



Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update May 2022

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Sunday services 9:00 & 10:15am

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

TUC Memorial Garden Committee

Do you ever walk around to the east side of the church building to spend a few moments in the Memorial Garden? You will go through a wrought iron entry arch to a lovely quiet place designed with Australian plant species that bloom particularly well in springtime. In the early 1980s this Memorial Garden was created (from the former lawn and hydrangea gardens) by Rev David Hodges, so the church family could have private interments beside the much-loved church and their name recorded in the Memorial Books in the church.

This tradition has continued, with all ensuing Ministers being involved in creating a meaningful Interment Service which family and friends attend, often taking place after the Sunday morning service. Rev Dr Chris Page had a particularly uplifting service. The ashes are placed in an unmarked prepared area with the family assisting with this process. Garden seats have been placed so that family and friends may visit and have quiet remembrance of their loved ones.

Some ten years ago many of the species were replaced with new plantings to ensure we continue to have a wonderful springtime display of flowers. More recently the metal Archway entrance was installed as a gift by a parishioner with memories of a loved one. The garden has been cared for by volunteers in earlier days, and more recently by our Church Officer and a professional gardener to ensure the plants are pruned and fertilised at the right time. (These costs are covered by the charges made for the Interment Fee.)

So that families have another more tangible record, a specially calligraphed page is inserted in the two Memorial Books which are kept on stands in the Eastern Chapel of the church. You will notice, if you glance occasionally at these books, that the pages have been turned so family members have remembered their particular loved one.

The Committee would greatly encourage more to consider this privilege available to members of our congregation and occasionally visit for quiet time in this lovely garden.

*Pamela Wilson, June DeVere, Isobel Negri
Memorial Garden Committee*



Nominations for Church Council as a Councillor or Elder

A reminder that nominations for election to Church Council as a Councillor or Elder are due by Monday June 5. The election will take place at the annual general meeting of the congregation on Sunday June 26 following the whole church family service. Nomination forms are at the back of the church.

Return of the Sound Desk Team!

As we get back to normal, we are seeking volunteers for the sound desk roster. A one hour training session will give you the confidence and competence to provide this essential assistance. Please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/3lxbGdC> to indicate your availability for the training session, or fill in a form available at the back of the church and return it to the office. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Change of advertised places for Prayers for Christian Unity

- Thursday 26 May Prayers for Christian Unity are combined with Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These will now be held in the **Angel Chapel at St John's** at noon, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. It is not at TUC as advertised.
- Thursday 30 June Prayers for Christian Unity will be at **TUC**, not the Swedish Church as advertised, at 10am.
- Thursday 28 July At St Peter's as advertised.
- Thursday 25 August At the **Swedish Church**, not St John's as advertised.

The Interment of David Watts

The interment of David Watts will be held on Sunday 22 May at 11:30am. Members of the congregation who knew David are invited to attend.

Vale Wendy Eadie

It is with great sadness we inform the congregation that Wendy Eadie passed away on 15 May. The funeral will be held at Sandringham Uniting Church next Monday 23 May 2022 at 2pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Angus, Ceilidh and her extended family and friends.

May Diary Dates

Sat	21 May	8:00am	Federal Election	Hall
Sun	22 May	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. John Edwards
Sun	22 May	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. John Edwards
Tue	24 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Wed	25 May	6:30pm	Handbell rehearsal	Church
Thu	26 May	12:00pm	Prayers for Christian Unity	Angel Chapel, St John's
Thu	26 May	4:30pm	Sound Desk Training	Church