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A HUGE THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to Sarah Cuming, Edwina Kayser, Rachel Gamer and Danny Neumann from the Aequales Ensemble for sharing their musical talents with us last Saturday.

We are happy to announce that **\$2924.60** was raised for the mission of CAN Community Support!

These funds are so important to the services provided at CCS, and we are over the moon with this result!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend or helped to facilitate this fabulous day.



NEXT CHURCH FAMILY MEAL

DATE: Friday 23 October

TIME: 6.30 – 8.30pm

HOSTS: Shiny, Prebin, Ethan and Michelle

ADDRESS: Activity Room, College Square Building 570 Lygon Street Carlton 3053

BRING: Surnames N-Z = dessert course food to share Surnames A-M = 1st course (savoury) food to share

RSVP: Names to clipboard on CAN Church

Greeting table

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME !



UNITING CHURCH URGES AUSTRALIA TO STAND WITH PACIFIC ON FOSSIL FUELS



Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli has urged Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to turn Australia's commitment to its Pacific neighbours into action by backing a global treaty to phase out fossil fuels.

Rev Suli is among 80 senior Australian faith leaders who have signed an open letter calling on the Prime Minister to support a global Fossil Fuel Treaty and a fair, planned transition away from coal, oil and gas.

Launched on Tuesday 6 October, the letter coincides with coordinated public actions by Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh and other faith communities in Cairns, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

The call comes as Pacific leaders gather for the COP31 Pre-COP in Fiji and a Leaders' event in Tuvalu, with Australia holding the significant role of President of Negotiations for COP31.

Rev Suli said Australia must listen to Pacific communities already living with the impacts of climate change and ensure their priorities are heard in global negotiations.

"Being a good neighbour means more than words. It means listening, accompanying one another, and being prepared to act on what we hear," she said.

"As Australia assumes the role of President of Negotiations for COP31, we have a responsibility to listen carefully to Pacific leadership and to carry those priorities into Australia's leadership of the negotiations." The appeal has particular significance for the Uniting Church, whose life and identity are deeply enriched by Pacific communities and relationships across the region.

Pacific church leaders have called for an immediate halt to fossil fuel expansion, stronger climate finance and compensation, and a greater decision-making role for communities most affected by the climate crisis.



Rev Suli said responding to those voices was ultimately an expression of Christian discipleship.

"For me, this is ultimately about what it means to love our Pacific neighbours. Love is expressed through action and accountability."

The proposed Fossil Fuel Treaty would provide an international framework to end fossil fuel expansion and manage an equitable global transition away from coal, oil and gas.

A WORD FROM CAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As is so often the case when people come together around food, as they do at our community lunch each Wednesday at 12 noon, many wonderful stories get shared. One such story came from Steve, one of the pastors at St Jude's. Steve comes and shares lunch with us regularly on a Wednesday, and is a huge encourager of our work.

Recently, he met a woman in the lift of the 510 building on the housing estate carrying a large basket of food. He offered to help her and soon discovered she was bringing the food to our very own Little Free Pantry, out the front of the church on Palmerston Street, to share with her neighbours.

This is exactly the spirit of reciprocity we hope to foster through this small project. It is a beautiful reminder that generosity is not measured by how much we have, but by our willingness to share. Time and again, we see those with the least leading the way in love, kindness and community care. It is a beacon of hope in times that, at times, can feel dark and tumultuous.

Virginia Moebus-Nelson, EO

Belonging by Design

Embracing Neurodivergence in your Church

20 October 2026

Online Webinar



Tuesday 20 October, 7pm – 9pm

Continuing the impetus from our Belonging by Design 2025 conference, Intergen invites you to join us for a webinar where we ask the question: What does it take to help neurodivergent young people and adults not just feel safe, but flourish in church?

Louise Gosbell will share a key note considering this question and covering what this looks like in practice, then consider some concrete steps churches can take to help enable belonging and flourishing for neurodivergent kids and youth.

This will be followed by two conversations with practitioners: Angela Cook who will share what she has done to make her congregation more near-friendly since BBD 2025, and Kate Clough who has been growing a co-design strategy group with neurodivergent youth and young adults, planning discipleship events across a Uniting Church Presbytery.

This 2 hour webinar promises to inspire and encourage you on your journey to helping the neurodiverse people in your community find their voice, feel deeply included, and to thrive as followers of Jesus.

Find out more, and book tickets [here!](#)

I have described myself as a “colourful mess”.

It is probably the simplest way to describe an identity that has never fitted neatly into one box. Born in Tonga, raised for the first 10 years among Yolngu people in north-east Arnhem Land, and then growing up on the northern beaches of Sydney.

As a teenager, I returned to Tonga thinking, this is where I belong. Then I opened my mouth, unable to speak the language properly, and quickly discovered it wasn't that simple. Over time came the realisation that there was no need to choose one identity over another. Tongan, Australian and the deep influence of an Aboriginal upbringing all belong within the story. At times they sit comfortably together, but other times there is tension.

Maybe that is why I have often found myself drawn to the middle. Not because the middle is always safe or comfortable. Often it isn't. But there is something about that space, between different cultures, experiences, convictions and ways of seeing, that has shaped much of my life. Maybe there is grace in the middle.

Not the middle as compromise. Not avoiding difficult questions. And certainly not sitting comfortably on the fence while others suffer. Rather, the middle as a space where we are willing to stay with one another long enough to listen, wrestle, pray and discern.

Acts 15 gives us an interesting picture of this. The followers of Jesus faced serious disagreement about the inclusion of Gentiles. People held strong convictions about faith, Scripture, tradition and belonging.

Read more from **Rev Salesi Faupula**, Moderator, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, [here](#).



FIJIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE WELCOMES OVER 700 DELEGATES



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PUBLIC LECTURE



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Synod Connect

CAN 3-week worship roster to 25 Oct 2026:

	11 October GREEN Pentecost 20	18 October GREEN Pentecost 21	25 October GREEN Pentecost 22			11 October GREEN Pentecost 20	18 October GREEN Pentecost 21	25 October GREEN Pentecost 22
<u>Preacher</u>	Rod B	Rod B	Rev Dr Craig Thompson		<u>Property</u>	David J	Brendan C	Rev Dr Craig Thompson
<u>Liturgy or Prayers</u>	Sue C	David H	Combined worship with Mark the Evangelist UCA in Parkville		<u>Offering</u>	David J Shiny I	Ken T Brendan C	Combined worship with Mark the Evangelist UCA in Parkville
<u>PP Prep</u>	Sue C	Jill T			<u>Hosp 1</u>	Sue C	Shirley J	
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Adam D			<u>Hosp 2</u>	Shiny I	Coco C	
<u>Camera</u>	Ethan K	Jeff J			<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Shirley J	
<u>Read</u>	Jean E	Shirley J			<u>HC</u>	-	-	
<u>AV</u>	David J	Ken T			<u>Chn Min</u>	Ken T Jill T	Jill T Shiny I	
<u>Greet</u>	Pam K	Jill T						

COMING UP THIS MONTH WITH CAN

Friday 9 Oct @ 1.30pm - Online Ecumenical Book Study⁶ with Craig Thompson

Sunday 11 Oct @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church

Wednesday 14 Oct @ 7.45am - Online weekly Holy Communion

@ 7.45pm - Online Ecumenical Book Study⁷ with Craig Thompson

Friday 16 Oct @ 1.30pm - Online Ecumenical Book Study⁷ with Craig Thompson

Sunday 18 Oct @ 10.00am - Worship in CAN Church; plus National Church Life Survey!

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

Bank details are:

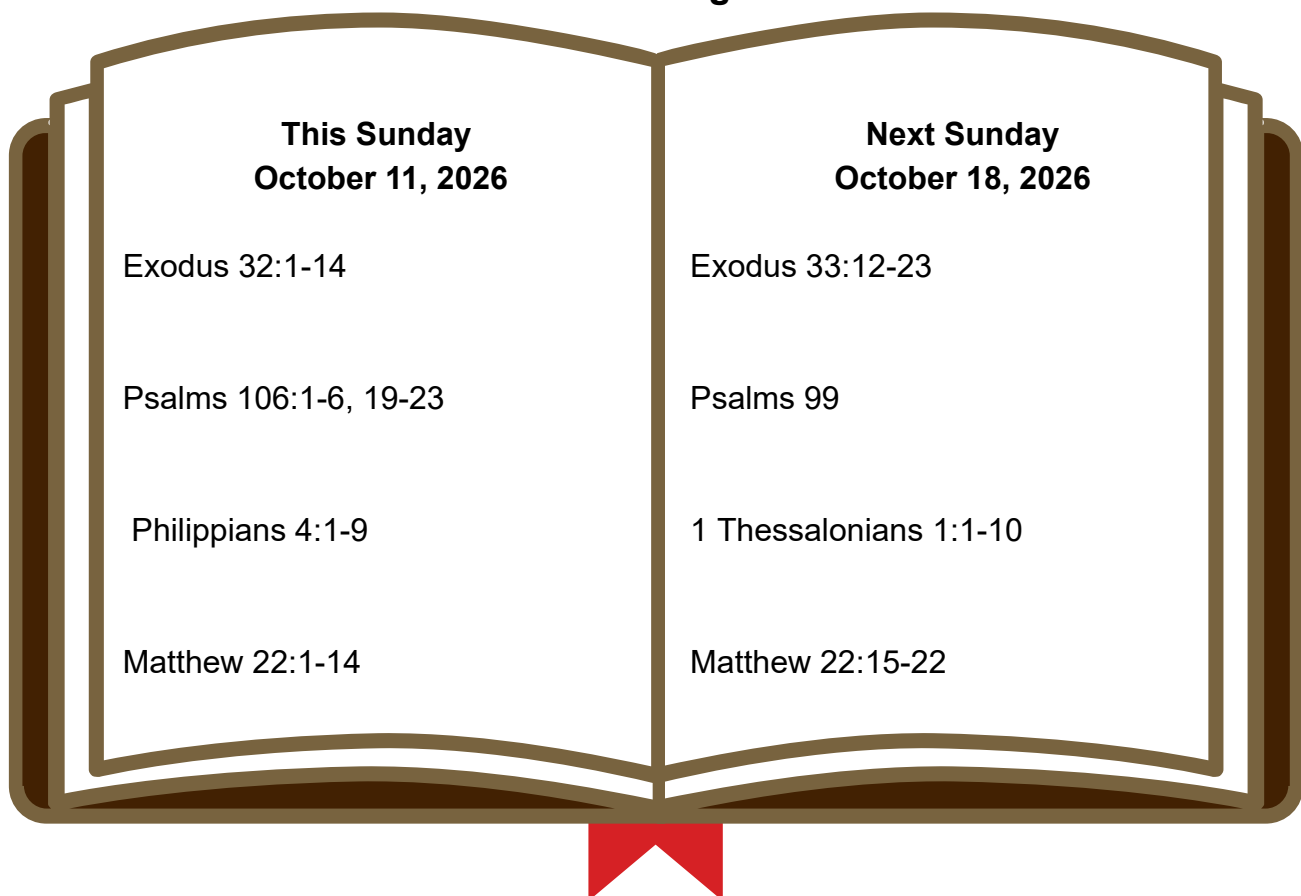
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000

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

