# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 11 May 2025

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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



## Bible Study Group - Led by Rev Peter Whitaker

Are you interested in exploring the purpose of the creation stories, Adam and Eve, or Noah? Or would you simply like to deepen your understanding of the Bible? Rev Peter Whitaker will be leading a weekly Bible Study group with two options to join:

**In person:** Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30am in the Faichney Room, from Monday 19 May or **online via Zoom**: Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm, from Tuesday 20 May.



**All are welcome**, whether you're new to Bible study or looking to explore familiar stories in a fresh way.

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



## **Election Day A Great Success**

The day was coordinated by Campus Manager, Richard De Vere and included a book stall led by Stan Laugher, cake stall led by Jenny Stewardson and hot food stall operated by Barbara McKinnon. Kinross Café was open and served over 130 takeaway coffees, whilst also providing hot food for

Barbara's stall. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote the café to the wider community. We also rented space five other stall-holders, including Fleur from Fleur Creative in Kinross.

The approximate net funds raised were: Cakes \$1,600, Books \$950, Hot food stall \$450, Café \$1,100—Total \$4,100.

The success of the day was underpinned by the extraordinary commitment and hard work of our employees. Jayfel coordinated stall holders and Richard De Vere managed the day, arriving on site at 5:30am to ensure a smooth operation. Chris Ferdinands and Chloe were also on deck from the wee hours and continued tirelessly in the café until closure at 2 30pm.

Stan did a magnificent job assembling volunteers for the book and cake stalls. The set up on Friday, sales and clean up on Saturday drew upon a great team, with deep thanks to Thisby L, Jenny S, Chris B, Sam McK, Michael K, Barbara McK, Jay T-L, Arky, James W, Chris B, Catriona DV, Richard DV, Christine B, Garry B, Chris L, Alison L, Alexandra L, James B, Charlie B, Robert B, Angela N, Oscar G, Jenny, Robert F, Toby G, Adele and Bronwyn DJ as well as to those who so generously denoted their books and their baked goods, in particular Angela N and Jenny S who had cooked up an absolute storm!

According to the AEC, there were nearly 1,300 Kooyong votes alone cast at our polling booth. It was wonderful to be able to showcase an active TUC community and to raise funds to support the work of TUC.

#### **Sesquicentenary Concert**

The sesquicentenary concert, magnificently organised by David Ross-Smith, launched the 150th anniversary celebrations at TUC. An audience of over 140 people delighted in the performances of the talented Opera Su Presto members, who most generously donated their time for the occasion.

The afternoon tea following the concert was a joyful affair, with delicious sandwiches donated by Margaret Lloyd Banks and Heather Martin and other afternoon treats supplied by congregation members accompanied by tea, coffee and punch.

TUC is deeply grateful for the work of the Sesquicentenary Committee, including David Ross-Smith, and to the team of volunteers that was assembled to assist with hosting refreshments, many of whom had contributed significantly to the Election Day fair.

The accounts from the event are still being finalised, with a number of generous donations being received in addition to the very healthy ticket sales. Church Council looks forward to making a substantial donation to the Music for David program in memory of former minister Rev David Hodges, whose extraordinary guidance saw the initiation of so many programs that are highly valued at TUC today.

#### **May Diary Dates**

Sun	11 May	All Day	Mother's Day	
Sun	11 May	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	11 May	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	11 May	11:15am	TUC Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	12 May	10:00am	Meet the Ministers	Faichney Room
Sun	18 May	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	18 May	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Sylvia