



# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 10 June 2022

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*The deadline for Update submissions is 12pm on the Thursday prior*

## Monash University research inquiry: Virtual Church

Hello to the Uniting Toorak Community,

My name's Stephen, I'm a student at Monash University studying fourth year Psychology. I'm writing to you today because I'm undertaking some research that may be of interest to you and your congregation.

In a nutshell, what I'm studying are virtual church services. Specifically, whether attending virtual services interferes with how people form bonds with their congregation, and whether that has any impact on their well-being.

So far there's little to no research out there examining this topic. I'm hoping that this study might be a starting point in learning more about how technology interacts with faith. I also hope that it might provide some food for thought for church leaders as they continue to guide their church through a period of great technological and social change.

Below is a link where you'll find a full version of the research's explanatory statement as well as the survey I've put together in order to investigate this topic. Please click here to begin the survey: <https://bit.ly/3trgw0t>

If you were able to complete the survey, it would go a long way to helping the study along and would be greatly appreciated. Participants will also have the option to enter a draw to win a \$50 Coles/Myer gift card, as thanks for your participation.

Feel free to respond directly if you have any questions regarding the research.

Warm regards,

Stephen Goodhew

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## ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Late news! Readers will be interested to know our Election Day stall raised \$684 selling home baked cakes, slices, biscuits, jams & relishes. Our stall was strategically placed in the courtyard outside the Church Hall so everyone had to pass us after casting their votes. Thank you so much to all the home bakers and cooks who provisioned the stall. You know who you are! Everything was sold except for 2 small bags of ginger bread men!



## Annual General Meeting of the congregation

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held after the Whole Church Family service on **Sunday 26th June 2022 in the church**. Following the meeting, there will be a soup lunch served in the Faichney Room.

The agenda will be to:

- Elect various office bearers (see below)
- Receive the Annual Report for 2021
- Approve the Annual Financial Report for 2021

Copies of these reports will be sent out to members electronically. Please contact the Church Office if you would like a hard copy.

The following members offer themselves for election which will be held by written ballot at the meeting:

**As an elder:** Christine Brown and Pamela Wilson (re-election)

**As a non-elder of Church Council:** James Barber (re-election) and Tim Brown (new member)

**Congregation Chair:** Alison Legge has nominated to take on the role of Chair of Congregation for a 5 year term, but is not able to assume the position until November 2022. A motion will be put for Barbara McKinnon to continue in this role until November.

### June Diary Dates

Sun	12 Jun	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Wal Baker
Sun	12 Jun	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Wal Baker
Mon	13 Jun		Queen's Birthday	Office Closed
Tue	14 Jun	4:30am	Management Team	Faichney Room
Tue	14 Jun	7:30am	Study Group	Zoom
Wed	15 Jun	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Wettenhall Room
Sun	19 Jun	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun	19 Jun	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Tue	21 Jun	7:30am	Study Group	Zoom
Wed	22 Jun	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Wettenhall Room
Thu	23 Jun	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Sun	26 Jun	10:15am	Whole Church Community Service	Rev. John Edwards
Sun	26 Jun	11:00am	Annual General Meeting followed by lunch	Church Faichney Room
Tue	28 Jun	7:30am	Study Group	Zoom