



Toorak Uniting Church Update 11 November 2018



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Still Thinking — Christopher Page

By calling ourselves Christians, we mean we are Christians who... (Part 2)

...Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes; There is no problem with questioning and doubting in the Christian faith. In fact, many say that without doubt there is not true faith and faith does not mean certainty. Rather our lives are a journey of holding on and letting go. Some beliefs we may have had as a child are discarding in adulthood. This is the natural process of maturing

...Strive for peace, love and justice among all people; Christian faith is grounded in several practices. To name a few, love, compassion, kindness, hope, justice, freedom, peace.... While these are practical expressions of our Christian life, they are nurtured and nourished by, prayer, reflection, contemplation and living a life that is Spirit led.

...Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth; Much of the Bible uses metaphors that are drawn from the earth, landscape and everyday life. Our commitment to God, our love of each other, leads us to care and respect the earth. It is obvious that our commonality is grounded in the fact that the earth is our "mother." We come from the earth and to the earth we return and in-between we are "earthlings" sustained and nourished by the food we eat, the places we live and the beauty of this world.

...Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love. Christian faith as mentioned is a journey. In many ways we make our pathway by walking that journey as we live each day. Our success, failures, insights and doubts are ways in which we encounter the diverse nature of God.

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.



Remember Sammy Stamp? Yes—we are collecting used stamps again, at the end of the year. Naturally, it is all in a good Uniting Church cause—so keep on collecting them. There will be more details in next weeks' Update ~ *June De Vere*

In our thoughts and prayers:

Graham Menzies, in Cabrini recovering from surgery.

Barrie Lade and Ray Northrop who are getting frail.

Patricia Begg and Chris.

Jennifer Chou and her mother who is ill.

Andrew Blackburn, who begins chemotherapy this week. Andrew will be in hospital for at least one month.

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

Dear users of the church kitchens,

Please, please, please, please, please do not leave leftover food in the refrigerator, other than milk!

While we appreciate the desire to minimise waste, the reality is the food is forgotten, goes off and ends up in the bin anyway.

Sadly, by then it's not always recognisable as having once been food. Especially when it's left uncovered!!!

We appreciate your understanding of this sticky and stinky situation.

Yours sincerely,

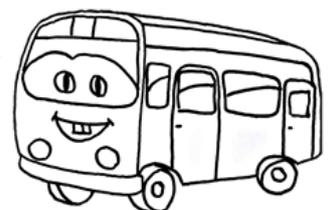
The Kitchen Elves. xx



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 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

TODAY	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	

Toorak Uniting Church Today 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.

Myfanwy McIndoe



Do you remember when you first came to Toorak Uniting? Were you made to feel welcome? Would you like to greet people as they arrive at TUC? If so, please join our volunteer Welcome Team. Call June De Vere 9813 5242



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.