



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

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

Sunday 16 August, 2026

10:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Minister: Rev Peter Whitaker
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



Introit

Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found

Hal Harold Hopson

1933-

Pamela Brown Handbell Choir

Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found.

Call upon the Lord while the Lord is near.

Welcome & Greeting

Report: Mission Cranbourne Food Truck

Phillip Start

When we are parched: **God refreshes.**

When we are hungry: **God sustains.**

When we are naked: **God covers.**

When we are barren: **God provides.**

O God, you are our God: we seek your face.

Every thirst may be quenched in the waters of God.

Every hunger may be fed at the table of God.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 161 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Prayers of Approach

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to our feet: **and a light to our path.**

Reading

Luke 15: 1-2

Caroline Vaillant

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Reading

Luke 15: 11-20

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father.

Anthem Jesus bleibet meine Freude - Jesus remains my joy
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750
English Translation by Francis Browne

*[Jesus remains my joy, the comfort and life's blood of my heart,
Jesus defends me against all sorrows, he is my life's strength,
the delight and sun of my eyes my soul's treasure and joy;
therefore I shall not let Jesus go from my heart and sight.]*

Hymn 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Offering	Pie Jesu - from Requiem Opus 48	
	Gabriel Urbain Faure	1845-1924
	Soloist: Catherine Williams, TUC Choral Scholar	

[Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest, rest everlasting.]

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Christine Brown

Our Prayer for Others

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 150 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Benediction

Postlude The Gardens Of Kyoto
Pamela Brown Handbell Choir

John Klein 1915-1981

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 16 August 2026

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

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



16 August – Communion Sunday

Each month on the third Sunday we come together to celebrate Communion. On these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards the four Outreach programs we support. These programs are all under the umbrella of the Uniting Church and greatly rely on and appreciate our support. They are The Homework Hub in Pakenham, The Cranbourne Food Truck, the Boroondara Community Outreach in Kew, and SOSK (Skills, Opportunity and Survival in Kenya).

You may either donate into the Outreach offering bowl at the rear of the Church or donate electronically at any time to Toorak Uniting Church, marking your donation as "Outreach".

BSB: 033 086 Account Number: 911 892

Thank you for your heartfelt support!

Grief Support Group

Elsternwick Caulfield South Uniting Church is commencing a Grief Support Group on Wednesday afternoons from 19th August. Facilitated by experienced counsellors, Drs. Marnie Sather and Greg Smith, this group will provide the opportunity for people to share their experiences around tea, coffee and cake. Gold coin donation.

Sessions will commence at 2.30 pm each Wednesday, at Elsternwick Caulfield Uniting Church, 567 Glen Huntly Rd. Enquiries to Greg on 0432 596 293.

St Peter's Family Market - 12 pm Sunday 16 August

Our neighbours at the parish of St John Paul II Armadale & Toorak (St Peter's) are having a Family Market on Sunday 16 August, from 12pm - 3pm. It's at Our Lady of Lourdes, 631 High Street, Prahran East.

It's sure to be a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others. The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, jumping castle, and animal farm for the kids.

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group will return at 7:30pm in the church on Wednesday 18 August. On 25 August, it will be by zoom. For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com

Faith in protest

Pilgrim Theological College will host the 2026 Northey Lecture, Faith in Protest: Liberation Theologies and Activism in the 1970s and 1980s, on

Wednesday 2 September, from 2–3:30pm. Drawing on the World Council of Churches' Programme to Combat Racism, lecturer Michael

Mawson will explore how New Zealand and Australian Christians engaged in anti-racist activism during the 1970s and 1980s, and how this history can inform our responses to racism and white supremacy today. This is a free public event, and all are warmly invited to attend.

For more details, and to register on line or in person, refer to the Humanitix link [HERE](#).

Email for submission of Update notes

Just a reminder that the email address for submitting notes has changed. Please send all Update notes to update@toorakuc.org.au (rather than to the Office email address)

August Diary Dates

Sun	16 Aug	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Peter W
Sun	16 Aug	10.15 am	Worship Service with HC followed by morning tea	Rev Peter W Faichney
Mon	17 Aug	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon	17 Aug	2.30 pm	Archives Committee	Faichney
Tues	18 Aug	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible on line	Zoom
Tues	18 Aug	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Wed	19 Aug	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	21 Aug	10.00 am	Digital Essentials Class	Faichney
Sun	23 Aug	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation & HC	Rev Peter W
Sun	23 Aug	10.15 am	Worship Service followed by morning tea	Rev Peter W Faichney
Mon	24 Aug	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon	24 Aug	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenall
Tues	25 Aug	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Wed	26 Aug	5.00 pm	Worship Committee	Faichney



Artwork: Sylvia Isaac

The flowers in the Church today are given by Wanda Sumual.

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct deposit to
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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 continues to be 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.