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SATURDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES @ CINEMA NOVA - SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

The Monday Morning Movie has now moved to the Saturday Afternoon Movie (SAM) on the last Saturday of the month at the Nova.

This week: *meet at 1.40pm for a 1:50pm start*

Palestine36

In 1936, as villages across Mandatory Palestine rise against British colonial rule, Yusuf moves between his rural home and the restless energy of Jerusalem, caught between the world he knows and a future being fought for. As the revolt spreads and the British Empire tightens its grip, an ensemble of ordinary people — farmers, dreamers, dockworkers and families — are drawn into a defining moment that will shape the region for generations. *Some Arabic language, English subtitles.*

[Pre-book tickets here!](#)



WAITING FOR GOD – THIRD QUARTER STUDIES 2026

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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

LUNCHTIME PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

Wednesday
9 September
2026

**START:
1:00 PM**



'Immersion in Living Water'
(Ezekiel 47: 9-12)

Register Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPBLW>

NB: Those registered will receive a link to join the Zoom meeting by 10am (AEST) Wednesday, 9 September



 Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

 National Council of
Churches in Australia

www.ncca.org.au

**NORTHEY
LECTURE
SEPTEMBER
2026**

 **PILGRIM**
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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FAITH IN PROTEST

Liberation Theologies and Activism
in the 1970s and 1980s.



September 2 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Pilgrim Theological College

29 College Cres, Parkville, 3052

Free event - online or in person

Faith in Protest: Liberation Theologies and Activism in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Northey lecture is a public lecture supported by a generous bequest in memory of JD Northey. All are invited to come along and think more deeply about how theology can engage the world.

In 1969, the World Council of Churches launched its controversial Programme to Combat Racism. Over the next two decades, the programme funded and supported Civil Rights activism in the USA, anti-apartheid movements in South Africa, and revolutionary groups in South America. What is less well known is that the programme made important contributions to anti-racist theologies and activism in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Using the work of the Programme to Combat Racism as a point of departure, this lecture will explore the kinds of ideas and theological commitments that led New Zealand and Australian Christians to become involved in anti-racist activism in the 1970s and 1980s. Moreover, it will suggest how this history can continue to provide valuable lessons for responding to racism and white supremacy today.



Michael Mawson is a Pākehā (white) theologian and holds the Maclaurin Goodfellow Chair of Theological and Religious Studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

*He previously worked at the United Theological College in Parramatta. Some of his recent books include *Standing Under the Cross: Essays on Bonhoeffer's Theology* (2023) and, with Brian Kolia, *Unsettling Theologies: Memory, Identity and Place* (2024).*

To register for in person or online attendance, click [here](#)

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109 Wood St, Templestowe**Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre****September 15, 2026 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Building on the success of last year's Dementia Awareness Seminar, we're delighted to once again offer a free community session. This year's event features new guest speakers sharing practical information, insights and support on a range of topics related to dementia and caring for someone living with the condition.

Our keynote speakers will share practical, evidence-informed insights to help you better understand dementia and provide meaningful support to those living with the condition.

What you'll learn:

- A new way of seeing dementia – shifting perspectives to better understand the lived experience.
- Understanding the changing brain – how dementia affects thinking, behaviour, memory and emotions.
- Simple home changes for better days – practical environmental adjustments that can reduce stress and promote independence.
- Rethinking daily communication – effective techniques to improve connection and reduce frustration.
- Simplifying everyday tasks – practical approaches to make daily routines more manageable.
- Managing sundowning and afternoon agitation – understanding common triggers and strategies to support calmer afternoons.
- Honouring your needs as a care partner – recognising the importance of self-care, resilience and seeking support.

[Register now](#) to attend this free seminar



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](#)

**GEN SEC TO STEP DOWN**

Moderator Rev Salesi Faupula released a letter last week announcing that General Secretary Rev Dr Mark Lawrence plans to step down in late November after 14 years in the role.

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

Some weeks at CAN – well, most weeks actually - leave you wanting a good lie down and a cup of tea by the weekend, and this was certainly one of them!

After a full CCS Board meeting on Tuesday evening, Wednesday began with our wonderful lunch cook, Fozia, dropping in and needing a hand to get started. Soon after, six team members from the Australian Bureau of Statistics arrived. Between them they spoke seven languages – SEVEN! - including Somali, Urdu, Hindi, Arabic and Vietnamese. They spent 2 days at CAN this week supporting local residents to complete their Census forms, helping ensure that language barriers did not prevent people from participating.

The day continued with a steady stream of people seeking support. One local resident needed help accessing free credit for a safe phone provided as part of a family violence safety plan. Another arrived distressed after having all of his identity documents stolen. Unable to access his epilepsy medication and struggling to set up a replacement phone, he faced significant barriers to managing his everyday needs. Thankfully, we were able to connect him with our wonderful form-filling team.

And that was just at the front door! Meanwhile, our food pantry, community lunch, women's group and homework clubs were all busy doing what they do best – feeding bodies and feeding souls.

On Thursday morning, I caught my breath on the drive to work while listening to a wonderful interview with Ronni Kahn, founder and CEO of OzHarvest. Through their food rescue program, amongst the many other community programs they support, OzHarvest provides fresh food for our very own Thursday morning market, providing a lifeline for many families in our community. Ronni shared a statistic which wasn't surprising to me, but which is arresting nonetheless: one in three Australian households have experienced food insecurity, while one-third of all food produced in Australia is wasted.

She also shares the lovely concept of the "Order of the Teaspoon" – a movement where "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." Large problems such as hunger, loneliness, or injustice are addressed when ordinary people each contribute what they can. Ronni uses the image of a teaspoon of water carried to a forest fire, with the cumulative effect of many people acting together. Her message is simple: no one can solve every problem, but each of us can do something. Whether it is sharing a meal, checking in on a neighbour, volunteering, praying, giving, or offering encouragement, small acts of kindness matter. Ronni's message is simple but powerful: No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Large problems such as hunger, loneliness and injustice are only addressed when ordinary people each bring their own "teaspoon."

As a church community, this feels like a beautiful reminder that when many people offer what they can, God can do extraordinary things.

Take a moment out this week to listen to the full podcast with Ronni Kahn: [Why Oz Harvest's Ronni Kahn wants you to join the "Order of the Teaspoon" to end food insecurity and waste](#) - ABC listen



CAN 3-week worship roster to 13 Sept 2026:

	30 August GREEN Pentecost 14 Congregation Mtg	6 September GREEN Pentecost 15 Season Creation 1 HC NCLS	13 September GREEN Pentecost 16 Season Creation 2		30 August GREEN Pentecost 14 Congregation Mtg	6 September GREEN Pentecost 15 Season Creation 1 HC NCLS	13 September GREEN Pentecost 16 Season Creation 2
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod B	Rod B	Rod B	<u>Property</u>	Ian B	Brendan C	Ken T
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Sue C	Rod B	Jean D	<u>Offering</u>	Ian B Noyuri L	Ken T Shiny I	Ken T Noyuri L
<u>PP Prep</u>	Sue C	Rod B	Rod B	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Shirley J	Sue C	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Shirley F	Glen W	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Jill T	Noyuri L	Shiny I
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Ethan K	Ethan K	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	Jill T	Jill T
<u>Read</u>	Michelle A	Gene R	Jill T	<u>HC</u>	-	Jill T	-
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	Ken T	Ken T	<u>Chr Min</u>	Ken T Shiny I	Kate E Mark S	Jill T Shiny I
<u>Greet</u>	Ken T	Jean D	Jill T				

COMING UP THIS MONTH WITH CAN

Friday 28 August @ 1:30pm - Online ecumenical Book Study¹ with Craig Thompson:

Simone Weil's Waiting for God

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

Sunday 30 August @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church with Rev Rod Brown and Rev Sue Clarkson

@ 11.30am - Congregation Meeting follows worship during morning tea

Wednesday 2 Sept @ 7.45am - Online weekly Holy Communion

@ 10.30am - Monthly worship at Rathdowne Place Aged Care

@ 2.00-3.30pm - Northey Lecture at Pilgrim Theological College, Parkville

@ 7.45pm - Online ecumenical Book Study² with Craig Thompson:

Simone Weil's Waiting for God

Friday 4 Sept @ 1.30pm - Online ecumenical Book Study² with Craig Thompson: Simone Weil's Waiting for God

Sun 6 Sept @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church with Rev Rod Bown: Holy Communion

@ 11.00am - National Christian Life Survey (NCLS) follows worship during morning tea

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=4o9MhCnwWtQAWX6c0qMHagGD9THbP.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

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Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings

This Sunday August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15, Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b,
Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Next Sunday September 6, 2026

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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

