

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior



Vale Marguerite L'Estrange

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our long-term Office Manager, Marguerite L'Estrange, on Wednesday, 27 April.

Marguerite served as our Office Manager for nine years, during which she was an integral part of TUC's organisation, ensuring everything ran smoothly and efficiently. Marguerite's warmth, dedication, and kind spirit will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Kinross Café: Our Newly-Named Community Hub

We're delighted to share that our café now has an official name: **Kinross Café!** This marks an exciting new chapter for our community-focused space.

We're thrilled with how well things are going at Kinross Café. Thanks to the hard work of our amazing team—Chris, Monique, Azumi, Nao and Kaori. Their dedication and enthusiasm make the café a truly special place.

To keep things fresh and exciting, we've made some updates to our menu, adding a selection of new bakery items and hot savoury treats. Plus, we've introduced a special dish of the week, so there's always something new to tempt your tastebuds. And of course, we continue to serve the great coffee you know and love!

Kinross Café is more than just a café—it's a place where community happens. Whether you're popping in for a coffee or staying to savour a meal, we can't wait to see you.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Kinross Café is your café, and we're here to serve you with great food, great coffee, warm smiles, and a sense of belonging.



TOORAK ECUMENICAL COUNCIL— Food for Friends Appeal

As we have done for the last three years, with considerable success, we are asking for financial donations once again.

The money raised will be spend during the coming year on food supplies for the various agencies nominated by each Church. This has proved to be very successful in the last three years as all the agencies have been experiencing increasing demand throughout the year, not just at Christmas time, for their services as inflation continues to contribute to the rising cost of living. So, please consider donating to:

Toorak Ecumenical Fund - CBA Toorak
BSB: 063 177 ACC: 1002 6147

Please mark it ***F for F***. Cheques/cash may be dropped into the parish office. Cheques should be made payable to the Toorak Ecumenical Fund

Sincere thanks to all those generous people who have supported our appeal in previous years.

COFFEE CLUB

Our last Coffee Club meeting for this year will be on Friday, 6 December in the Kinross Café at 10am. It would be good to see you for a coffee and chat, if there are enough people, we can also partake in a quiz!

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

To be held at 9:45am on Sunday 1st December 2024 in the Faichney Room

A general meeting of the Congregation will be held at 9:45am on Sunday, 1st December 2024 in the Faichney Room.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Election of two representatives to Presbytery for 2025*
2. To consider and if thought fit to approve the Budget for 2024.
3. To consider and if thought fit to approve the re-appointment of Peter Corrigan as auditor.

Copies of the Budget will be sent out to members by email. Please contact the Church office if you would like a printed copy.

*Nominations may be made on the form available from the Church Office

The congregation is hosting a Christmas Party on **Friday, 13th December at 6pm** in the Courtyard to celebrate our wonderful staff and supporters. Please bring a plate for a picnic tea. Please RSVP to Barbara at barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com

Exhibition Opening: “Madonna: Wisdom, Grace, and Compassion”

On Friday, November 22, Kinross Arts Centre hosted the opening of ***Madonna: Wisdom, Grace, and Compassion***, an exhibition by Dr. Ursula Betka and Margaret Gibson. The evening also featured the launch of Dr. Betka’s book, *Techniques of Painting and Gilding in Late Medieval and Early Renaissance Italy*.

The event drew a full house of attendees, including academics, artists, and iconography enthusiasts. Guest MC Art Historian Mary McGillivray and presenter Caroline Field, Curator of the ACU Art Collection, provided thoughtful commentary that enriched the evening. The success of the event was made possible by the hard work of the UAT committee, our volunteers, and Jon Sennitt. It was a fitting and well-attended conclusion to our exhibition calendar for the year.



Photos courtesy of Ian Graham.

Kinross Closure

Please be advised that Kinross will be closed for the holiday period from December 19. Please stay tuned for further information.

December Diary Dates

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| Sun | 01 Dec | 9:00am | Worship in the Round | Rev Sylvia |
| Sun | 01 Dec | 10:15am | Worship Service | Rev Sylvia |
| Sun | 01 Dec | 11:15am | Morning Tea | Faichney Room |
| Tue | 03 Dec | 7:30pm | Discussion Group | Zoom |
| Wed | 04 Dec | 7:00pm | Handbells | Discussion Group |
| Thu | 05 Dec | 7:30pm | Church Council | Faichney Room |
| Fri | 06 Dec | 10:00am | Coffee Club | Kinross Café |
| Sun | 08 Dec | 9:00am | Worship in the Round | Rev Sylvia |
| Sun | 08 Dec | 10:15am | Worship Service | Rev Sylvia |
| Sun | 08 Dec | 11:15am | Morning Tea | Faichney Room |



Scan this QR-code for the Zoom link to the 7:30pm
Tuesday evening Discussion Group

(HC) - Holy Communion