

# Toorak Uniting Church

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### Still Thinking — A definition of outreach — Christopher Page



Outreach can be defined in several ways depending on the activity in which the church community is engaged.

First, outreach is focused on those who are not regular attenders of the church community. This may include encouragement to those irregular attenders who still regard, in some form, Toorak Uniting Church as their church. Regular, friendly contact with these people is a path to stronger engagement.

Secondly, outreach is also designed to bring those outside the church into contact with spiritual/religious values of the Church and the Christian faith. This is accomplished by invitation to participate in the arts, music programme, (café in TUC context) and social and community activities. This maybe as minimal as social groups using the church premise and facilities.

Thirdly, outreach is most commonly served by a spirit of hospitality, inclusivity, friendliness and openness by those who share a commitment to see the diverse church community to grow. While the success of such endeavours is difficult to measure, they nevertheless come from a deep motivation to reach out and share one's life faith and experiences with others.

Finally, outreach is guided by the broad principles of evangelism. Evangelism is the opportunity to present the central message of the Christian faith, which is love of friend and stranger; compassion toward the poor and needy, in both the physical and spiritual sense; the ethical and moral message of Jesus and the hope for meaning and transformation both personally and socially, in the world in which we live.

Addendum:

Post-Christendom is the context in which we live today. In some sense we are closer to the early church than 1950's. Therefore, there must be a humility and subtlety to our outreach, while also a willingness to listen to others and to walk our faith rather than to just talk it.

TODAY at 2pm

*Recital by Elizabeth-Anne Nixon  
(Organ)*



Elizabeth-Anne Nixon

Today is the first of the series of concerts to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Peter Collins organ at TUC. Elizabeth-Anne Nixon will present a program that features some of the illustrious women composers including Nadia Boulanger and Grammy Award winner Libby Larsen. Ms Nixon is Director of Music at St George's Anglican Church, Malvern. She had previously studied with John O'Donnell, Lorenzo Ghielmi (Italy), Daniel Roth (France), and David Sanger (England).

TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$20, \$15, free for Under 18 years old.

With great disappointment we announce that the position of Manager of the John Macrae Centre has been made redundant. Katrina Szabo will be leaving JMC in less than a fortnight.



At some point, a new "team leader" will be appointed by Uniting (VicTas) Ltd.

All are welcome to come and fare Katrina well and thank her for her contribution to the John Macrae Centre. JMC is hosting an **open Afternoon Tea for Katrina on Thurs. 1st November 3:00-5:00pm**. Please join them to wish Katrina well with her future endeavours.



TUC is missing two round, self-patterned, white tablecloths and one small, plain, white, square tablecloth. If you have borrowed them or kindly taken them home to wash, this is a friendly reminder to please return them to the TUC Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Thursday evening study series, **Reading the Bible in the 21st Century**, has now concluded. There will not be a meeting this week (25/10) as previously scheduled.

**In our thoughts and prayers:**

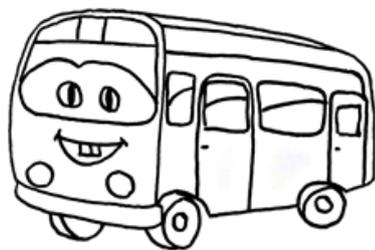
Patricia Begg and Chris. Patricia has had a setback and is in hospital.

Charlie Barber and James Lewis, preparing for VCE exams.

Family and friends of Rev. Reford Corr's son, Andrew, who died on October 13th.

Katrina Szabo, the staff and clients of JMC during this difficult transition period.

A bus has been organised on a three-month trial basis to bring residents of Rylands and Hedley Sutton



to our 10.15am Sunday services. If successful, the bus service is expected to expand to accommodate others. To participate, please contact the Office or Christine Brown.

You are warmly invited to TUC's Whole Church Family  
**"Grandparents & Families Service"**  
**on Sunday 28 October at 10.15am**



Tell your friends, everyone is welcome! The service will be followed by a special morning tea. Please bring a small plate of sweet / savoury treats to share. Any offers of assistance with sweet or savoury finger food can be directed to the Office, Jaki Simonson or Carrolo Jack.

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***  
**TUC's Election Day Fair**  
**Saturday,**  
**24 November 2018**

### Diary Dates

Sun 21 Oct 11.30am	Interment of Ann Read	Memorial Gdn
Sun 21 Oct 2.00pm	Organ Concert—Elizabeth-Anne Nixon	Church
Sun 21 Oct 3.00pm	Interment of Shirley Allard	Memorial Gdn
Wed 24 Oct 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Thu 25 Oct 10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Swedish Church
Thu 25 Oct 6-11pm	Dance Class Formal	Hall complex
Sun 28 Oct 10.15am	<b>WCFService Grandparents &amp; Families Day <u>NO 9am</u></b>	
Wed 31 Oct 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Tue 06 Nov	OFFICE CLOSED for PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Wed 07 Nov 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Sun 11 Nov 10.15am	Centenary of Armistice	
Sun 11 Nov 2.00pm	Organ Concert—Myfanwy McIndoe	Church
Wed 14 Nov 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Wed 14 Nov 7.00pm	JMK Parent information night	Faichney Rm
Thu 15 Nov 10.00am	Morning Group	Faichney Rm
Fri 16 Nov 10.00am	Interment of Ted Billson	Memorial Gdn
Wed 21 Nov 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Thu 22 Nov 7.30pm	Church Council meeting	Faichney Rm
Nov 24 Nov all day	ELECTION DAY FAIR	TUC campus
Wed 28 Nov 6.00pm	Handbell rehearsal	Wettenhall Rm
Thu 29 Nov 10.00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter's
Sun 02 Dec 5-7pm	Morning Group Christmas Party	Beggs' home
Sun 09 Dec 10.15am	<b>WCFService of Nine Lessons and Carols <u>NO 9am</u></b>	
Mon 24 Dec 6.00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Carols in the Courtyard</b>	
Mon 24 Dec 8.00pm	<b>Concert: Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio</b>	Church
Tue 25 Dec 10.15am	<b>Christmas Day Family Worship</b>	

Preparations are underway for making TUC's **ELECTION DAY FAIR on 24 November** a successful fundraising and community awareness event.

We plan to have stalls selling Cakes & Preserves; Quality Bric a Brac; Craft & Sewing; 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand books, CD's, DVD's & computer games. Refreshments will be able to be purchased from a sausage sizzle and from the café in Kinross House which will be selling coffee, other hot & cold drinks and snacks.

**What Can We Do?** To ensure a successful Fair, we must have sufficient cakes and preserves to sell. In the past we have sold out by mid-morning so the **more donations of cakes & preserves** we receive on the morning of the Fair the better!

We also need **donations for the bric a brac, craft & sewing and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book stalls**. These stalls are very successful but rely on there being a large range of items to attract voters! If you can assist, please store suitable items if possible until the day before the Fair and then drop them in to the church office.

**We would prefer all donations to the cakes & preserves stall be dropped in to the stalls after 8:00 am on the morning of the Fair.**

**Further Assistance** To protect stalls from the weather we are seeking to **borrow large outdoor umbrellas and stands**. We also intend to use the lawn as seating area. Accordingly we are seeking to **borrow outdoor chairs & tables** so people can relax and enjoy refreshments on the lawn. If you are able to lend TUC any of these, please contact Jon Sennitt: [jon.sennitt@gmail.com](mailto:jon.sennitt@gmail.com) | 0478809678. Thanks!

**Manse Café is now open for business!**  
The Café Manager is Diane McNiff.



TUC's latest **congregation phone directory** is now available. If your name is in the Directory and you'd like a copy, please order by email or call: 9829 0300. A5 or A4.

Mental Health Foundation Aust. invites you to attend a non-denominational **Grief and Loss Support Group**. All welcome. Last Tues. of the month, 12pm, St. John's Church, 86 Clendon Rd, Toorak. 98261422 | [www.mhfa.org.au](http://www.mhfa.org.au)

Enjoy having **Morning Tea** after the service on Sundays? The teams that make this happen would appreciate some extra help. Please contact Christine Brown if you could assist the 10.15am congregation or Nina Mumford if you could assist the 9.00am congregation. Many hands make light work. Thank you in anticipation!

### **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. TUC 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.