



Toorak Uniting Church

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Still thinking: — The True Love a Poem by David Whyte

There's a faith in loving fiercely the one who is rightfully yours especially if you have waited years and especially if part of you never believed you could deserve this loved and beckoning hand held out to you this way.

I am thinking of faith now and the testaments of loneliness and what we feel we are worthy of in this world.

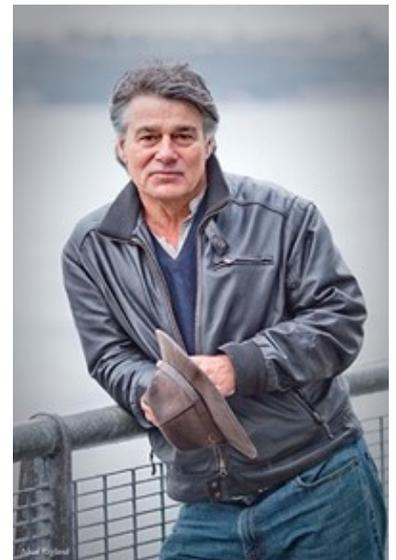
Years ago in the Hebrides I remember an old man who would walk every morning on the gray stones to the shore of baying seals, who would press his hat to his chest in the blustering salt wind and say his prayer to the turbulent Jesus hidden in the waters.

And I think of the story of the storm and the people waking and seeing the distant, yet familiar figure, far across the water calling to them.

And how we are all preparing for that abrupt waking and that calling and that moment when we have to say yes! Except it will not come so grandly, so biblically, but more subtly, and intimately in the face of the one you know you have to love.

So that when we finally step out of the boat toward them we find, everything holds us, and everything confirms our courage.

And if you wanted to drown, you could,
But you don't, because finally, after all this struggle and all these years, you don't want to anymore.
You've simply had enough of drowning and you want to live, and you want to love.
And you'll walk across any territory, and any darkness, however fluid, and however dangerous to take the one hand and the one life, you know belongs in yours.



Farewell Morning Tea

Next Sunday, 31 July, following our 10.15am service, we will share a special Farewell Morning Tea with members of the Quaker congregation who have worshipped in the Wettenhall Room on Sunday mornings for the past two years. Please join us to wish them well as they merge with another congregation and move to their new Mont Albert home.

Warming Winter Concert TODAY 2.30pm - 3.30pm

at Toorak Uniting Church, followed by afternoon tea at Kinross Arts Centre.

Please join us for an uplifting afternoon of music, song and friendship.

Solo performances by
Michael MacManus - Classical Guitar
Catherine Pendelich - Soprano
Bruce Raggatt - Baritone
Megan Reeves - Harpist

Presented by David Ross Smith.

\$20 Adults; \$15 Concession. Tickets at the door. Bring a friend and enjoy!

Diary Dates

Sun	24 Jul	2.30pm	UAT concert	Church
Mon	25 Jul	11am	Fellowship Morning Coffee	Faichney Room
Wed	27 Jul	10.00am	Elder's Meeting	
Wed	27 Jul	6-8pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	28 Jul	10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter's
Thu	28 Jul	7.30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Sun	31 Jul	11am	Farewell morning tea with the Quaker congregation.	
Thu	11 Aug	7.45pm	Toorak Ecumenical Council	TUC
Sat	13 Aug	10a-3p	Congregational Retreat	TUC

Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Please come and join us after the service for fellowship and a cup of tea or coffee.

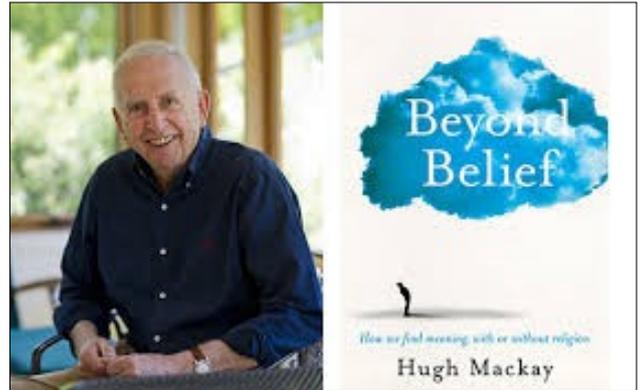


In our thoughts and prayers:

James Widdowson and Kate Spencer who were married in Warrnambool yesterday. Congratulations!

Toorak Uniting Church Council & Congregational Retreat

The Retreat will be held on **August 13** from **10:00am—3:00pm** with fellowship & coffee from 9:45am. The topic for discussion will be reflections on Hugh Mackay's recent book *Beyond Belief: How we find meaning with or without religion*. Lunch will be served—\$10.00 is asked to help cover costs. This year the Retreat will be held at TUC. Everyone is warmly encouraged and to attend. All welcome! Please do register your intention to come at the office. 9829 0300.



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Fellowship Morning Coffee

Please join us tomorrow, 25/07, at 11.00am in the Faichney Room. Discussion topic is “Obsolete Expressions”.

Kinross: Indelible

Presented by Anita Traynor Fine Art this exhibition features paintings by young Australian artist, Laura Matthews. On display until August 5th. Please come over and meet Anita Traynor who will be assisting at Kinross on weekday mornings.

Lady White Memorial Organ Recital: Sunday, 14 August at 2:00pm

An all Bach recital by Paul Dean (London):

Fantasia & Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich uns zu wend” (BWV 655)

“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß” (BWV 659)

Trio Sonata V (BWV 529)

“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr” (BWV 662)

Prelude & Fugue in E minor “The Wedge” (BWV 548)



Paul Dean is the Director of Music at St Michael's Church, Highgate and Deputy Director of Music at 'The Hall', Hampstead – one of the leading boys' preparatory schools in London. He's had considerable success in international competitions over the years, winning the Third International Organ Competition in Biarritz, the 1997 Royal College of Organists Performer of the Year Competition and the First International Organ Competition in Warsaw. In 2009 he undertook his first solo concert tour of Australia to critical acclaim and is delighted to be back making a return visit!

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