Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 1 November 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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

Coffee Club - Friday 6 November

The next get together for our Coffee Club will be at 10:30 am this Friday (6 November). As Argyle House is being used to assist with Spire Restoration works, we will now meet in the Faichney Room.

All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a friendly chat. We look forward to meeting you then - just turn up!

Exploring the Bible

Exploring the Bible sessions will be held as usual this coming week, on Monday 2 November in Argyle House at 10.30 am and on Tuesday 3 November (Cup Day), by Zoom at 7.30 pm.
Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Christian Meditation

There will be no Christian Meditation on 3 November (Cup Day).
For more information, contact April at **lirpanotes@icloud.com**

Thanks

Thanks to all who assisted with last week's lunch after the combined service, and to Rob Ahin for co-ordinating.

Church Council secretary

This position is still vacant. The role involves sending the agenda and other meeting papers to the members of church council, bundling up the correspondence and meeting papers for distribution and passing on correspondence addressed to the secretary. It can, but does not need to, also involve taking and preparing meeting minutes. If you have the computer skills to carry out this role, Barbara would be delighted to hear from you. At present she carries out this task on top of full time service to the wider community.

Spire Appeal

Our concert helped, but there's still a long way to go! Donations to the Spire Appeal are welcome and can be tax deductible. See

https://www.toorakuc.org.au/spire-appeal

Oversight of church rosters

The smooth functioning of the 10:15 am service relies on a number of helpers - such as welcomers, readers, ushers, communion preparers, offering counters - each Sunday. Fiona Thomas has been doing a wonderful job coordinating the rosters for a number of years, but is relocating to the UK and is not in a position to continue. The coordinator needs to ensure that spaces are filled and to communicate with the office so that reminders can be sent. This role could be shared. Please let Rev Sylvia know if you or your team can assist with this vital support of our worshipping community.

Cross, Flag and Nation: Responding to Christian nationalism

Christian nationalism is often treated as an American story. In Europe, and here in Australia, it takes different forms. What does it look like? How should we respond? Visiting academic Dr Nick Spencer (Theos Thinktank, London) is gving a public lecture this topic on Monday 9 November, 7:30 pm, in person and online at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville.

Registration via https://events.humanitix.com/cross-flag-and-nation-the-many-faces-of-christian-nationalism

Introducing Surya Kriya yoga

A two morning program of Surya Kriya yoga conducted by Rakesh Chandra (Classical Hatha yoga teacher) will be held on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 2026 at Armagh, 226 Kooyong Road, Toorak.

To learn more and register visit https://events.humanitix.com/hatha-yoga-program-surya-kriya

Enquires to rakesh.ragamalika@gmail.com. Also if you would be interested in regular Surya Kriya classes at TUC, please let Rakesh know.

Aged care fees and charges

Services Australia offer a variety of information sessions to help people understand the services and support available. The sessions cover a range of topics, but of interest may be an upcoming session at Kew Court House on 5 November about “Understanding Aged Care fees and charges”. For more information visit https://www.moniqueryan.com.au/services_australia_information_session_on_aged_care_fees_20261105

Faithful futures

The Faithful Futures Project is a collaborative effort between presbyteries and the Synod to discern priorities, direct resources and ensure we are equiped for the challenges and opportunities ahead. The project was approved at the Synod Meeting 2025.

A one-page summary is available setting out the five shared goals (copies were distributed last Sunday).

For more information, visit https://victas.uca.org.au/faithful-futures/

Diary Dates

Sun	1 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	1 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	2 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	2 Nov	4.00 pm	Renew 603 meeting	Wettenhall
Tues	3 Nov	All Day	TUC closed for public holiday	Office
Tues	3 Nov	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	4 Nov	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thur	5 Nov	7.30 pm	Church Council	Faichney
Fri	6 Nov	10.30 am	Coffee Club	Faichney
Sun	8 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	8 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	9 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues	10 Nov	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tues	10 Nov	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom