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'SPECIALS' FOR CAN WORSHIP - 10.00AM ON SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

- ☺ Neighbouring Uniting Church Congregation Mark the Evangelist (Parkville) to join us for worship
- ☺ Rev Dr Craig Thompson to preach
- ☺ CAN Community Support Choir to contribute
- ☺ CCS monthly board report to Congregation
- ☺ All our guests invited to stay on for LUNCH following worship



CAN locals: please remember to bring finger food to share

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISIT TO CCS



On Thursday, Ken & Virginia hosted a delegation of Chinese faith leaders from the China Catholic Church and the China Christian Council in a visit to CAN Community Support.

They wanted to experience a community welfare program; they were very interested in Thursday morning's fresh fruit and vegetable distribution in the CAN Centre. There seems to be no such activity in China.

The visitors were delighted to have seen CAN Community Support in action, and to meet our staff.

LAY PREACHERS GATHER TO SHARE IN WEAVING CHRIST'S LOVE



More than 40 Lay Preachers, worship leaders and church members from across Australia gathered in Naarm/Melbourne from 4–6 September for the National Lay Preachers' Conference.



Hosted by the Lay Preachers' Association of Victoria and Tasmania with Pilgrim Theological College, the triennial conference was held at the Centre for Theology and Mission on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country.

Under the theme Weaving Christ's Love as a Lay Preacher, participants explored preaching, Scripture, First Peoples' wisdom, intercultural ministry, inclusion, social justice and mission. Fifteen presenters challenged and encouraged participants to listen deeply – to God, Scripture, First Nations peoples and the diverse experiences of people across the Church.

Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli presented the keynote on The Calling of Lay Preachers in a Changing Church. Reflecting on the gathering, President Suli said the image of weaving captured something important about the ministry of Lay Preachers. "Each strand held its own story and integrity," she wrote. "When woven together, the strands became strong enough to support more than themselves." For President Suli, this speaks to the responsibility of those entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel. "As the conference unfolded, one question kept returning: what has been entrusted to us, and how do we carry it out faithfully?", she said.

Wakka Wakka woman and Aboriginal Christian leader Brooke Prentis spoke with the image of a woven basket and invited participants to consider preaching as a place of holding. "A sermon gathers Scripture, Country, culture, memory and the lives of those who will hear it," President Suli reflected. "It may need to hold grief, doubt, faith, lament and hope."

Other presenters brought different perspectives to the craft and calling of preaching.

Rev Dr Daniel Sihombing asked, "Who is Jesus Christ for us today?", while Rev Dr Bec Lindsay explored the richness and complexity of the Hebrew Scriptures. Emeritus Professor Rev Bill Loader encouraged participants to understand love as more than sentiment.

The conference also explored disability inclusion, Wesleyan theology, preaching craft and the changing shape of the Church.

President Suli highlighted the vital role of accredited Lay Preachers, describing their ministry as "sacred ministry within the whole people of God".

"Across the Uniting Church, accredited Lay Preachers sustain worship during vacancies and transitions, travel long distances, serve rural and remote communities, offer pastoral care, and open Scripture from within the ordinary realities of work, family and community life," she said.

Read President Suli's full reflection, Entrusted with the Word: Weaving Christ's Love, via this [link](#).



**A FUNDRAISER FOR
THE MISSION OF CAN
COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Saturday 3rd
October, 2026
3pm**

180 PALMERSTON ST
CARLTON

BOOK NOW!



TICKETS

GA \$40

CONCESSION \$30

UNDER 18 FREE

THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS
PRESENTS

AQUALES ENSEMBLE



RACHEL GAMER (VIOLIN), DANNY
NEUMANN (VIOLA), EDWINA KAYSER
(VIOLIN) & SARAH CUMING (CELLO)

PROGRAMME

Mozart – Adagio and Fugue
in C minor K546

Shostakovich – Two Pieces
for string quartet (1931)

Beethoven – String quartet
in E minor Op 59 Nr.2

Refreshments provided

Prayers for Peace

Lunchtime
Prayer &
Reflection

Wednesday Sept 23
1.00 - 1.45 pm

Online Prayers for Peace during
**WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN
PALESTINE & ISRAEL**
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Understanding UCA Covenanting and Intercultural Enrichment Day

 Saturday, 10 October, 2026
 9:30am to 4:30pm
 Pilgrim Theological College,
29 College Cres, Parkville VIC 3052

Register by Thursday, 1 October, 2026 at:
events.humanitix.com/uuca-enrichment-day

This Understanding the UCA Enrichment Day is set aside for anyone in the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania wanting to further their knowledge of the Uniting Church with a particular focus on our commitment to First Peoples and Covenanting; and our multicultural identity and calling to becoming an intercultural Church.

The day will be in two parts; The morning will explore what it means to be a Multicultural Church in an intercultural context, and the afternoon will consider our Covenanting Tradition between First and Second Peoples.

Across the day we will share our own stories of identity and ministry, while thinking practically about how we contextually participate in God's mission through a call to truth and justice in Covenanting. We will explore what it means to share in our multicultural identity as we practice ways of engaging in Talanoa, hospitality, and growing generations together in faith.



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PILGRIM
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



threads of love
WEAVING CHRIST'S LOVE ACROSS
CULTURES & BOUNDARIES



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DISABILITY PLAN FEEDBACK

CONSULTATION



Click [here](#) for the most recent
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CAN 3-week worship roster to 4 Oct 2026:

	20 September GREEN Pentecost 17 Season Creation 3 <i>Cong lunch: MtE guests</i>	27 September GREEN Pentecost 18 Season Creation 4	4 October GREEN Pentecost 19 Season Creation 4 HC		20 September GREEN Pentecost 17 Season Creation 3 <i>Cong lunch: MtE guests</i>	27 September GREEN Pentecost 18 Season Creation 4	4 October GREEN Pentecost 19 Season Creation 4 HC
<u>Preacher</u>	Craig Thompson	Rod B	Rod B	<u>Property</u>	Brendan C	David J	Ian B
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Rod B	Pam K	Rod B	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Ethan K	David J Brendan C	Ian B Ethan K
<u>PP Prep</u>	Rod B	Pam K	Rod B	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Julie P	Shirley J	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Adam D	Glen W	Shirley Frost	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Brendan C	Leah B	Coco C
<u>Camera</u>	Jeff J	Ethan K	Jeff J	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Shirley J	Greta B
<u>Read</u>	Mac N	Shiny I	Evan R	<u>HC</u>	-	-	Leah B
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	David J	Ian B	<u>Chn Min</u>	School Hols	School Hols	School Hols
<u>Greet</u>	Shirley J Mac N	Ken T	Shirley J Mac N				

COMING UP THIS MONTH WITH CAN

Friday 18 Sept @ 1.30pm - Online ecumenical Book Study⁴ with Craig Thompson: Simone Weil's Waiting for God

Sunday 20 Sept @ 10.00am - Combined worship in CAN Church with MtE, Rev Craig Thompson preacher
(includes CCS Choir and monthly report to Congregation)

@ 11.30am - Lunch with CAN's guests in the Church follows worship

Wednesday 23 Sept @ 7.45am - Online weekly Holy Communion

@ 1.00pm - Online Prayers for Peace in Israel, Palestine (National Council of Churches)

@ 7.45pm - Online Book study⁵ with Craig Thompson: Simone Weil's Waiting for God

Thursday 25 Sept @ 1.30pm - Online Book study⁵ with Craig Thompson: Simone Weil's Waiting for God

Sunday 27 Sept @ 10.00am - CAN Church worship with Rev Rod Brown

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

