



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
03 9829 0300
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Order of Service

Sunday 26 July, 2026

Pentecost 9

10:15am Combined Worship Service

**Ministers: Rev Gillian Crozier
Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo**

Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

**Discovering
the Way
Forward**

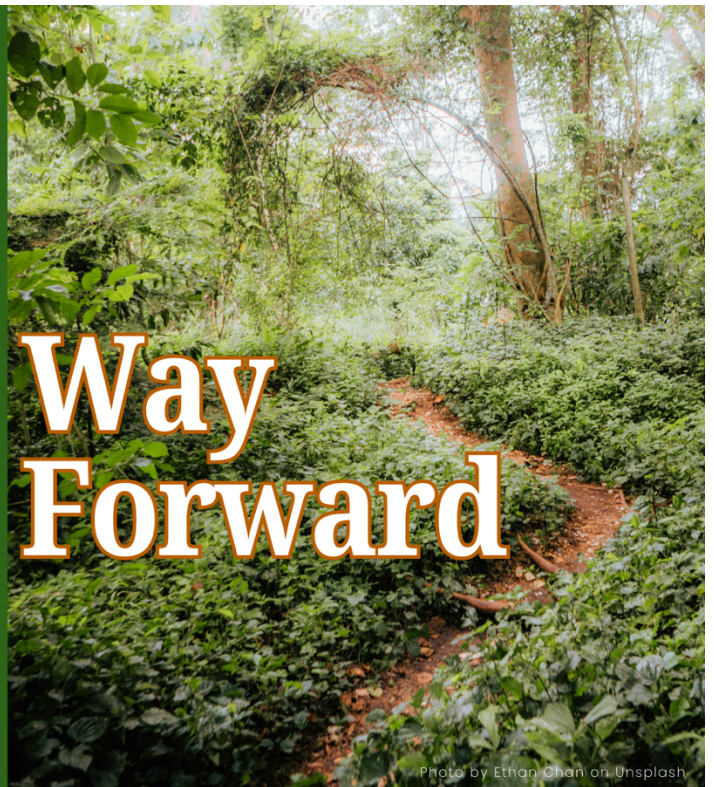


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Introit Christ was the word
Antony Baldwin

1957-

*Christ was the Word who spake it. He took the bread and brake it.
And what His word doth make it, that I believe and take it.*

Welcome and Community News

Call to Worship

Hymn 474 Here in this place new light is streaming
vv. 1, 2, 4

Opening Prayers

God of our every day. Friend who will walk our way. Light who can change the focus of our seeing: capture our heart and mind, be in the work we find, until all we do becomes your mode of being.

Before God and with the people of God we confess to our brokenness, to the way that we wound our life, the life of others and the life of the world.

Silence

Shine through our winter's grey. Break through depression's day. Live in the little deaths we die in growing: meaning for whom we grope, home of our strongest hope, power and peace, through all creation flowing.

May God's gracious love renew, empower and enable us to live in love and peace. Amen.

Engaging with the words of Scripture

The words of Scripture are a lamp to our feet: ***A light to our path.***

Reading Philippians 2: 1-5 Ann Ahin

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Anthem Jesu, the very thought of thee
Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

1874-1946

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee,
with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.*

Reading Romans 12: 2

Ann Ahin

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

As we ponder these treasured writings from the past, may we discover Your words for us today. ***Thanks be to God.***

Reflection Discovering the Way Forward

Hymn Christ be our Light
Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your break, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Our Response

Prayers for Others

Silence

God give us grace to accept with serenity the things we cannot change, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

Offering Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Johann Sebastian Bach

1685-1750

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring.
Holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

Dedication

Hymn 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Blessing

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 26 July 2026

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

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



26 July – Combined Worship Service & TUC Family Conversation

This Sunday, 26 July will be a Combined Worship Service at 10:15am, followed by our final Family Conversation during morning tea. The topic will be *‘Sharing insights and discerning the future direction of our Church Family’* and everyone is warmly invited to join the conversation for thoughtful discussion, fellowship and food.

Sweet and savoury contributions will be most welcome and can be dropped into the kitchen prior to the service.

Digital Essentials Class | Fridays 10am-12:30pm starting 31 July

Digital Essentials is a beginner-friendly class designed to help improve confidence in using your own smartphone or device in a supportive classroom environment. Topics covered will include communicating with others via SMS and WhatsApp, navigating the internet, using email and social media, taking advantage of apps such as PTV and MyGov, and staying safe online. It will be held in the Faichney Room here at TUC.

In order for this class to go ahead on the planned date, we need at least two more people to enrol by Wednesday, 29 July.

If you are unsure or would like to learn more about the class, please call **9510 7052** or visit socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=49580

Church Council – Secretary position is vacant

Church Council will be meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday, 30 July. We are seeking someone to fill the role of secretary. Key tasks are circulating the agenda and reports, and recording and circulating minutes. Word processing skills are necessary. If you would be able to assist, Barbara would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact her via chair@toorakuc.org.au or **0405 987 890** if you would like to discuss.

Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity

Please come and join the Toorak Ecumenical community for our next Prayers for Christian Unity to be held at St John’s Anglican Church on **Thursday, 30 July at 10:30am.**

Join the Update Team!

We're still looking for volunteers to assist in the production of our important weekly congregational Update, freeing up more time in the Office to look after users of our facilities. This is a task can be done at home and word processing and (preferably but not essentially) Affinity skills would be welcome. Please email Barbara McKinnon, chair@toorakuc.org.au, if you would like to assist with this key task.

Wesley Centre Lectures: What kind of leadership do we need?

This is the question we are asking in our spring series of 'Conversations that matter' in the lead up to the Victorian State election:

4 August: What is the economic leadership Australia needs? with Jonathan Cornford and Catherine de Fortenay.

15 September: What kind of moral leadership does Australia need? with Tim Costello and Jessica Hateley-Browne.

20 October: What kind of political leadership does Australia need? with Bronwyn Pike and Paul Strangio.

Venue & Bookings: 'The School house' on Wesley Place, 130 Lonsdale St at 5:30pm, events.humanitix.com/wesley-centre-spring-series-conversations-that-matter

27 July - 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**.

July - August Diary Dates

Sun	26 Jul	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	26 Jul	11:15am	Morning Tea & Family Conversation	Faichney
Mon	27 Jul	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon	27 Jul	11:00am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tue	28 Jul	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible online	Zoom
Tue	28 Jul	7:30pm	Christian Meditation	Online
Wed	29 Jul	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	30 Jul	10:30am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St John's
Thu	30 Jul	7:30pm	Church Council	Argyle House
Sun	2 Aug	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Barbara Allan
Sun	2 Aug	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Barbara Allan
Sun	2 Aug	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney

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A beginner friendly class to help you get the most out of your phone or tablet. Come along and improve your confidence in a supportive classroom environment.

**REGISTER
YOUR
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**CALL
9510 7052 OR
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**Friday
10am to 12:30pm**

**TENTATIVE START DATE
FRIDAY 31 JULY**

Location:

Toorak Uniting Church
603 Toorak Rd, Toorak

Fee:

from \$42 (10 weeks)

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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.