



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people
who follow Jesus.
His words and actions
inform our living.

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To protect our community, if you have Covid or flu-like symptoms please wear a mask during worship, particularly when singing. Maintaining a distance of 1.5m from others is also recommended.

Order of Service

29 September 2024 – 10:15am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier

Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

**PRAYER:
HOW DOES IT WORK?**

*Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
That lies in darkness does its life retain
In resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

ENGAGING WITH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

The words of scripture are a lamp to our feet:
a light to our path.

Reading Psalm 85: 8-13

Anna Field

Let me hear what god the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good,
and your land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

Anthem Christ is our light
(words Leith Fisher, Highland Cathedral)

*Christ is our light! The bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.*

*Christ is our love! Baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.*

*Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciple did in Galilee*

Reading Matthew 6: 5-8; Matthew 7: 7-11

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

Reflection Prayer: How does it work?

Hymn 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

OUR RESPONSE

THE PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND SILENCE

***All: 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 the one from the other.***

Hymn Longing for light
 Words by Bernadette Farrell

*In deepest night, shadows are lifted
Now let your servant go forth in peace
Your Word fulfilled, your promise honoured
Love that will never cease!*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today
With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations
Light for the world to see!*

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

*Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight!*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
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The Offering and Dedication

Choir *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 to truth unknown, Soaring, dying
round Thy throne.*

Blessing

Postlude *A Festive Trumpet Tune
Douglas E. Wagner 1952-*

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 29 September 2024

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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



We look forward to the induction of our new minister, Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo at **2pm Sunday 6 October**. A celebratory afternoon tea will follow the service. If you could contribute a plate to this special occasion, please let Barbara McKinnon know. Email: Barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com

Please note that there will be no tea and coffee following the 10:15am service.

On **September 29**, the congregation will take the opportunity to thank the ministry team, Rev Peter Whitaker, John Edwards and Gillian Crozier, who have led us so well over the last three years. The **9:00am congregation will have breakfast at 8:00am in the café** with the ministers and the 10:15am congregation will have a celebratory cake with coffee following the service.

Our gatherings for morning tea after the 10:15am service each week are a valued part of TUC fellowship and community. The small and faithful group of servers is in urgent need of more assistance. If you are able to help once a month, or as an occasional substitute, please advise either Christine B. or the church office ASAP. We will be grateful.

Coffee Club - 10am, Friday 4 October

Even though it has been advertised that Café.603 will be closed during the school holidays, including Friday 4th, Angela the lovely lady who makes our coffee has told me she will open and provide coffee and cake for Coffee Club between 10am and 11:30am just for us. How good is she! So please come along for Coffee, cake and a quick to our private gathering. New people welcome!

Leonie Dillon

The Office will be placing a name badge order on Friday, 4 October. If you would like a name badge, please contact the office on **office@toorakuc.org.au** or call **03 9829 0300**.

The cost is \$15.

Notices from Kinross

Green Dreams: Protecting Our World | October 21—November 10
(also open 2 & 3 November, and 9 & 10 November)

Discover Green Dreams, an exhibition featuring the vibrant artwork of young artists (ages 6-12) from Toorak Art Studio.

These budding artists explore the beauty of our planet and the urgent need to protect it for the future. Celebrate art and environmental awareness in this inspiring showcase.

Opening Celebration: **Friday, November 1, 6-8pm**

RSVP to director@kinrossarts.org.au

Suggested dress code: Wear green!

Centenary Concert for Reverend David Hodges AM

Sunday, October 27, 4pm

Celebrate the legacy of Rev David Hodges AM with an afternoon of music featuring the TUC Choir, David Ross-Smith's students, and guest artists Kate Amos and Samuel Thomas-Holland. Enjoy works by Handel, Gershwin, and Greig, followed by refreshments. Held at the residence of David Ross-Smith at 15 Watson Street, Glen Iris.

Catering by Heather Marin.

Admission: \$35 (\$30 concession)

Limited seating. Book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CVBJW>
or call 0429 907 908.

September Diary Dates

Sun	29 Sep	8:00am	9am Service Breakfast	Wettenhall Room
Sun	29 Sep	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	29 Sep	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	29 Sep	11:15am	Morning Tea & Celebration	Faichney Room
Mon	30 Sep	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Mon	30 Sep	10:30am	Bible Study on Holy Spirit	Faichney Room
Tue	01 Oct	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	02 Oct	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	03 Oct	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Fri	04 Oct	10:00am	Coffee Club	Café.603
Sun	06 Oct	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	06 Oct	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker



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

(HC) - Holy Communion



The flowers in church today are in memory of Margaret Tuohy

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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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.