



Toorak Uniting Church

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Still Thinking — The Physics of Love — Christopher Page



Some years ago Anne and I saw two films. The first was *The Imitation Game*, the story of how the mathematician Alan Turing was instrumental in developing the “computer” that succeeded in breaking the German *Enigma Code*, so giving the allied forces an advantage in World War II. The second film is *The Theory of Everything*, based on the life of Stephen Hawking the theoretical physicist who first postulated the importance of black holes in the universes and later modified his thesis to argue the universe in fact, has no boundaries. Heady stuff!

Both are enjoyable films and probably loosely based on the facts. But as I later reflected on these two movies I became

more and more convinced that life is all about love. It is not an easy task for the modern mind to make the leap from quantum physics and mathematical theory to the notion that “love makes the world go around.” And it is not that sentimental view that I am suggesting.

Ian Lawton an Anglican minister from Sydney has argued that: *wisdom from science brings us full circle to the spiritual wisdom that is often associated with the Jewish texts..... You participate in every conflict in your life, as well as every opportunity at least to some degree. You co-create reality with your observation.* The theory that everything has both a common source and is interconnected has been around for a long time. Following Einstein, Lawton says: *Quantum physics suggests that the ideal of oneness that spiritual traditions have taught for centuries is actually built into the nature of the universe.*

But the question remains, “what is that unifying oneness?” I don’t think we have better idea than that it is love (the most searched phrase on Google in 2016.) Love is relational connectedness; altruist bonding or chemicals and electricity in the brain* and while many will dismiss this as too anthropomorphic – human centred, I cannot think of any “bigger” explanation than that love creates oneness and the universal oneness sort by both science and spiritual religion is found in love.

If you would like to read more on, *What is Love*, go to the website: <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2012/dec/13/what-is-love-five-theories>

WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE—Sun. 29 April at 10.15am.

Special guest speaker:

If you could contribute to the morning tea following the service, please contact Jaki (0499 442 347) or Barbara (0405 987 890).

A Card for Margaret!

May 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Church of Scotland. Rev Dr Margaret Forrester was one of our Roach Exchange ministers who visited us for a second time. She made a great impression on us all and we would like to send our congratulations to her as she was one of the first ordinands. At the back of the church is a card for you to sign and if you wish, add a message. Anyone who prefers to send a personal card should do so to:
Ministries Council,
121 George Street,
Edinburgh EH2 4YN.
Please mark the envelope WO50.
(Enquiries to Anne Smith.)

In our thoughts and prayers—

Ted Billson and Margaret.

The Prest family, following David's passing on April 10.



ANZAC Service

1918-2018

Lest We Forget.

Sun. 22 April at
10.15am

Charmaine Cornford will be speaking at Morning Group on Thu. 19 April.
Her subject is "Out of Borneo". All welcome.



A delightful festival of live choral singing suited to all the family. Singers are aged from children through youth to adult and mature age; and styles are classical, folk, music theatre and modern. You can hear 5 concerts in 5 hours!

Montsalvat, Sun. 6 May, 12pm - 5pm

7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham.

\$72 Family / \$36 Individual / \$30 Concession / \$16 Children under 16. Tickets through trybooking.com.
Enquiries to Angela Abbott.

If you would like to publicise a community event in which you are involved, please feel free to post a flyer on the big congregation notice board in the Faichney Room. If we have room to include it in Update we're very happy to do so, just email us the details or drop a brochure into the Office. The deadline for Update notices is 12pm (noon) Thursdays. Also, if there is space on the table in front of the Office, you're welcome to leave some flyers there for our wider community to see. Please do not pin flyers to the coloured noticeboards outside the Office. We use those to advertise TUC activities to the many people who use our facilities.

KINROSS

New exhibition by Lisa West McNeice—

The Language of Landscape and Objects a solo exhibition of paintings, sketches & narratives.

Opening Sun. 15 April, 3-5pm, drinks and conversation with the artist and wonderful live music by the **Wayard Angels** - a capella group.

Special event—Poetry performance with Lisa West McNeice and Friends performing poems by the artist Sun. 29 April, 2-4pm. Hodges Gallery.

Mothers' Day jewellery sale—Hodges Gallery Thu 10-12 May. Necklaces by Juliana Hooper. Beautiful one-off pieces that you will treasure; hand selected beads and gemstones from different cultures and eras crafted into fine jewellery.

Lisa West McNeice, Wyperfield Tree
Repeat, acrylic on canvas 161x910cms



Diary Dates

Tue	17 Apr	4.30pm	Management Team meeting	Wettenhall Rm
Tue	17 Apr	7.30pm	Finance Committee meeting	Office Conf Rm
Thu	19 Apr	10.00am	Morning Group: Charmaine Cornford	Faichney Rm
Sun	22 Apr	10.15am	ANZAC 1918-2018 service	Church
Thu	26 Apr	10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St John's
Thu	26 Apr	7.30pm	Church Council meeting	Faichney Rm
Sun	29 Apr	10.15am	Whole Church Family worship	Church
	13-20 May		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Tue	15 May	4.30pm	Management Team meeting	Wettenhall Rm
Thu	17 May	10.00am	Morning Group. Speaker:	Faichney Rm
Thu	17 May	12.00pm	Prayers for Christian Unity + Lunch	St Peter's
Sun	20 May	TBC	Congregational Meeting	TBC
Tue	22 May	7.30pm	Dance Class Formal	Hall, Faichney
Wed	23 May	7.30pm	Dance Class Formal	Hall, Faichney
Thu	24 May	7.30pm	Dance Class Formal	Hall, Faichney
Thu	24 May	7.30pm	Church Council meeting	Church (D.C.)
Thu	31 May	10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Church
Tue	19 Jun	4.30pm	Management Team meeting	Wettenhall Rm
Thu	21 Jun	10.00am	Morning Group. Speaker:	Faichney Rm

A Day of Beautiful Things

Toorak Uniting Church Hall, Saturday 12th May, 10am–4pm
(GOLD COIN DONATION)

Also Exhibiting 10am-4pm **Fri 11th May**

Habitat Uniting Church, Cnr Burke & Mont Albert Rds, Canterbury

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Mental Health Foundation Aust. invites you to attend a non-denominational **Grief and Loss Support Group**. Everyone welcome. Last Tue. of the month at 12pm, St. John's Church, 86 Clendon Rd, Toorak. 9826 1422 | www.mhfa.org.au

WANTED

A number of TUC's recently purchased water glasses have gone missing. If you are able to assist with their return we would be very grateful.

A friendly reminder: the deadline for Update notices is 12pm (noon) Thursday.

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