Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 22 November 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



TOORAK UNITING CHURCH
GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A General Meeting of the Congregation will be held **at 9:45am on Sunday 29th November 2026 in the Faichney Room**.

The agenda will be as follows.

1. Election of two representatives to Presbytery for 2027.*
2. To consider and if thought fit to approve the Operating Budget for 2027.
3. To consider and if thought fit to approve the appointment of Accru Melbourne as Church Auditors.

Copies of the Budget have been sent out to members by email. Please contact the Church office if you didn't receive it or would like a hard copy.

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

Save the Dates - Christmas at TUC!

Make a note of these special services at TUC for the festive season!

Sunday 13 December - 8 pm Lessons and carols (an evening service in addition to the normal 9 am and 10.15 am services on that day).

Christmas Eve 24 December - 6 pm (Christmas carols) and also 8 pm (service featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*).

Christmas Day 25 December - 10.15 am Worship Service.

Sunday 27 December - Summer Sundays services begin, at 9.30 am.

Seeking volunteers for Summer Sunday services

TUC's Summer Sunday services will be taking place at 9:30am from 27 Dec - 31 Jan inclusive, in lieu of our usual two services.
We seek volunteers to serve as Leaders, Welcomers, Readers and on Morning Tea during January. If you're going to be around during the summer, please consider putting your hand up as your service will provide our usual volunteers with a well-earned break. Please let Rev Sylvia know or contact office@toorakuc.org.au to volunteer. Thank you!

Ecumenical Prayers

Join us for the Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity at St John's Anglican Church Toorak, on Thursday 26 November 2026 at 10:30 am.

Food for Friends Appeal 2026

Our annual Food for Friends appeal of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement is upon us. These funds enable us to assist local agencies in providing support to those in need at this time of the year. We use your donations to purchase nonperishable groceries and personal items to supply to our chosen charities for sharing with their clients.

Please make your donation direct to:

Toorak Ecumenical Fund

BSB: 063 177
Account Number: 1002 6147

Toorak Branch,
Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Please mark this donation Food 4 Friends. We thank you for your support and generosity.

The Seven "O" Antiphons of Advent

St Peter's, Toorak will present a Holy Hour with Sacred Music on Friday 27 November 2026 at 7.00 pm. The night will include new settings of the ancient Antiphons and will be sung in Latin and English, accompanied by a chamber ensemble. See more about this profound musical experience at https://armadaletoorak.org.au/parishevents/sept-concert-ryckp.
Free Admission (donation on entry) but booking appreciated for catering purposes: **trybooking.com/1540853**

Monday 23 November - 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 11-11:30 am with a finish time of 2:30 pm. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided. To RSVP, contact either **Margot 0409 361 877** or **Angela 0407 887 596.**

Men's Lunch

We're planning our next informal lunch on Thursday 3 December, so if you'd like to join us please speak to Rob Ahin or email him at robinahin@optusnet.com.au

NCLS Survey

If you didn't get a chance to complete the National Church Life Survey in person on 8 November, you can still do so online via https://mysurveys.ncls.org.au/start/attender using TUC's unique church code. Please contact the office to be given the code, and thanks to all who have participated in the Survey.

Faithful Futures

The Synod and Presbytery have (as noted in previous *Updates*) entered into a process for determining priorities and future directions which involves obtaining feedback from Church Councils and congregations.

The TUC Church Council will be meeting to respond next Thursday, 26 November. Church Council's response will be circulated to the congregation for comment and feedback on 29 November following the 10:15 am service. For more information about the Faithful Futures project, please visit https://victas.uca.org.au/faithful-futures/#about

Baroque Christmas 2026

Composers throughout history have pulled out all the stops to produce their most buoyant and engaging music for the Christmas season. This year, the Australian Chamber Choir conducted by Douglas Lawrence (former Director of Music at TUC) is presenting a concert in Melbourne (Middle Park) on Sunday 6 December 2026 at 3:00 pm, as well as on other dates at Terang, Macedon, Dunkeld (package available including accommodation at Royal Mail Hotel) and Geelong.

For further details, and to buy tickets, see auschoir.org/buy-tickets/ and quote "TUC" for 10% off regular tickets.

Diary Dates

Sun 22 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Gillian
Sun 22 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian
		followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon 23 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Mon 23 Nov	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tues 24 Nov	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Tues 24 Nov	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed 25 Nov	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thur 26 Nov	10.30 am	Ecumenical Prayers	St John's
Sun 29 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun 29 Nov	9.45 am	Congregational Meeting	Faichney
Sun 29 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
		followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon 30 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues 1 Dec	4.00 pm	PCG Meeting	Faichney
Tues 1 Dec	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tues 1 Dec	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Wed 2 Dec	5.00 pm	Worship Committee	Faichney