

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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



Barbara Sawyer Funeral Details

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Sawyer will take place here at Toorak Uniting Church at **10am on Tuesday, 29 April 2025.**

Refreshments to follow in the Faichney Room & Courtyard.

The family invites the congregation to attend, and thank you for your thoughtful message and helpful prayers at this time.

Book & Cake Stall at 2025 Federal Election—Saturday 3 May

With just one week to go, you can help make our Mini Fair a success on Election Day, 3 May 2025. We need volunteers to staff both the Book Stall and the Cake Stall.

Jenny Stewardson is coordinating the Cake Stall. Donations of cakes, biscuits, jams will boost our sales. Please remember to label your items with your initials and list of ingredients. Staffing a shift of an hour of your time is greatly appreciated. Our hours will be from 8am until 1:30pm, or sooner when we're all sold out.

Stan Laughner is managing the Book Stall. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed your pre-loved books to the Stall. We are still welcoming books to add to the stocks for sale. Please drop them off at the TUC Office by Friday May 2, or organise with Stan to have them collected before Friday May 2. On the day, Book Stall sales are from 8am to 1pm. Volunteer shifts of an hour are available to help boost our sales team. I will appreciate some fresh bodies to help us pack up and unsold stock.

Jenny and Stan are looking for your help.

Stan's mobile: 0427 401 299

Jenny's mobile: 0400 800 471

Coffee Club

We did not have Coffee Club in April as it was to be on the same day as Malcolm Jack's funeral. Hopefully you will be able to come to Kinross Café at 10am on Friday, 2 May for a coffee, cake, quick and chat.

Leonie Dillon

A Happy and Holy Occasion

It is February 1942, and tonight is a very happy and holy occasion. Tomorrow, young Christy will travel to Sydney to begin his studies for the priesthood. The O'Mahon family, proud Irish-Australians, throw a small party of farewell, with lamingtons and sing-alongs. But faith and duty can be heavy burdens, and the news of war is increasingly grim—the family is forced to confront difficult truths.

Malvern Theatre Company is pleased to revive this classic Australian play. A joyous celebration of Irish-Australian humour and resilience, a study of faith and friendships, a drama of a family at pressure-point, 'A Happy and Holy Occasion' is a bitter-sweet portrait of a vanished Australia.

The play is running until Saturday, 10 May at Malvern Theatre Company, 29 Burke Road, Malvern East. Tickets are \$27, please use the link:

<https://malvernthatre.com.au/>

The Passing of Pope Francis

"A shepherd of grace and compassion"

Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli extends the deepest condolences of the Uniting Church in Australia to the Catholic Church upon the passing of Pope Francis, and pays tribute to the spiritual leader.

If you would like to read the full statement from Rev Charissa, please follow this link:

<https://uniting.church/statement-on-the-passing-of-pope-francis/>

April—May Diary Dates

Sun	27 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	27 Apr	11:15am	TUC Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	28 Apr	7:30am	Kinross Café Reopens	Kinross Café
Mon	28 Apr	10:00am	Meet the Ministers	Faichney Room
Tue	29 Apr	10:00am	Funeral for Barbara Sawyer	Church Space
Wed	30 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Fri	02 May	10:00am	Coffee Club	Kinross Café
Sat	03 May	8:00am	Federal Election and Mini Fair	TUC Campus
Sun	04 May	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	04 May	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	04 May	11:15am	TUC Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Sun	04 May	2:00pm	Sesquicentenary Concert	Church Space
Sun	04 May	2:30pm	Armada UC Final Service	Armada Uniting