

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 23 August 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Monday 24 August - 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**

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 beginners and beyond. 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 25 August will be at 7:30pm by zoom.
For more information, contact April at lrpanotes@icloud.com

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.

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

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

Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity

Please come and join the Toorak Ecumenical community for our next Prayers for Christian Unity to be held here at Toorak, in the Church, on Thursday 27 August 2026 at 10:30 am. This Service will be followed by fellowship and refreshments in Argyle House.

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 website (<https://humanitix.com/au>).

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 updates 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.

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. Here, 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.

Submission of Update notes

Just a reminder to send all Update notes to update@toorakuc.org.au rather than to the Office email address)

Diary Dates

Sun 23 Aug	9.00 am	Worship & Conversation with HC	Rev Peter W
Sun 23 Aug	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Peter W
		followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon 24 Aug	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon 24 Aug	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tue 25 Aug	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Tue 25 Aug	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed 26 Aug	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu 27 Aug	10.30 am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Church
		followed by morning tea	Argyle House
Thu 27 Aug	7.00 pm	Church Council	Faichney
Sun 30 Aug	10.15 am	Combined Worship service	Rev Peter W
		followed by morning tea	Hall