

# Toorak Uniting Church

## Update 24 June 2018

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Sunday services 9am & 10.15am

### Vale: Rev Dr Robin Boyd 1924-2018

It is with great sadness that the congregation of Toorak have learned of the passing of Rev Dr Robin Boyd in the UK recently. Yet his spirit is still with us as we remember his strong Christian ministry in our church.

Born in Northern Ireland and ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1951, Robin then worked in the Student Christian Movement in London (where he met and married Francis Elizabeth Paton of Melbourne). They served as missionaries with the Church of North India for twenty years until coming to settle in Melbourne for the education of their two daughters Elizabeth and Clare, in 1974.

Rev David Hodges was the Minister of Toorak Presbyterian Church at the time and he knew Robin from his Edinburgh days, so he invited Robin to join him in the ministry at Toorak. The family moved into the second manse (now John Macrae Centre) in 1974. Then began a very fruitful partnership in ministry with complimentary talents providing inspiration to the congregation.

Dr Boyd recorded his priorities as—preaching the Word (50% of services); Christian Education—study groups and confirmation classes (many of our families can remember these); and Pastoral Care of the congregation, JMC and JMK.

He also contributed significantly to the process of Christian Union, chairing the Doctrine Commission. He recalled that being a 'Uniting' Church was important as it encouraged his interest in Ecumenism with other churches, culminating in the 1980 Pentecost Service where the Toorak Ecumenical Council Agreement was originally affirmed.

In 1980, Robin became Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, but remained in touch with the ecumenical work in Toorak. In 1988 he returned to Melbourne as Assoc. Minister of Wesley Church Melbourne, until 1995, when he returned to a Pastoral role at Toorak in 1996 and 1997.

Later, following the death of his beloved Frances, Robin spent more time in the UK where he married Anne Booth-Clibborn, and we were delighted to see them on their annual pilgrimages to Melbourne to keep the bonds with family and friends. We have missed them in recent years when Robin, in his nineties, found the journey too taxing.

Yet Robin remains in our memories, much loved by the congregation as such a gentle yet stalwart warrior for the Lord— scholar, pastor, missionary, ecumenist, friend and inspiration to many. Our sympathy and prayers are with his loving family.

**Rev John Edwards**  
can be contacted on  
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#### In our thoughts and prayers

Anne Booth-Clibborn and the Boyd family  
Kimberly Hobbs, recovering with a broken ankle  
Ted Billson (in Cabrini) and Margaret  
Christopher Page and Anne  
Charmaine Cornford

## Diary Dates

Thu	28 Jun	10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Church
Tue	17 Jul	4.30pm	Management Team meeting	Wettenhall Rm
Thu	19 Jul	10.00am	Morning Group. Speaker:	Faichney Rm
Thu	26 Jul	7.30pm	Church Council meeting	Faichney Rm
Sat	11 Aug	2.00pm	Wedding of Stephanie & Jamil	Church
Tue	14 Aug	4.30pm	Management Team meeting	Wettenhall Rm
Thu	16 Aug	10.00am	Morning Group	Faichney Rm
	Aug		Church Council Retreat - details TBC	
Sat	18 Aug	11.00am	Wedding of James & Yvette	Church



Following today's Whole Church Family Service there will be a fellowship lunch of hot soup and fresh bread.



## Important News Update from the Manse Gallery Cafe

Raz (Erasmia) Psonis is moving on after five years at Kinross Arts Centre's Manse Gallery Cafe. Raz has managed the Cafe wonderfully; providing great coffee, good food and a welcoming social atmosphere for countless visitors. She and her family and husband James have worked tirelessly to build the Cafe into a vibrant and unique business.

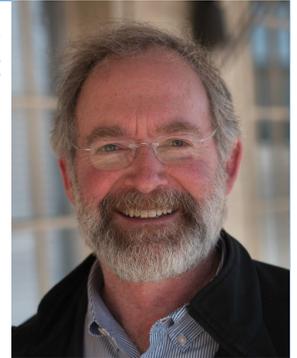
Raz will take a break in the upcoming July school holidays and then return to run the Cafe until **Friday 27th July**. Please make sure you call in to have a cuppa and say goodbye before the end of July. We will miss Raz very much and her contact with all members of the TUC campus.



Progressive Christian Network Victoria & Common Dreams On The Road Present:

### **“JUSTICE WITH OR WITHOUT GOD: THE PRIORITIES OF PROGRESSIVE THEOLOGY”**

Lecture series by distinguished US theologian & writer Prof. Joe Bessler



**Ewing Memorial Centre,**  
Cnr Burke Rd & Coppin St, E. Malvern  
**7pm Fri 20 July & 10am-4pm Sat 21 July**

An introductory address (Fri eve) & four lectures with a light lunch & morning & afternoon refreshments (Sat) on how creative shifts in biblical studies, philosophy & Christian thought have launched a new age of progressive theologies through which to reimagine the contours of faith & faithful practice.

Registration Essential: <https://joebessler.eventbrite.com.au>.

Enquiries to Anne Page.

**The deadline for Update notices is  
12pm (noon) Thursday.**

### **Clyde Old Girls Jumble sale**

- Thursday 28th June, 10 am until noon.
- All proceeds donated to the Isabel Henderson Kindergarten in North Fitzroy.
- Enq: Jane Loughnan 0417535862

## **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.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.