

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 11 October 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

Deadline for Update submission is 3pm on the Wednesday prior.



Music to Inspire Concert

Our concert is this Sunday, 11 October, 3 pm.

We're looking forward to an inspiring afternoon with timeless vocal, choral and instrumental classics spanning a variety of moods and styles. Join us afterwards for excellent refreshments.

It's not too late to book (and make a donation) on Trybooking, but it will also be possible to make a donation at the door.

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1649849>

Music to Inspire Concert - afternoon tea

Don't forget our request for assistance in providing biscuits, cakes, and slices for our post concert refreshments.

We look forward to your help and to seeing you!

If you have any questions please contact Christine Brown.

Spire Appeal

Donations to the Spire Appeal are most welcome! If you wish, they can be tax deductible. All the details are on the TUC website. See

<https://www.toorakuc.org.au/spire-appeal>

Latest edition of the TUC Directory

The latest edition of the TUC Directory has now been emailed to those who have chosen to have their details included.

If you would like a hard copy, please let the TUC office know.

18 October – Communion Sunday

Each month on the third Sunday (next week) we come together to celebrate Communion. On these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards the four Outreach programs we support. They are The Homework Hub in Pakenham, The Cranbourne Food Truck, Boroondara Community Outreach in Kew, and SOSK (Skills, Opportunity and Survival in Kenya).

Details about supporting these Outreach programs in next week's Update.

Developing a Culture of Welcoming

An online series, *Welcoming Church: Building Pathways for Belonging*, is running on Wednesday evenings until **21 October (7.30–8.30pm via Zoom)**. These are practical workshops to guide participants in understanding how people become integrated into congregational life. Although registrations have closed, more information is available here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/welcoming-church>

Mendelssohn's Elijah

Camberwell Chorale are presenting Felix Mendelssohn's choral masterpiece *Elijah* at Hawthorn Arts Centre, Burwood Road, Hawthorn, on Sunday, 18 October at 2:30 pm. This performance will feature a number of leading Melbourne soloists, under conductor Douglas Heywood OAM.

"Elijah" is a large-scale sacred oratorio and tells the story of the biblical prophet Elijah. Our Congregation members Alison Legge and Rob Fisher will be two of the performers.

More details and to book, see <https://www.camberwellchorale.org.au/mendelssohns-elijah-hawthorn-arts-centre-hawthorn-sunday-18-october-2026/>

Progetto Corelli presents Voices of Serenissima

This spring, take a journey into the Grand Canal of Venice, the Most Serene Republic. This is a curated selection of vocal and instrumental gems from Baroque Venice, including Albinoni, Marini, Merula, Monteverdi, Vivaldi. Our organist, Dylan, is one of the performers.

It's here, at TUC, on Sunday 25 October 2026 at 3:00 pm.

To book: www.trybooking.com/DPFTA

Exploring the Bible

Our *Exploring the Bible* sessions continue each Monday at 10.30 am in Argyle House and each Tuesday at 7.30 pm by zoom.

Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Mental Health Today

Canterbury Council of Churches invites you to an ecumenical liturgy to open eyes and hearts to the challenges of mental health today. It's on

Monday 12 October 2026 at 7.00 pm, and then a cup of tea and a chat.

Guest speaker: Mr Neal Murphy, Director of Mission Integration at St John of God Accord Facilitator of Mental Health First Aid.

Hosted by St Dominic's Catholic Church, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell
All are welcome. No need to book in advance.

Diary Dates

Sun	11 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	11 Oct	10.15 am	Worship service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Sun	11 Oct	3.00 pm	Music to Inspire concert	Church
			followed by afternoon tea	Hall
Mon	12 Oct	9.30 am	Pastoral care group	Faichney
Mon	12 Oct	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	12 Oct	2.30 pm	Archives meeting	Faichney
Tue	13 Oct	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Tue	13 Oct	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	14 Oct	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	16 Oct	10.00 am	Digital Essentials	Faichney
Sun	18 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with HC & conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	18 Oct	10.15 am	Worship service with HC	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	19 Oct	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Tue	20 Oct	2.00 pm	Spire project team meeting	Faichney
Tue	20 Oct	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tue	20 Oct	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Wed	21 Oct	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	23 Oct	10.00 am	Digital Essentials	Faichney