

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 13 September 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Music to In-spire

Replacement of the spire is scheduled to commence in early October. We are so lucky that David Ross-Smith has organized an exciting spire fund-raising concert for Sunday, 11 October starting at 3 pm. Performers will include members of the choir, at least two other members of the congregation, as well as further wonderful musicians. One of our ministers has promised to perform *Nessun Dorma* if needed!

This in-spiring music is not to be missed, and it will be followed by afternoon tea. Entry by donation.

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!

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 on Sunday 20 September. This 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.

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.

Cranbourne Food Truck

We are asking for donations of any clean, warm clothing you might be able to donate to our Outreach Project, the Cranbourne Food Truck.

Many of their drop in guests are either living rough or sometimes sleeping in their cars. Warm jumpers, windcheaters, jackets and coats, blankets and sleeping bags would be gratefully received. Please bag them and drop them into Monique during office hours - Monday 12:00 to 4:00, Tuesday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00.

Digital Essentials: Smart Devices Class

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=49580.

Blessing of the Animals - 4 October

Our service at 10.15 am on 4 October 2026 (St Francis Day) will be conducted by Rev Barbara Allen and will include a Blessing of the Animals. Watch for more details closer to the day.

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 15 September will be at 7:30pm in the Church. For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com

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 in previous Updates.

Christmas cards

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

Diary Dates

Sun	13 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	13 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	14 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	15 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Tue	15 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	16 Sep	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	18 Sep	10.00 am	Digital Essentials	Faichney
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 House
Tue	22 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Fri	25 Sep	All day	Public Holiday TUC closed	Office

Connecting with TUC

Scan this QR code if you'd like to become connected to the TUC Community. If you have any questions, please speak to someone on Sunday or get in touch with the Minister.

