

# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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



### A Message from Rev Sylvia

With deep consideration, I sincerely thank the Reverends Peter Whitaker, Gillian Crozier, and John Edwards, and all at Toorak Uniting Church who helped and contributed to making the Induction Service possible last Sunday. I look forward to being in this new covenantal relationship. May our journey together continue to support us individually and collectively as we live out our life of faith with joy, love, hope, curiosity and integrity. Grace and Peace, Sylvia

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Barbara thanks the congregation for their generous contributions to the celebratory afternoon tea following the induction of Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo last Sunday. It was truly a joyful occasion. A particular thanks to the tireless efforts of Thisby, Angela, Chris F, Richard, Jayfel, and James in serving and cleaning up.

### A New Chapter for the Café: Farewell and Fresh Beginnings

We would like to share some heartfelt news: Angela who has been a familiar and friendly face at Café.603, has recently secured a wonderful new position. Her last day in the cafe will be **Tue, 15th Oct** and the café will close on **Wed 2:30pm, 16 Oct**. We are incredibly grateful for Angela's hard work, dedication, and the warmth she has brought to the café. While we will miss her on a day-to-day basis, we're delighted that she'll still be part of our church family, so you'll continue to see her around, especially at Sunday worship.

At the same time, we're excited to announce that the café is entering a fresh new phase as part of our community outreach. In line with our mission to serve, the Church Council has decided to take over the running of the café, integrating it into our outreach efforts. We're looking forward to this exciting new era, which will officially open on **Wed, 23rd Oct** to cater for the bridge classes that meet here.

To kickstart this new chapter, we're organising a working bee on **Sun, 20th Oct, from 1pm to 4pm**. We'll be cleaning, reorganising, and getting the café ready for its next phase. **If you can spare a few hours to lend a hand, contact the church office—we'd love your help!**

## Green Dreams: Protecting Our World

October 21—November 10 | Also open November 2, 3, 9, 10

Celebrate the creativity of young artists (ages 6-12) from Toorak Art Studio in *Green Dreams*, an inspiring exhibition highlighting the beauty of our planet and the need to safeguard its future. This collection of vibrant artwork reflects a heartfelt call to action, reminding us of the fragility of the environment.

**Opening Celebration: Friday, November 1, 6-8pm**

RSVP: [director@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:director@kinrossarts.org.au)

Suggested dress code: wear green!



Jason Luo (age 7), *Saving whales from water pollution* (2024), Watercolour on paper, 29x40cm  
Grace Cai (age 9), *Jerdon's Courser* (2024), Acrylic on canvas, 51x41cm

### October Diary Dates

Sun	13 Oct	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	13 Oct	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	13 Oct	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Tue	15 Oct	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	16 Oct	7:30am	Café's Last Day	Café
Wed	16 Oct	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	20 Oct	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev John Edwards
Sun	20 Oct	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev John Edwards
Tue	22 Oct	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	23 Oct	7:30am	Café Reopens	Café
Wed	23 Oct	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	24 Oct	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Sat	26 Oct	9:00am	JMK Open Day	John Mackenzie
Sun	27 Oct	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	27 Oct	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Hall



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

(HC) - Holy Communion