

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 20 September 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



20 September – 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!

Music to Inspire Concert - Calling all Bakers! Sunday 11 October at 3:00 pm at Toorak Uniting Church

We are looking for assistance in providing biscuits, cakes, and slices for our post concert refreshments. If you are able to help in providing something sweet to go with coffee and tea after the concert it would be most appreciated. Simply drop off your plate to the church kitchen prior to the concert. We are looking forward to an afternoon of beautiful music followed by fellowship together in the Church Hall. This is a great way to begin the campaign for raising money to rebuild our historic church spire.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

If you have any questions please contact Christine Brown.

Office Closure

The TUC office will be closed on Friday 25 September for the AFL Grand Final public holiday.

Exploring the Bible

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

There will be an *Exploring the Bible* retreat this Sunday, 20 September. It will be from 12 noon until 3.30 pm, and will comprise prayers and meditation. All are welcome. If you can attend only for part of the time, that would be quite in order.

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

28 September - TUC Sewing Circle

Whether you're new or a seasoned stitcher, TUC Sewing Circle is a place for sharing ideas, learning new skills or just having a chat.

Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself!

Please arrive between 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm.

BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

To RSVP, contact either **Margot 0409 361 877** or **Angela 0407 887 596**.

Blessing of the Animals

Our 10.15 am service on 4 October (St Francis Day) will be conducted by Rev Barbara Allen and will include a Blessing of the Animals.

For the Blessing, you are most welcome to bring along your pet, but please do not bring them if they are likely to be stressed by this event (this would apply to most cats). If this will be the case for your animal companion, then please bring a photo of them instead.

We will also have a prayer of remembrance, so if your pet has died, please bring along a photo of them, or have their name written down.

Digital Essentials: Smart Devices Class in Term 4

A new term of these beginner friendly classes starts on 9 October. They're designed to help improve confidence in using your own smart phone or device in a supportive environment.

Classes are held on Fridays from 10am-1pm in the Faichney Room.

To register or find out more, call **9510 7052** or visit socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=54631.

Prayers for Christian Unity

The next Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity are being held at the Swedish Church - SKUT - at 21 St George's Rd, Toorak, on Thursday, 24 September 2026 at 10:30 am.

Please come join with our fellow Christians.

Men's Group

TUC is working on initiatives such as a Chatty Cafe and a Men's Group to provide more opportunities for fellowship and to reach out into the wider community. Rob Ahin and Ian Thomas are assessing interest in a monthly men's lunch (or breakfast?), so if you're interested, please contact Rob at robinahin@optusnet.com.au

Intergenerate 2026

This gathering will inspire conversations about the flourishing of faith communities where all ages grow together. It will be an enriching day as a deep dive is taken into what it takes for a faith community, where all ages grow together, to flourish. Come along to Manningham Uniting Church on Saturday 15 October, 9.30 am - 4 pm.

This is part of Intergenerate Australia and New Zealand's mission to support Intergenerational Faith Communities.

More details here: <https://www.intergenerate.com.au/event-details/planted-to-flourish-templestowe-victoria>

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 22 September will be at 7:30pm by Zoom. For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com

TUC Directory

The church office is preparing a new edition of the TUC Directory for distribution later this month. If you're currently in the Directory and any of your contact details have changed, please send your updated details to the office via office@toorakuc.org.au.

If you're not currently in the Directory but would like to be, please let the office know. The Directory is only supplied to TUC congregation members who have chosen to have their details included, and is used exclusively for ministry and activities related to the church.

After church lunch?

It's been suggested that we have a self catered luncheon after church one Sunday in the Hall and Rob Ahin is making the arrangements. The idea is that each couple or single bring a dish on the day and we'll share a lunch together. In the interests of simplifying cleaning up, perhaps coffee would be postponed until after lunch. Rob will put a more detailed plan on the wall in the Faichney room so it can be discussed over morning tea (and dates arranged).

Rob would welcome any comments via robinahin@optusnet.com.au

Married Flutes Concert

The first in the Stonnington Community Uniting Church 2026 Concert Series will be the Married Flutes Concert featuring Lisa-Maree Amos & Peter Sheridan, performing as "Married Flutes". They present flute duets and solo works on the family of flutes, including music written especially for them. There will also be a special guest performance by Houston Dunleavy.

The concert will include flute compositions by Dunleavy, Dubois, Reeder, Bach, Schocker and Mozart. It's at 3.00pm Sunday 4 October 2026 at Stonnington Community Uniting Church, 59 Burke Rd, Malvern East.

Tickets: \$35 / \$30. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DOPIK> and at door if not sold out.

Dementia Workshop

Mt Waverley Uniting Church warmly invites you to a Dementia Workshop presented by Uniting AgeWell on Thursday 1 October, 2.00–3.00pm at 37–43 Virginia Street, Mt Waverley.

Karen Cameron, Director of Dementia Care, will lead the session, offering helpful insights and practical guidance for individuals, families and carers. After the workshop, you are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and informal conversation. To assist with planning, please advise Margery Kennett of your intention to attend on 9807 4084 or mbkennett@bigpond.com.

Christmas cards

Do you send traditional Christmas cards? If you do, you might consider supporting Uniting Vic.Tas. You can order them online, at <https://fundraise.unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards/>

Then and Now

The Murrumbeena Uniting Church/Meeting Place invites the community to the Then & Now Exhibition, running from 22 September to 4 October.

This display brings together photos, treasured items and stories that trace how our past continues to shape who we are today. Join us for the Exhibition Launch on Tuesday 22 September from 7–8.30pm, or drop in during gallery open hours to explore the rich history and creativity of our congregation. For enquiries: connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

Diary Dates

Sun	20 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation & HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	20 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service with HC	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	21 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Tue	22 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
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Wed	23 Sep	5.00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney
Thu	24 Sep	10.30 am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Swedish Ch
Fri	25 Sep	All Day	Public holiday, TUC closed	Office
Sun	27 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	27 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	28 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	28 Sep	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tue	29 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tue	29 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Fri	2 Oct	10.00 am	Digital Essentials	Faichney
Fri	2 Oct	10.30 am	Coffee Club	Argyle
Sun	4 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	4 Oct	10.15 am	Worship with Blessing of the Animals	Rev Barbara Allen

Joining the TUC Family

If you would like to become a member of the TUC Family, please scan this QR code. If you have any questions, please speak to someone on Sunday or get in touch with the Minister via email minister@toorakuc.org.au.

