

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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



The Office will be closed on Monday 10 June for the King's Birthday long weekend. However, Café.603 and Kinross will both be open.

Coffee Club

Friday, 7 June at 10am, you are warmly invited to join coffee club at Café.603 for a coffee and a chat. Leonie will be overseas, but Martha will be there with a puzzle to challenge your brains.

Garden Working Bee at John Macrae Centre

After a highly satisfying morning at John Macrae Centre on May 18, the team is regrouping to give some more love to the garden to prepare it well for spring. You are very welcome to join the fun on **Saturday, June 1 and/or June 15 from 9:00am to 11:00am**. BYO tools.



Notices from Kinross

Support our friends from QArt Gallery by attending one of the events at Kinross. QArt Gallery and Studio by Endeavour Foundation, is a social enterprise which provides employment, mentoring and training for professional artists with intellectual and physical disability.

Opening Celebration - Friday, June 14. 6:00pm - 8:00pm. All welcome.

Watercolour Workshop by artist Kitty You

Tuesday, June 18. 11:00am. \$15

Dive into abstract watercolour with Kitty. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike, explore the fluid nature of watercolours in a playful, experimental workshop. Learn brush strokes, colour mixing, and unleash your imagination in a relaxed environment.

Exhibition runs from June 10 - 28 - Open on King's Birthday!

Notices from Café.603

A reminder that Pizza Night happens at Café.603 at 6pm every Wednesday! Fresh dough and high-quality ingredients. Call Angela on **9829 0341** to reserve a table or order in advance.

We are still taking expressions of interest for the TUC Spring Market on Saturday 15 September. If you are interested, please contact us via **market@toorakuc.org.au**.

In conjunction with Kinross Arts Centre, TUC will be running an Art Competition for children aged 12-17 years old who reside in the City of Stonnington. We are looking for your generous support amongst our congregation for donations for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Any cash or product donations please chat further with the organisers, Angela or Richard, via email at **market@toorakuc.org.au**.

This is to help bring Kinross Arts Centre into the spotlight in our community.

We thank you for your support as we look to make the Spring Market a success!

The café has take-home food available and you can also order custom made foods such as lasagna, beef stroganoff, chicken cacciatore and many more. It's also a great space to catch up with a friend for a coffee and chat in our warm little café.

June Diary Dates

Sun	02 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev John Edwards
Sun	02 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev John Edwards
Tue	04 Jun	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	05 Jun	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Fri	07 Jun	10:00am	Coffee Club	Café.603
Sun	09 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	09 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Wed	12 Jun	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	13 Jun	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Fri	14 Jun	6:00pm	Exhibition Opening Celebration	Hodges Gallery
Sat	15 Jun	9:00am	Gardening Working Bee	John Macrae Centre



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

(HC) - Holy Communion

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

**To be held at 9:45am on Sunday 16th June 2024
in the Faichney Room**

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held **at 9:45am on Sunday, 16th June in the Faichney Room**. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Election of Elders and members of Church Council.*
2. To consider and if thought fit to ratify the reappointment of Peter Corrigan as auditor.
3. To consider and if thought fit to receive the Annual Report for 2023.
4. To consider and if thought fit, to approve the Annual Financial Report for 2023.

Copies of the Annual Report, which includes the Annual Financial Report, will be sent out to members electronically. Please contact the Church office if you would like a hard copy.

*Nominations may be made on the form available from the Church Office. Anyone with questions about what is involved in Eldership or membership of Church Council may contact the Chair of Church Council, Barbara McKinnon at [**chair@toorakuc.org.au**](mailto:chair@toorakuc.org.au)

Call for Nominations for Election to Eldership and/or Church Council

On Sunday, 16th June 2024 we will have the Annual General Meeting of the Toorak Uniting Church Congregation at which we will receive the church accounts for approval and vote for Elders and Church Councillors.

Elders and Church Councillors serve on **Church Council**, unless otherwise authorised by Presbytery. The nominated term is for between one and five years, after which they may stand for re-election.

The priority of the Church Council is to build the congregation up in faith and love.

The responsibilities of **Church Council** include[†]:

- Sharing with the ministers in the encouragement of faith and love to all church members; assisting the ministers with worship, particularly at Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and other special occasions.

- Assisting on rosters of welcome, vestry duty.
- Making decisions in keeping with regulations: managing financial affairs and general administration: arranging for audit, presentation and examination of the accounts; Preparing and presenting annual reports to the Congregation.
- Managing and controlling property.
- Referring matters to Presbytery as required.
- Exercising discipline on behalf of the Congregation as appropriate.
- Managing child Protection Reporting; ensuring the church is a safe place for all people.

In addition **Elders** “assist in the spiritual oversight of the congregation” through

- Attending regular bi-monthly Elders’ meetings.
- Pastorally caring, encouraging and supporting their assigned congregational members.
- Serving communion and preparing the table and the elements.
- Being a point of contact for baptismal parents and assisting with baptism.

If you would like to be nominated as an Elder, please arrange to speak with Rev Peter Whitaker or Rev John Edwards.

Who can be members of the Church Council?

Confirmed members & members in association; Elders or leaders; any ministry agents in placement.

The Church Council meets bi-monthly.

The terms of office of one current Elder and two current members of Church Council expire on 30th June 2024. At present no nominations have been received, whether for election or re-election.

Church Council exercises oversight of both the smooth running and mission direction of TUC and renewal of its membership strengthens our congregation. You are invited to consider whether this is a way in which you can contribute to the life and work of the church.

Nominations need to be received in writing by the Secretary of Congregation, James Barber, preferably by email to jbarber@vicbar.com.au, **before 2nd June 2024.**

[†]See Reg 3.1.2(a) and 3.1.2(b) of the Regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia