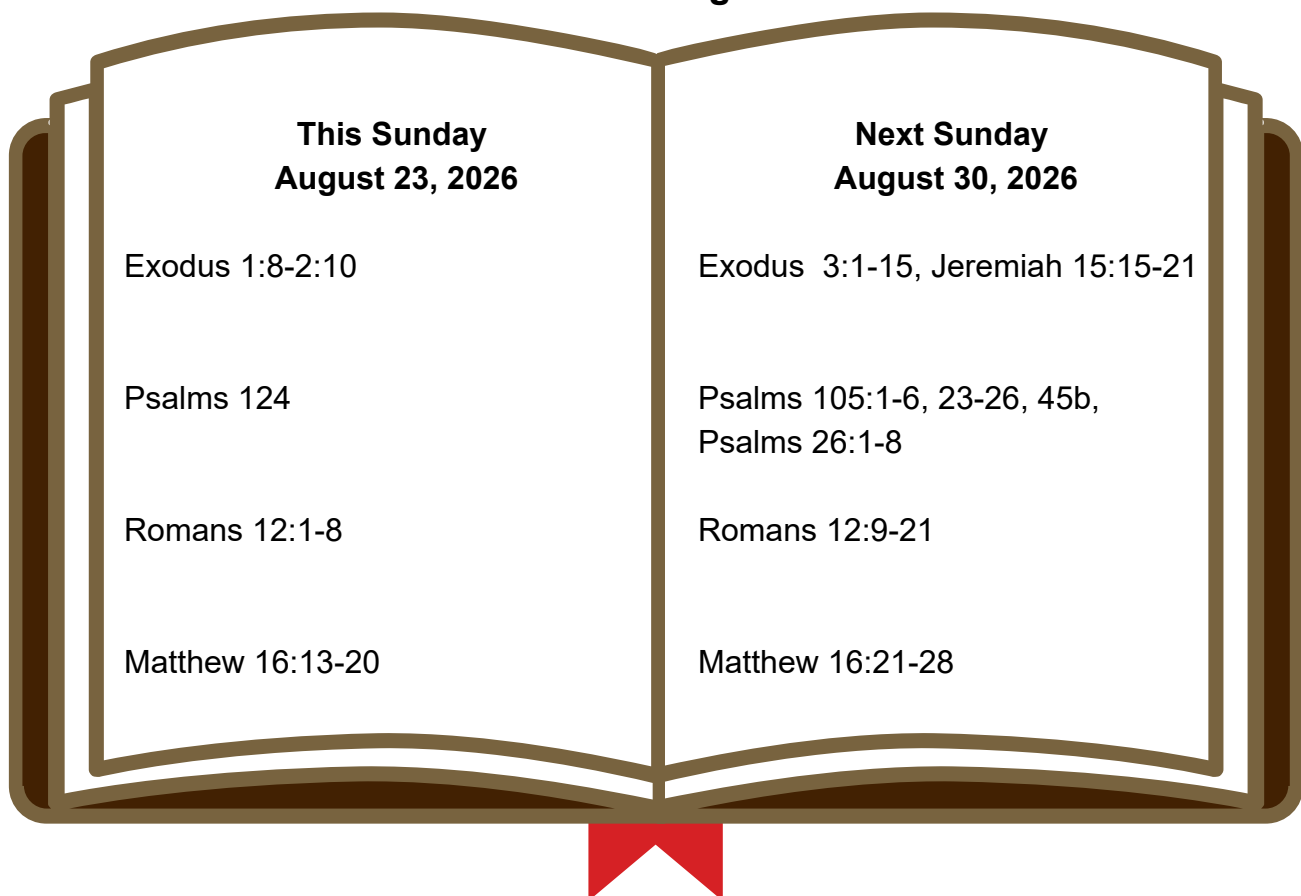
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

Account No: 191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings



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

