

# Toorak Uniting Church

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### A letter from Act for Peace: International Peace Day 21 September

Dear friends at Toorak Uniting Church,



**Next Wednesday, you can join together with churches and faith groups around the world as we mark the International Peace Day on the 21st of September.**

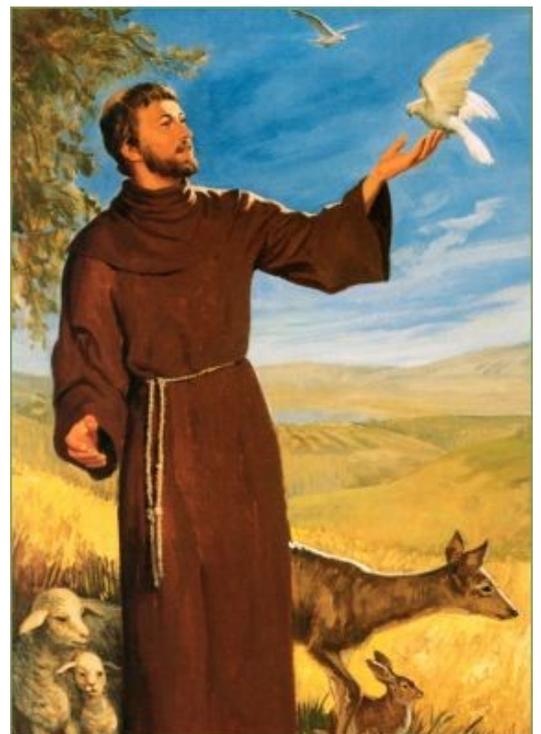
An initiative from the World Council of Churches, this is a call for all churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace, which is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace.

Here at Act for Peace, we would like to invite you and your community to join and offer prayers for peace.

### Prayers for International Peace Day

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Prayer of St. Francis*



## Prayers for International Peace Day Continued

Eternal God

Save us from weak resignation to violence

Teach us that restraint is the highest expression of power

That thoughtfulness and tenderness are marks of the strong.

Help us to love our enemies

Not by countenancing their sins,

But by remembering our own

And may we never for a moment forget

That they are fed by the same food,

Hurt by the same weapons,

Have children for whom they have the same high hopes as we do.

Grant us the ability

To find joy and strength not in the strident call to arms

To grasp our fellow creatures

In the striving for justice and truth.

*A Christian response to war -  
Prepared by a Christian, a Jew and a Muslim*

Thanks to your support, Act for Peace is working hard to bring hope and safety to communities worst affected by conflict and violence. With your help we've been able to provide food, education and psychological support in the Middle-East and urgently needed health care in Africa. We wouldn't be able to reach the families who so desperately need us without your gifts and your prayers - so thank you.



In Peace,

Janet Cousens

Interim Executive Director

### **MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 immediately after the 10.15am service.

The agenda items will comprise the adoption of the budget for 2017, re-appointing Mr Peter Corrigan as auditor, and to appoint TUC representatives on Presbytery. Mrs Patricia Begg and Mrs Alison Legge are willing to serve again in this capacity. Copies of the budget and explanatory notes will be available from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

John Macrae Centre's Annual

# Spring Dance

Tuesday 20th September 2016  
11.30am-2.30pm

Toorak Uniting Church Hall  
603 Toorak Road, Toorak

A COMMUNITY EVENT

Featuring: Les Salisbury  
Light Lunch. Door Prizes. Raffle  
Entry \$5.00

Bookings: 9829 0320

The new **Congregation Directory**  
is now available.

Please  
collect your  
named copy  
from the rear  
of the  
Church this  
morning or from the Office on  
weekdays.



## Fellowship Morning Coffee

Monday 26 Sept. at 10.30am, in  
the Faichney Room. Discussion:  
"Music in my Childhood"

## In our thoughts and prayers:

- \* The family of Marjorie Taylor.
- \* Catriona DeVere.
- \* Abigail Claire Brown — arrived safely on 13/09 in Washington DC. 8lb 15oz. All well and happy.



a hidden treasure

**Manse Gallery Café** will be closed Tue 20 Sept - Mon 3 Oct during school holidays, *however* it will be open for your enjoyment on Mon 19, Wed 21 & Wed 28 September.

## What's On at Kinross Arts Centre

New Exhibition: *Birds of the Air - Portraits in Feathers*

6-28 October 2016 Featuring wood block prints, drawings, bronze and stone sculptures inspired by Australian birdlife.

Boutique Afternoon Performance: *"A concert of birdsong"*

by Jacqui Rutten (singing; guitar; tin whistle) and Livia Judge (flute; singing)  
Sun 23 Oct, 2pm - 3pm. \$20 Adults; \$15 Conc./Pensioner; Children Free.

Tickets at the door or email [info@sacredstage.com.au](mailto:info@sacredstage.com.au)

**SAVE THE DATE - KINROSS OUTREACH FUNDRAISER**

Advent House Opening with Private Art & Garden Tour in Toorak.

View a unique ceramic collection and enjoy gourmet afternoon tea in a beautifully restored and decorated 1879 family home. Fri 2 Dec 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

\$50 per ticket. Bookings: [manager@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:manager@kinrossarts.org.au)

Program Enquiries: Tel 9829 0340 or Email [manager@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:manager@kinrossarts.org.au)



## 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.

### Diary Dates

Sun 18 Sep	9.00/10.15	Rev John Edwards preaching	
19-30	September	Victorian public school holidays & Café closed.	
Tue 20 Sep	11.30am	JMC Spring Dance	Hall
Tue 20 Sep	4.30pm	Management Team	Wettenhall Room
Wed 21 Sep	6-8pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu 22 Sep	7.30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Mon 26 Sep	10.30am	Fellowship Morning Coffee	Faichney Room
Tue 27 Sep	10.00am	Elders Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed 28 Sep	6-8pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu 29 Sep	10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Church
Sun 16 Oct	11.15am	Congregation Meeting	Church
Sun 13 Nov	10.15am	Grandparents/kids whole church fam. service & lunch	

### Church Fundraising Stall

Our Spring Stall will be held on Sunday 2nd October. Please support this with contributions of jams, chutney, cakes, slices and other saleable items.

(There are donated empty glass jars in the office.)

Lenore Newnham &  
Lynette McAlister

### A request from the Office:

We really do appreciate people trying to be helpful to us! Recently, however, a number of items of mail, delivered through the mail slot or under various doors after hours, have been picked up by well-intentioned helpers, but have then been placed in locations that have not actually been helpful! Pretty please could we ask that if you pick something up you just deliver it to the top of the Office desk or under the Office door, and we will see that it gets to its intended recipient. Many thanks for your understanding and continued support.

*Kimberly and Catriona*

### Attention kitchen users:

Please take care with freezing food, gently moving the drawers and ensuring that the freezer is securely shut before you leave.

Thanks.