



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

Sunday 26 April, 2026

**10:15am Combined Worship Service with
ANZAC Commemoration**

Easter 4

**Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo
Musicians: Joseph Yu and Barbara McKinnon**



Introit

Welcome & Community Announcements

Gathering Words

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with each one of us;
With God our creator, let us walk with each other in solidarity and harmony.

With every step we take, may it be for the sake of peace.

Let us be peacemakers wherever we are, and may this be our solemn vow.

Introduction to ANZAC commemoration

Prayer

God of love and liberty, we pray for the peace of the world, remembering with thanksgiving the labour and sacrifice of the first ANZACs, and all who have died in the cause of liberty and peace. We give thanks for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in times of war. We pray for those who still bear the physical, emotional and mental scars and disabilities of their service. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ode (please stand if you are able)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Last Post

Joseph Yu

Leader: We will remember them

All: *We will remember them*

(Minute of silence)

The Reveille

Joseph Yu

Hymn 10 The Lord's my Shepherd

Reading John 10: 1-10

Karen Brown

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

For the ways of Jesus that bring us new hope and abundant life, ***we give thanks.***

Conversation with Scripture

Be Life-giving

Offering Valse Triste for piano
Alfred Hill, composed 1914

Dedication of Offering

May our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.

May our faith be expressed in commitment to justice.

May our belief in the future find expression in simple acts of kindness lived out in our ordinary lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Mary Davidson

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn 654 When love is found

Blessing (let us all bless one another)

*May God continue to bless you and keep you,
May the Spirit smile upon you and be gracious unto you.
May the Christ send his light and give you his peace. Amen.*

Postlude Allegro, Sonata in F for trombone
Benedetto Marcello

1686-1739

Musicians: Joseph Yu – Bugle and Trombone
Barbara McKinnon – Piano

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter
Update 26 April 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



26 April – Combined Service and ANZAC Sunday

Please note that this Sunday, 26 April will be a Combined Service at 10:15am in the form of Worship used in the 9am Service, that is participatory in 'Conversation with Scripture'. The lectionary readings will be Psalm 23 and John 10: 1-10. Please read them and bring your questions and comments on what strikes you to contribute to the conversation. The service will include the Anzac Day remembrance, however as is customary in the 9am service, there will be no separate choral singing. We apologise that this exceptional service will not be able to be livestreamed and we invite our online worshippers to take the opportunity to revisit one of the previous Anzac Day services on our Youtube channel.

The service will be followed by a special morning tea in the Hall during which there will be an important update on developments in the campus renewal project. Contributions of Anzac biscuits to morning tea are most welcome!

Sammy Stamp Fundraising

For those of us who have been saving their used stamps for “Sammy Stamp,” the Uniting Church fundraising initiative, would you please hand in your latest collections to the TUC Office during the week, or give them to Stan Laugher after church on Sunday. We’re planning to deliver all our stamps to the Sammy Stamp team in a fortnight’s time.

Understanding Your Window of Tolerance: A workshop for everyday life

Toorak Uniting Church member, Executive Coach, and Somatic Therapist Rudi Doku runs a monthly online workshop that helps people recognise when stress is getting on top of them and find their way back to steadier ground.

It runs for 90 minutes online and is open to anyone, no background in psychology needed. Whether you're navigating a busy season of life or supporting someone who is, this workshop offers practical tools you can draw on straight away.

Next session: 7pm on Wednesday, 20 May 2026

For more information and to register, visit rudidoku.com/workshop

Mozart's Requiem and Unsung Heroes (Michael Easton) | 2:30pm on Sunday, 3 May at Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd

To be performed by Camberwell Chorale, including members of the TUC congregation! Mozart's final and most profound work, his Requiem, is a powerful and moving choral work renowned for dramatic intensity, stirring sequences, and evocative use of choir and orchestra. Michael Easton's compelling Unsung Heroes is based on the poetry of six famous English poets who served in WWI, and is a personal reflection of the Composer on the horror of war and its ultimate uselessness.

Featuring distinguished soloists Lauren Oldham (soprano), Kerrie Bolton (mezzo soprano), David Hobson (tenor), Adam Miller (bass), and conducted by Douglas Heywood OAM. **For tickets, please phone (03) 9278 4770 or use the online booking link: <https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/mozart-requiem-and-unsung-heroes-michael-easton>**

27 April – TUC Sewing Circle

Whether you're new or a seasoned stitcher, TUC Sewing Circle is a place for sharing ideas, learning new skills or just having a chat.

Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself!

Please arrive between 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm.

BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided. To RSVP, contact either

**Margot 0409 361 877 or
Angela 0407 887 596**

All are welcome to attend our next Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity on **Thursday, 30 April** at 10:30am at St Johns Anglican Church in Toorak.

April - May Diary Dates

Sun	26 Apr	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	26 Apr	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	27 Apr	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon	27 Apr	11:00am	TUC Sewing Circle	Wettenhall Room
Tue	28 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Tue	28 Apr	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	29 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	30 Apr	10:30am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Johns
Fri	1 May	10:30am	Coffee Club	Argyle House
Sun	3 May	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian
Sun	3 May	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian
Sun	3 May	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall



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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

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 Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church 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.