

> Sharing our Faith

Carlynné's Ordination

The ordination of Carlynné Nunn, held at Brunswick UC, on **Saturday 16th March** was a joyous celebration. Welcoming everyone to the service Ian ensured that every person knew that there was a place for them in their support of Carlynné.

Carlynné candidated from our congregation and began her training in 2016. She was our Olive Way Co-ordinator for almost six years and Student House Support Worker for about three years. In addition she founded the brief running Saturday Ntzt (an alternative evening worship service) and the still running Mulling Group. Carlynné also worked for the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre.

Rev Bruce Watson, Chair of Presbytery, presided over the service.

Rev. Avril Hannah Jones offered the sermon - so powerful and absolutely perfect for the occasion, [recording available here](#). [Text available here](#).

We listened to the very formal and definitely informative Narration of Steps, offered by Heather Loader, Secretary of Presbytery, as she presented Carlynné for Ordination. Carlynné spoke with passion, certainty and humility about her calling to ministry, [recording available here](#). A group of people gathered to lay hands on Carlynné as we all reached out a hand in blessing from the pews.

Julie & Peter McKinnon and Rev Fran Barber led Prayers of the People. Bruce presided over Holy Communion and we left the service with 'You shall go out with joy' ringing in our ear, hearts and hands.

And now let the photos tell the story.





After the service we moved out to the hall for congratulations, conversations and a delicious afternoon tea. Carlyne then performed with 'Terry Towelling and the Tank Tops' one last time. We enjoyed an evening of dancing before wrapping up at the astonishingly civilised time of 9pm.

Kate Scull, Chair of the congregation, offered a small farewell gift to Carlyne. Unfortunately many people had left by then so here are her words: *Congratulations again. We're so proud of you. It's been a privilege to have you as part of our community, even if we haven't been able to see you as much during your candidature.*

You've always been a hugely impressive person. We're still deeply grateful for your ministry here with us, especially your work with the Olive Way and your thought provoking, honest and often lyrical sermons.

It's been wonderful to see you grow during your candidature, adding knowledge and experience to your natural exuberant talents. God bless you in your future ordained ministry and don't forget to visit.

Kate and I presented Carlyne with a copy of Eva Rugel's photo of the church (so that she wouldn't forget us) and a salt lamp tealight burner (to help her relax at the end of the day or any time of the day really) and a card that simply said 'You're brilliant'.



Saide Cameron



Carlynnne offered her thanks in response ...

I was and still am pretty close to overwhelmed by what happened last week. To see so many people I adore crowded around me, mingling, worshipping, being a part of such an important event and cutting it up was beautiful beyond belief.

You all must know by now that I consider it fairly unlikely that I would be where or who I am today if I hadn't been a part of BUC.

You loved and welcomed me, taught me and supported me, and though I know I've not been around as much as I would have liked the past three years, the prayers, love, support and text/Facebook/sometimes coffee or lunch that I've received from you lot has meant the world. Truly.

To all that came to the service: thank you. To all who cooked and brought food for the guests: thank you so much. To Glenice for taking charge of the refreshments and set up and to Leanne, Natalie, Kirsty and the I'm sure NUMEROUS other people who helped put it all together but who I missed in the blur of it all: thank you, you are treasures. To Saide and Ray for the massive

amount of stuff you both do, for the help organizing and the laptop stuff and for hanging around and cleaning and generally being excellent: thank you. To Ian for the welcome and for generally being a super friend and mentor to me over the years: thank you. To Fi and Anika, Pete and Julie for the reading, prayers, love and friendship: thank you. To Barry for your leadership and for being the one who originally suggested I think about being ordained: thank you. To the band, Al, Shawn, Elaine and Sarah, and the other band, Shawn, Glenice, Dan, Colin, and Elaine for organizing: THANK YOU. I've missed people, I apologise and thank you.

And to all of you who (Sheesh, Janet, Kate, Annie, Deb, Mikul, Dan, Kim, Al, Lauren, Fi, Beth, Natalie, Julie P - I love you! - too many people to mention I'm so sorry I'll have forgotten so many people who I dig) who have known me and loved me so well, and helped me to be who I was meant to be,

THANK YOU. I love you all, and I'll always be a part of you.

Love Carlynnne



A recording of Carlynnne's [thanks on the night](#) are available [here](#), similar theme but a little different.