

Toorak Uniting Church

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Still Thinking — Christopher Page

By calling ourselves Christians, we mean we are Christians who... (Part 1)

...Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life; Christian faith is just that, it is faith and trust in God's mercy and grace as seen and experienced through the message of Jesus discovered in the Bible and our spiritual lives.



...Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey. In our diversity and multifaith world we are aware that there are different ways in which people experience the Divine. What is most important is not so much how individuals find God in this world, but what is more important is that they do find a loving presence on which to build their lives.

...Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including traditional Christians and questioning skeptics; believers and agnostics, women and men; those of all sexual orientations and gender identities and those of all classes and abilities. Central to the good news of Jesus is hospitality and welcome. "Love the Lord with all your being, and your neighbor as yourself." Christian communities that exclude groups of people fail to grasp the radical inclusiveness of Jesus' message.

...Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe. It is easy to say we love others who are either similar or different from ourselves, but it is far more difficult to show it. The only answer to this problem is to practice conversing and meeting face to face with others. In this way our beliefs are shown rather than just recited.

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.

Rev John Edwards can be contacted on 0401 828 765.
Rev Dr Christopher Page is attending a conference in Virginia, USA.

Welcome and thank you to Andrew Blackburn who is back today to lead the TUC choir and play the organ. Jennifer Chou is overseas visiting her mother who is recovering from recent cancer treatment.

A huge thank you to our bakers for their contributions throughout the year for our popular whole church family gatherings. A special thank you to June & Charmaine who are fortunate enough to be rostered in the kitchen and keep the dishwasher loaded! Thank you Angela for the weekly table decorations from what must be a beautiful garden!
Warm regards, *Barbara, Carrlo & Jaki*



Toorak Uniting Church Sunday 11 November at 2pm

Notable women of the keyboard

Clara Schumann wasn't just a distinguished pianist of her time, composing also gave her great pleasure, " ..there is nothing that surpasses the joy of creation, if only because through it one wins hours of self-forgetfulness, when one lives in a world of sound".

Myfanwy McIndoe will perform works by J.S. Bach, Nicolas de Grigny, & works by women composers including Clara Schumann. McIndoe completed her undergraduate studies at The University of Melbourne, studying organ with Douglas Lawrence. In 2015, she gained her Master in Organ Performance with distinction at the Conservatorium of Music Würzburg, Germany with Prof. Christopher Bossert, as well as an exchange program to the University of Music & Performing Arts Vienna, where she studied organ with Prof Wolfgang Capek. Myfanwy is currently Director of Music at St Patrick's & the Holy Angel & St John Vianney's Mentone-Parkdale.

Tickets \$20, \$15 (Conc), U18 y/o Free . Credit card facilities available at the door.

Myfanwy McIndoe



In our thoughts and prayers:

Jennifer Chou and her mother who is ill.

Patricia Begg and Chris.

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

Charlie Barber & James Lewis, doing their VCE exams. GOOD LUCK!

Election Day Fair Sat. 24 November

Sticky "Ingredients" labels for homemade jams & baked goods are available from the Office, along with plenty of glass jars if you need some.

Diary Dates

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	WCF Service of Nine Lessons and Carols <u>NO 9am</u>	
Mon 24 Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Carols in the Courtyard	
Mon 24 Dec	8.00pm	Concert: Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio	Church
Tue 25 Dec	10.15am	Christmas Day Family Worship	
Summer Sundays		30 December—27 January: 10.15am service only	



LEST WE FORGET

Next Sunday, 11 November, a special Remembrance Day service at 10.15am will celebrate and give thanks for all those who served and sacrificed their lives in WW1, particularly the young men of Toorak Presbyterian Church (TUC). We'll have special music from the choir and organist and the bugle call of The Last Post.

Following the service, all are invited for coffee in the Faichney Room, after which a special presentation will be given by Pamela Wilson, TUC Archives Committee. "Tracing and Thanking our Fallen", will take you on Pamela's recent journey in Northern France visiting battlefields, cemeteries and memorials to remember 'the Fallen' of 1915-1918.

Op Shop news: Rev. Peter French, Fr. Brendan Hayes, and Rev Dr Christopher Page have authorised the Op Shop to donate \$10,000 for the relief of farmers suffering from the awful drought. We pray for our farmers and their families in this time of hardship.

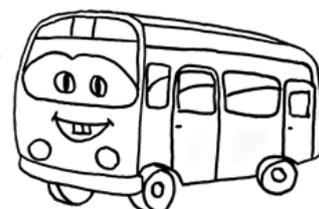


TUC would like to offer thanks for an anonymous donation made to Outreach Projects "in appreciation of, and gratitude for, the outstanding work of Patricia Begg in this area, and with the sub-committee of TUC Council".

A bus has been organised on a 3-mth trial basis to bring residents of Rylands & Hedley Sutton to our 10.15am Sunday services.

Bus departs Hedley Sutton at 9.35am & Rylands at 9.45am.

To participate, please contact the Office or Christine Brown.



ELECTION DAY FAIR 24 NOVEMBER 2018 – CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

Just a reminder of what you can expect at the Fair:

- ◆ Cakes & Preserves – in the courtyard
- ◆ Sausage Sizzle – a new BBQ in the courtyard
- ◆ Quality bric a brac – under the tree outside the Minister's Office
- ◆ Craft & Sewing – under the tree outside the Minister's Office
- ◆ 2nd Hand books – in the Faichney & Mackie Rooms
- ◆ The Manse café will be supporting the Fair with great coffee, tea and food which can be enjoyed in Kinross House or on the lawn.
- ◆ The church will also be open.

How can You Assist to Make the Fair a Success?

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help sell items on the craft & sewing and the bric a brac stalls. Please contact Jon Sennitt [jon.sennitt@gmail.com] or text 0478809678] or leave a message with the Office if you can assist.

Donating

If you plan to donate preserves to the cake stall, the Office has a collection of jars available.

All donations of food need to be clearly labelled with their ingredients. If you need labels please drop into the Office where labels are available.

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off to TUC earlier than Friday 23 November but to help us with storage which is limited, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop off donations after Monday 19 November.

Donations of cakes, biscuits or preserves, can be dropped in to TUC on Friday 23 November or early on the morning of the Fair.

If you are dropping off donations on the morning of the election please bring them to the cake stall in the courtyard.

Large umbrellas and outdoor furniture.

We still wish to borrow large umbrellas and stands and outdoor furniture to protect the stalls from the weather and to use on the lawn.

If you can assist with large umbrellas and outdoor furniture that you can ideally drop off at the courtyard on Friday 23 November, please contact Jon Sennitt or leave a message with the Office.

Thank you for your great support and don't forget to vote!

STILL
MISSING

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.