

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 12 July 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



TOORAK UNITING CHURCH EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

To be held at 11:00am on Sunday 12th July 2026 (or so soon thereafter as the completion of the 10:15am service permits) in the Church

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Congregation will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 12th July 2026 (or so soon thereafter as the completion of the 10:15am service permits) in the Church.

The agenda will be as follows.

1. To consider and if thought fit to approve the contribution by Toorak Uniting Church of \$2 million as a capital contribution to the cost of repairing the Church spire.
2. To consider and if thought fit to resolve that any drawing from the Bequests Fund that is necessary to meet the contribution of \$2 million does not constitute normal recurrent expenditure.
3. (Subject to agreement as to terms being reached between Church Council and Synod) to consider and if thought fit to approve the terms of repayment by Toorak Uniting Church to Synod of any part of the cost of repairing the Church spire that is paid by Synod due to any inability by the Congregation to pay any such part of the cost when it falls due for payment.

James Barber, Secretary of Congregation

Join the Update Team!

We have had a volunteer, Graeme Harris, come forward to take on the production of our important weekly congregational Update, freeing up more time in the Office to look after users of our facilities. We are looking for two others to join him to make a team. This is a task that can be done at home and involves selecting, editing and formatting the information that is included in the Update. The printing and emailing will still be done by the Office. Please email Barbara McKinnon, chair@toorakuc.org.au, if you would like to assist with this key task.

First Aid Course & CPR Refresher - 3:30pm on Saturday, 25 July

Life Saving First Aid is running a Provide First Aid and Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course at TUC to give us the opportunity to acquire new skills or update our training.

Provide CPR Refresher Course, 3:30-4:15pm

Involves 1-hour online pre-learning + 45 minutes training & assessment

Designed to equip individuals with vital know-how to recognise and assist someone who is unconscious and not breathing.

Provide First Aid (includes CPR) Course, 3:30-5:30pm

Involves 3 hours online pre-learning + 2 hours training & assessment

Designed to provide crucial skills to respond swiftly and effectively during emergencies.

Cost and Bookings

Provide CPR Refresher is \$90 and Provide First Aid (includes CPR) is \$125. **TUC will cover 50% of the cost for members of the congregation who wish to attend either course.**

Please email the Office by Monday 13 July to book your place.

TUC Family Conversations: 14 June – 26 July

Due to the EGM on 12 July, our next Family Conversation will take place the following week. These gatherings provide an opportunity for fostering our relationships, clarifying our identity, refocusing our purpose, and discerning where to go from here.

Upcoming Dates and Topics:

19 July – Pathways & Potholes: Celebrating signs of life and identifying challenges + What is God calling us to? Exploring our purpose and mission

26 July – Sharing insights and discerning the future direction of our Church Family

Your voice is important and everyone is warmly invited to join the conversations for thoughtful discussion, fellowship and food.

**** DEFERRED ** Digital Essentials: Smart Devices Class**

This is a beginner friendly class designed to help improve confidence in using your own smart phone or device in a supportive classroom environment. There will be a **drop-in information and enrolment session at 11:30am on Monday, 20 July at TUC**. Please come along if you would like to learn more or have any questions.

If you have already enrolled, please note that the start date has been deferred to 31 July, and that classes will still be held on Fridays from 10am-12:30pm in the Faichney Room. To register now or find out more, call **9510 7052** or visit **socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=49580**.

Celebrating Volunteers Party | 5-7pm on Thurs, 23 July at St John's

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement is hosting a volunteer party in Buxton Hall at St John's for all who volunteer in any capacity at each of the churches - whether it be reading, morning tea etc. Please RSVP on the sheet at the back of the church or via email to the Office by 18 July.

Christmas in July Dinner | 6pm on Saturday, 25 July at SCUC

Stonnington Community Uniting Church is hosting a Christmas in July dinner in support of the Avalon Centre who provide material and social support to homeless and other vulnerable people. The evening will include a traditional dinner, lively entertainment, raffles, music and wonderful welcoming company. The dinner is free, but a donation of \$40 is suggested. For information and bookings, please visit www.stonningtonchurch.org.au/event/christmas-in-july-dinner/.

19 July – 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 cash 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".

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Thank you for your heartfelt support!

July Diary Dates

Sun	12 Jul	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Jul	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Jul	11:00am	Extraordinary General Meeting,	Church
Sun	12 Jul		followed by Morning Tea	Faichney
Mon	13 Jul	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	14 Jul	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible online	Zoom
Tue	14 Jul	7:30pm	Christian Meditation group	Online
Wed	15 Jul	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	16 Jul	7:00pm	Church Council	Faichney
Sun	19 Jul	9:00am	Worship with Conversation HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Jul	10:15am	Worship Service HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Jul	11:15am	Morning Tea & Family Conversation	Faichney