

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Coffee Club - Friday 4 September

The next get-together for our Coffee Club is at 10:30am on Friday 4th September in Argyle House.

All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a friendly chat.
We look forward to meeting you there on Friday.

Can you help?

This Sunday we will be having a special morning tea after our combined service. If any member of the congregation would like to bring a plate to morning tea/early lunch that day, it would be most welcome.
Savoury or sweet is fine.

Please bring the plate to the kitchen near the Hall before the service.

Concert for the Spire

We're having a fundraising concert, with the proceeds to go towards the cost of restoring the spire. This should be a memorable event, and will be at 3 pm on Sunday 11 October.

More details will follow shortly, but in the meantime, save the date!

Weekly TUC communications reminder

At the end of each week, we send out an email that includes the coming Sunday's Order of Service, Update, and any other important information about TUC. This can include notices of congregational meetings and Church Council minutes.

If you would like to stay up to date with what's happening and receive these weekly emails, you can subscribe via our website at toorakuc.org.au/newsletters-and-events, or otherwise by emailing the office.

Fellowship at TUC

TUC is working towards establishing initiatives such as a Chatty Cafe and a Men's Group to provide more opportunities for fellowship and also reach out into the wider community. Rev Sylvia would be happy to hear from you if you would like to assist. In the meantime, if you want to sample these kind of activities, Prahran Place Neighbourhood centre has a number on offer that may be of interest, as outlined below.

Come Say Hello at Prahran Place

Feeling like getting out and meeting some new faces? Prahran Place has something for everyone, whatever your age or interests. We are located centrally in Grattan Gardens, close to Prahran Market and the Prahran train station. Pop in for Chatty Cafe to grab a cuppa, have a laugh, and join in on some games, or lace up for one of our morning walking groups, a lovely way to stretch the legs and chat along the way. If you're navigating My Aged Care, we run regular information sessions and can also arrange a 1-on-1 chat to help you sort out what you need. We also run monthly group outings for My Aged Care clients. Love getting creative? Try your hand at crochet, studio arts, sewing or hand ceramics - all welcoming groups for any skill level.

Everyone's welcome! Give us a call on **9510 7052** or check out our website to find out what's on and when at prahranplace.org.au

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 1 September will be at 7:30pm in the Church. 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. 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. For more details, and to register on line or in person, refer to the Humanitix website (<https://humanitix.com/au>).

Exploring the Bible

Our *Exploring the Bible* sessions continue each Monday at 10.30am in Argyle House and each Tuesday at 7.30pm by Zoom.

Planning has started for an *Exploring the Bible* Retreat on Sunday 20 September. This would be from 12 noon until 3.30pm, and comprise prayers and meditation. All are welcome.

Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Agatha's Cantata, Vivaldi's Gloria

The documentary, **Agatha's Story** is on SBS OnDemand. It tells of the discovery and reconstruction of a lost Cantata. Born with only one finger on her left hand, Agatha grew up in the Venetian orphanage where Vivaldi was teaching and the orphans were given an excellent education in music. Agatha's Cantata, *Ecce nunc*, is the only composition by an orphan of the Ospedale della Pietà that has survived to be heard by modern audiences. The doco fills out details of Agatha's life and culminates in the ACC's performance of it at the Pisani Palace in Venice.

To celebrate the airing of the documentary and to celebrate Agatha's life and work, the ACC presents **Agatha's Cantata, Vivaldi's Gloria**.

Vivaldi's *Gloria* is a perfect companion to Agatha's Cantata.

Australian Chamber Choir with an orchestra of period instruments directed by Douglas Lawrence will present **Agatha's Cantata, Vivaldi's Gloria** at Scots' Church, Melbourne, 5 pm, Saturday 12 September.

Book at www.auschoir.org, or call 0452 531 750.

Diary Dates

Sun	30 Aug	10.15 am	Combined Worship service followed by morning tea	Rev Peter W Hall
Mon	31 Aug	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	1 Sep	4.00pm	Renew 603 meeting	Faichney
Tue	1 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Tue	1 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	2 Sep	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	4 Sep	10.30 am	Coffee Club	Argyle House
Sun	6 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	6 Sep	10.15 am	Worship service followed by morning tea	Rev Sylvia Faichney
Mon	7 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House