



Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 27 November 2022

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Sunday services 9:00 & 10:15am

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

Thought of the week - Rev. Peter Whitaker

'Our society values activity and productivity. Consequently, the wise person is not preferred to the productive person. Prayer is not preferred to laudable achievements. The challenge for the Christian is to be nurtured by God.'

Help wanted for a special morning tea

December 11th will be Wal Baker's final service at TUC after more than 15 years of magic, delightful children's stories and great preaching. To celebrate Wal's time with us, we will be having a special morning tea following a whole church family service at 10:15am. If you would like to help with catering please contact Jaki on 0499 442 347.



Christmas with Victoria Chorale and the Art of Sound orchestra

Dear Friends, Capture the spirit of Christmas with Victoria Chorale and the Art of Sound orchestra on Saturday 10 December at St Paul's Cathedral, Flinders Street. Mario Dobernic will conduct Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio with four wonderful soloists: Amanda Hargreaves - Soprano, Syrah Torii - Mezzo Soprano, Ben Glover - Tenor and Bradley Montgomerie - Baritone.

The program is:

- Saint-Saëns uplifting Christmas Oratorio
- Gustav Holst's delightful Christmas Day
- Australian carols by William James
- A joyous collection of popular carols - audience participation welcome

To purchase your tickets visit Trybooking

Ticket pricing is:

Adult \$60 / Concession \$55 (Take advantage of the \$5 earlybird discount before November 27).

Group of 10⁺: \$48 per ticket

30 years and under: \$40

Full-time student: \$35

Child under 12 years: \$20

Check it out on Facebook and let your friends know too.

Look forward to seeing you there. Anne Page

VICTORIA CHORALE
&
ART OF SOUND ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS Celebration

CONDUCTED BY MARIO DOBERNIC

SAINT-SAËNS
CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

HOLST
CHRISTMAS DAY

JAMES
FIVE AUSTRALIAN CAROLS

FAVOURITE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

JULIAN YU
CONCERTO ON CHINESE THEMES
(LENTO, VIVACE)

SOPRANO
AMANDA HARGREAVES

MEZZO SOPRANO
SYRAH TORII

TENOR
BEN GLOVER

BARITONE
BAILEY MONTGOMERIE

CLARINET
ROBERT SCHUBERT

10 DECEMBER 2022, 5PM
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
FLINDERS ST, MELBOURNE
TICKETS \$35 - \$60
<https://www.trybooking.com/CDJFV>

0438 071 001 EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL NOV 27

Food for Friends in COVID Times 2022 Appeal

Again this year, we are unable to do our usual supermarket collections. So, as we did for the last two years, with remarkable success, we are asking for financial donations once again. This money raised will be spent during the year on food supplies for the various nominated agencies. This has proved to be very successful as the agencies are experiencing increasing demand throughout the year, not just at Christmas time, for their services as inflation continues to contribute to the rising cost of living.

So, please consider donating to The Toorak Ecumenical Fund - CBA Toorak BSB: 063 177 ACC: 1002 6147. Please mark it F for F. No receipts will be issued. Thank you for your support. The agencies we assisted this year were: Christ Church Mission, St Kilda. St Joseph's, Sth Yarra. Prahran Mission. Richmond Churches Food Bank. Aboriginal Catholic Mission. Church of All Nations. Brotherhood of St Laurence. MacKillop Family Services. St Mark's, Fitzroy. John Pierce Centre for the Deaf .

Help wanted

Help wanted in finding people to serve on the property and communications committees. If you have skills that you think would assist TUC in this area or would like to nominate someone, Barbara McKinnon would be delighted to hear from you. chair@toorakuc.org.au or mobile: 0405987890

You are invited to a night of drama and Christmas fare at St John's Toorak Parish Hall at 7pm on Saturday 10th December

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens

Performed by Wendy Crouch

And accompanied by 'Smoking Bishop'* and Christmas treats

****Mulled wine. Other beverages available.***

\$10 entry. Proceeds to Richmond Churches' Food Centre.



Ecumenical Invitation

Please join us for the Ecumenical Advent Service here at TUC next Sunday December 4 at 7pm, conducted by Rev. John Edwards, followed by seasonal nibbles.

Swedish Church Christmas Market

Open 12 November to 18 December Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10am 4pm. Sunday 12 - 4pm. Scandinavian handmade Christmas decorations, gifts, food, lollies and other treats. For update information please see: svenkakyrkan.se/melbourne. Swedish Church, 21 St Georges Rd, Toorak.

A Concert to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of César Franck 2pm Sunday 27 November 2022 at TUC

Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano Prelude,
Choral and Fugue Choral No. 1 and 3, Ave Maria

Today at 2pm at TUC, three wonderful music students from Monash University, two of the TUC soloists, and Jennifer will present a free concert to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the composer César Franck. Please come and join us for a wonderful concert with violin, piano, vocal and organ music.

Paul Bae Hwang, violin

Tristan Sumarna and Charis Tham, piano

Jennifer Chou, organ

Catriona De Vere, soprano

Nick Tolhurst, baritone

Entry by donation



The Progressive Christian Network of Victoria warmly invites you to

"Encountering Hope!"

An exploration through art, hospitality,
and conversation

St Oswald's Anglican Church
100 High Street, Glen Iris

Sunday 27th November 2022, beginning at 3pm

Our meeting will take the shape of an exhibition of art, with food and drinks provided, and then conversation led by Rev Greg Crowe with Canon Glenn Loughrey and other artists on the theme, exploring it through their art.

This is a free PCNV event

Everyone Welcome!

Coffee Club

The next Coffee Club at the Manse Cafe will be on Friday morning, 2nd December and if you are free at 10 o'clock that morning you would be very welcome to join the participants there for a coffee, a quiz and a chat.

Please email me a few days before if you are coming so I can give Di an idea of our numbers. leoniedillon@yahoo.com.au



November and December Diary Dates

Sun	27 Nov	9:00am	Worship Service (short)	Rev. John Edwards
Sun	27 Nov	9.30am	Congregation meeting	Faichney Room
Sun	27 Nov	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev. John Edwards
Tue	29 Nov	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	30 Nov	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Church
Thu	1 Dec	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Faichney Room
Fri	2 Dec	10:00am	Coffee Club	Manse Cafe
Sun	4 Dec	8:00am	Breakfast	Wettenhall Room
Sun	4 Dec	9:00am	Worship Service (short)	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun	4 Dec	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun	4 Dec	7:00pm	Toorak Ecumenical Movement Advent Service	Rev. John Edwards
Tue	6 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Thu	8 Dec	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Faichney Room
Sun	11 Dec	15:15am	Whole Family Church Service	Rev. Wal Baker
Mon	12 Dec	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Tue	13 Dec	4:30pm	Management Team	Faichney Room
Tue	13 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Thu	16 Dec	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Faichney Room
Sun	18 Dec	10:15am	Service of 9 carols and lessons	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Tue	20 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Thu	22 Dec	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Faichney Room
Sat	24 Dec	6:00pm	Christmas Carols	Courtyard
Sat	24 Dec	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Concert	Rev. John Edwards
Sun	25 Dec	10:15am	Christmas Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker

Mon 26 Dec The TUC office will be closed until January 16

Fri 23 Dec The Manse café will be closed until January 23

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

