Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

# **Update 7 September 2025**

office@toorakuc.org.au 03 9829 0300 Sunday services: 9am & 10:15am

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



#### **Sad News**

The John Mackenzie Kindergarten community is grieving the loss of Krystyna, the mother of Toby, one of the children in the 4 year old kindergarten group. In response to this tragic event, the JMK committee have set up a Go Fund Me page to provide some financial support for Toby and his grandparents, Les and Anna. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and the rest of the JMK families and staff at this time.

To donate, please go to https://gofund.me/f85e76c8

### **Working Bee on September 14**

We will be having a working bee following the 9am and 10:15am services on Sunday, September 14 in which we will continue to work on preparing the garden in Argyle House for the relocation of Kinross cafe during the upcoming September holidays and also be doing cleaning and clearing out of Kinross House in preparation for its use as a Manse.

Please bring your own gardening tools.

RSVP to barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com

# An Evening with Greg Sheridan St Peter's Parish Centre | Tuesday, 9 September at 7pm

St Peter's Toorak will be hosting Greg Sheridan AO as he launches his new book 'How Christians Can Succeed Today: Reclaiming the Genius of the early Church.'

Greg will talk about his book, answer questions, and sign copies of the new book, which will be available to purchase on the night. You are also invited to attend the Tuesday evening Mass prior to the event at 6:30pm. There will be refreshments following the talk, so RSVPing is essential for seating and catering purposes.

To RSVP to the event, please go to www.trybooking.com/DEKEC

## Coffee after 9am service - you are welcome

If you arrive early for the 10:15am service you are welcome to join the 9am congregation for coffee in the church. We aim to conclude the service by 9:45am, however if you are very early, you are also welcome to come and join us. While the service is less formal, due to the excellent acoustics of the church, we can hear all conversations and noises from the body of the church, so if you could refrain from talking or making other sounds before the service has concluded, we would appreciate it.

## **Report on Loneliness Forum at Stonnington Community Church**

A number of the TUC congregation attended the forum which included presentations from an academic sociologist and psychologist on the nature and effect of loneliness, community volunteer groups Avalon House and JoCare, and two young adults on the benefit of social media. The key message was that loneliness affects both physical and mental health and that there is a need to create opportunities for people to connect with one another.

Avalon House does this as part of its caring for homeless people and JoCare provides in home visitors to socially isolated individuals.

There were also a number of tables with information about other programs, including the Chatty Cafe movement. The Chatty Cafe movement is a very simple concept. A table in a cafe is labelled a "Have a Chat" table and also registered on the Chatty Cafe website, so that people know that they are welcome to come and simply have a chat at the times listed on the website. If you would be interested in participating in and/or coordinating this initiative at Kinross Cafe, please contact Barbara McKinnon - chair@toorakuc.org.au

### **Directory Update**

Do you receive the weekly Friday emails with the electronic copy of Update, Order of Service, and link to the livestream?

If not, and you would like to, please email **office@toorakuc.org.au** to have your name added to the circulation list.

We would also like to update the directory of those who are happy to share their details with other TUC attendees, with the aim of releasing an update at the end of September. If you are not currently in the directory, or your contact details have changed, please email office@toorakuc.org.au

## **September Diary Dates**

Sun 07	'Seb	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev John Edwards
Sun 07		10:15am	Worship Service	Rev John Edwards
Sun 07		11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon 08 Tue 09 Wed 10 Thu 11 Sun 14 Sun 14 Sun 14 Sun 14	Sep Sep Sep Sep Sep	10:30am 7:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 9:00am 10:15am 11:15am 12:00pm	Exploring the Bible Exploring the Bible Online Handbells Church Council Worship in the Round Worship Service Morning Tea Working Bee	Kinross Cafe Zoom Wettenhall Room Church Space Rev Sylvia Rev Sylvia Faichney Room Argyle House
Mon 15	Sep	10:30am	Exploring the Bible Online	Kinross Cafe
Tue 16	Sep	7:30pm		Zoom