



The Indigenous Hospitality House is Looking for Residents to join us in opening our home to guests and exploring the question:

How do we live well as non-Indigenous people on stolen land?

Please contact us: house@ihh.org.au or 9387 7557 or www.ihh.org.au

IHH residents Matt, Samara, Anthony, Renée, Ash, Shobie and Luffy offer a peaceful, homely atmosphere for Indigenous people supporting a family member in Melbourne's hospitals.

IHH is a project that is overseen by Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, and supported by the Church of All Nations as well as Christians of various denominations, other groups, individuals and volunteers.

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Christmas Edition

Welcome

You are worshipping among friends at the Church of All Nations. As a Parish Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia we acknowledge our church to be part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout the world. We aim to be an open, questioning community of faith and we seek to live our faith at work, at home and in the community. If you are new to the area, or a visitor to this church, please participate as fully as you wish in our worship service.

Make yourself known to us.



A Happy and Holy Christmas



On the last Sunday before Christmas (Advent 4) we think of Mary, and the news from God that she will be the mother of Jesus. Amazing news which she willingly accepts.

Then on Christmas Day, despite all manner of difficulties and obstacles, the child, the Christ child, is born.

God, through Mary, enters our world. We celebrate and give our thanks and praise.

This Christmas ...

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 21st December

The Carols by Candlelight will take place at 7.00 pm outside. It will feature the Melbourne Massed Gospel Choir and our own Crop In Centre Choir. Come along - it should be a good night.

Christmas Community Lunch Monday 22nd December

A short service will be held in the Church at 11.30 am. Lunch in the Drop In Centre will be served at 12 noon.

Christmas Eve Thursday 25th December

- 7.45am
Holy Communion will be held in the Fullerton Chapel.
- 11.00pm
Lessons, carols and the service of Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Friday 26th December

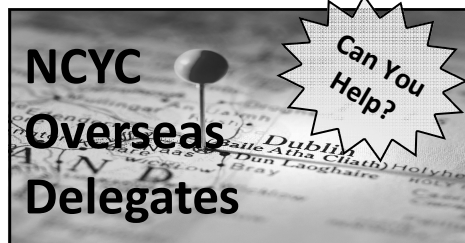
- 9.00am
Worship Service
- 10.30am
Christmas Brunch - not quite Christmas Lunch, but not breakfast either!

Worship Service Sunday 28th December

Join us for our service of Worship starting at 10.00am

Church of All Nations Community Support Open Tuesday 30 December

Church of All Nations Community Support will be open this day between 10.00am and 12 noon), although it will be closed on other days between Christmas and New Year.



This help can range from hosting a delegate or two for a night, meeting them at the airport. We also will need help in operating a special room for overseas delegates at MLC. You might have some free time during NCYC (3-9 January) or you may be able to provide donations of food. For example, we will need rice, and at the time fresh fruit.

Please see John if you are interested in helping.

Christmas Greetings

Members and Friends of Church of All Nations

On behalf of the Evans family a big thank you for the very warm welcome we have received this year. We have felt welcomed, accepted, and perhaps even more than that – appreciated. Thank you.

We have enjoyed the year – although are seriously wondering to where it has disappeared. I have learnt much about Carlton and our respected and critical role within the life of this community. I have made numerous mistakes and blunders (you have been forgiving) – but have greatly enjoyed returning to congregational ministry after my previous church roles. I am excited by the directions we have mapped out for ourselves and I am looking forward to working with you as we endeavour to follow these directions in 2009. I pray God will richly bless these endeavours.

It has been however, a significant year of transition for the Church of All Nations in other ways. I think particularly of the deaths of Doug Fullerton and then just a short time later of Arthur Hill. Both have been greatly missed, but both I feel sure would be excited by the new and different ways we are trying to engage with the community of Carlton. We give thanks to God for their great witness and service and we are inspired by their faithfulness and drive. We particularly remember Ethel at this time who indefatigably has continued the Fullerton role within our community life.

For the year ahead I pray it is for you personally fulfilling; that your faith will deepen and that we will together, amidst all the gloom round about, be secure in the hope we have in Christ and be able to serve this wonderful, extravagantly diverse community of Carlton.

With warm regards
John