

Toorak Uniting Church Update 23 December 2018

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Sunday services 9am & 10.15am

Christmas Greetings – Christopher Page

Many thanks to all at TUC who have been so supportive of Anne and myself in 2018. It is truly a blessing to belong to a warm and friendly community. While it has been sad to say goodbye to some good TUC friends this year, they will be remembered with love and friendship.

We look forward to 2019 and the opportunities and challenges it will bring. It is true of life and of the ministry of TUC that there will be changes to our program and our life together. This will keep us relevant to the wider community; faithful as a community and an encouragement to practice our Christian faith.

Christmas greetings and a happy New year from Anne and Christopher
“Peace on earth and good will toward all people”



Come Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas Eve

6:00pm Carols in the Courtyard

7:45pm Prelude music (harp & cello)

8:00pm Christmas Concert
Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio

Christmas Day

10:15am Family worship



Summer Sundays

10:15am (30 Dec.-27 Jan.)

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TUC Office Summer Hours:

CLOSED 22 December 2018-
6 January 2019

OPEN Tue. & Thu. Only,
7-31 January 2019

OPEN Mon. to Fri. from
1 February 2019

Kinross House Summer Hours:

Closed after Fri. 14 December 2018
Open (TBC)

Manse Café Summer Hours:

Closed after Fri. 21 December 2018
Open Mon. 14 January 2019

In our thoughts and prayers:

Anne Binmore, still recovering from surgery for a leg injury.

Josh Brown, in China for a month.

Vicky and James Clayton, after Helen & Ken were interred in the Memorial Garden on Friday, 14 Dec., the first anniversary of Helen's death.

Patricia Begg and Chris.

Andrew Blackburn and Jean.

Ray Northrop.

Emily Karakatsanis.



Save The Date!

ROACH LECTURE

Thursday 21 February, 7:30pm at TUC

Reverend Dr Robyn Whitaker,

Senior Lecturer at Pilgrim Theological College,
University of Divinity

will be speaking on

***“The Bible and Secular Australia -
Are they Compatible?”***

Please join us for an inspirational talk from one of Australia's most highly regarded Christian theologians.

Used stamps: Please remember to keep them and drop them off at the church or office in February. Over the 40 years' history of the volunteer group in the city Synod Office collecting, collating and selling used stamps from people like us, an amazing \$980,000 has been distributed for our UCA Community Service and church projects!! If you'd like to read more, this month's Crosslight has an article on Sammy Stamp on p4.



Health issues, family & travel commitments mean our **10.15 door duty team** is in need of a few more volunteers! It isn't complicated, plenty of training & support will be provided, & duty swaps are possible if needed. Please contact Jenny to find out more: 0400800471 | 98192636.

Important Notice from Kinross house

After many applications and several interviews we have appointed **Mr Hugo Leschen** as the new Director of UAT/ Kinross Arts Centre as of January 21, 2019, for a period of 12 months.

Hugo has extensive skills and experience in both arts management and business. We look forward to working with Hugo as he continues the outreach ministry of Kinross house. He will be introduced to the congregation in February 2019.



The Pamela Brown Handbell Choir is now recruiting for 2019. Please speak with Jennifer Chou if you want to join. The group rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm during school term times. Absolutely no experience or musical ability is required, however a good sense of rhythm is necessary.

Missing tablecloths: 1 round, self-patterned, white and 1 small, square, plain white. Please return to the Office.

**TUC's Hospitality Weekend
Friday 29 – Sunday 31 March 2019**

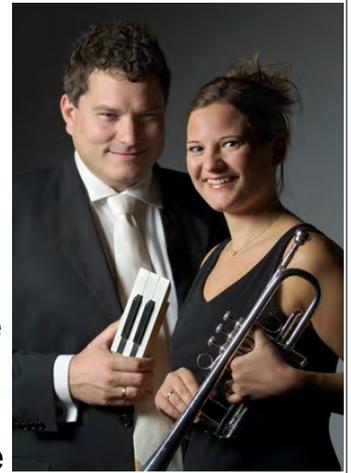
Following the successful mystery pairing of hosts & guests at simple meals in private homes during Hospitality Weekends in 2016 & 2017, another opportunity to meet other members of the Congregation will be held in March 2019. This is a special time for companionship & getting to know members of the congregation. You can either host a meal (or afternoon tea) or just be a guest; or do both! In Feb. there will be invitations available for those who wish to host and those who wish to be a guest.



Don't miss out! Note the dates in your new 2019 diary & calendar now.

**Music Services:
20 January 2019:**

Guest musicians duo Dorthe Zielke (Trumpet) and Søren Johansen (Organ) will perform during the 10.15am service. A 30-minute recital will begin immediately after the service which will be followed by morning tea. The duo visited TUC two years ago and performed a music service with paintings and music. They are returning this time with a very different program including excerpts from symphonies and operas.



2019 Concerts:

2019 will mark the **40th anniversary** of the installation and inauguration of the TUC pipe organ. A series of 5 concerts are planned. Our TUC Soloists and Justin Jacobs (piano) will give a spectacular concert with opera excerpts, duets, trios, quartets, and their showy pieces that you won't hear at all on a Sunday service. Please save the date now in your diaries and come to support the TUC music team.

John Macrae Centre seeks volunteer help for lunchtime washing up between 12noon & 2pm on Tue, Thu & Fri. If you can help, please call 9829 0320.

Diary Dates

*** TUC Office, Kinross & Café now closed for Christmas period ***

Mon 24 Dec 6.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Carols in the Courtyard	
Mon 24 Dec 7.45pm	prelude music (harp & cello)	Church
Mon 24 Dec 8.00pm	Concert: Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio	Church
Tue 25 Dec 10.15am	Christmas Day Family Worship	Church
Summer Sundays	30 December—27 January: 10.15am service only	
Tue 08 Jan 9.30am	Office re-opens Tuesdays & Thursdays only	
Mon 14 Jan (TBC)	Café re-opens	
Fri 01 Feb 9.30am	Office re-opens Monday-Friday	
Thu 21 Feb 7.30pm	Roach Lecture—Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker	Church

Thank you to our congregational members who, during the past year, have come 20 minutes early to welcome visitors (and our own folk) to the 10.15am church services. As there will be no "official" welcomers during January, I hope you will **all** be particularly aware of newcomers, and welcoming to them. A happy and peaceful Christmastide to you all ~ June DeVere



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT
TOORAK UNITING CHURCH,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

FROM JAMES,
KATE & XANDER.
2018

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Ecumenical services, open to everyone with prayers for the visible unity of Christians. **10am, last Thu. of the month, Feb-Nov.** 30minute services followed by refreshments and a chat.

Dates for 2019:

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| February 28 | St John's Anglican |
| | <i>World Day of Prayer - Friday March 1</i> |
| | <i>@ 2pm - Swedish Church.</i> |
| | Country: Slovenia |
| | Theme: "Come - Everything is Ready" |
| March 6 | <i>Ash Wednesday</i> |
| March 28 | Toorak Uniting |
| April 19 | <i><u>GOOD FRIDAY WALK</u> - starting at St John's @ 11.30am finishing at TUC. (Refreshments provided)</i> |
| April 25 | Anzac Day. No Service |
| May 30 | St Peter's Church |
| | <i><u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sun. June 2 - Pentecost June 9</u></i> |
| | <i>Prayers at St. John's - Thu. June 6, @ noon, followed by Lunch</i> |
| June 27 | St John's Church |
| July 25 | Toorak Uniting |
| August 29 | Swedish Church |
| September 26 | St Peter's |
| October 31 | St John's |
| November 28 | Toorak Uniting |



Stained glass windows self-guided tour. Borrow a booklet from the western porch entrance.

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.