

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter  
**Update 15 March 2026**

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Sunday services:  
9am & 10:15am

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



### **15 March - Communion Sunday**

Each month on the third Sunday we come together to celebrate Communion. It is these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards our 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 you may 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!

### **Name badge order**

If you are new to TUC and would like a name badge, or otherwise have misplaced an old one, please email the Office with your name as you'd like it printed for our upcoming order. The cost of a name badge is now \$17.50 due to increased supplier pricing.

### **Ecumenical Lenten Studies**

These Studies are being led by Rev Peter Whitaker, who continues with his theme of "*Reflections on the Meaning of the Cross*" on the following dates:

7pm on Tuesday, **17 March** at The Swedish Church and  
7pm on Tuesday, **24 March** at St John's Anglican Church

### **Ecumenical Good Friday Witness Walk**

The Ecumenical Good Friday Witness Walk is taking place on **Friday, 3 April** following TUC's Good Friday Worship Service. The walk will commence at **St John's Anglican Church at 11:30am** and end at TUC approximately 45 minutes later where we will have fellowship and a morning tea of Hot Cross Buns in the Hall.

For more information, please speak with Rev Sylvia or Stan Laugher.

## **Bach B Minor Mass Concert | 3pm on Sunday, 22 March at the Scots' Church, 156 Collins St**

The Australian Chamber Choir presents the Bach B Minor Mass concert directed by Douglas Lawrence and featuring the Melbourne Baroque Orchestra. The B Minor Mass represents Bach at the height of his powers, synthesising his life's musical experience into a timeless masterpiece that is a "greatest hits" of sacred choral writing. Don't miss this spiritual, emotional, and intellectual journey.

The TUC congregation has been offered a special 10% discount for this performance. To book tickets, please visit [www.auschoir.org/buy-tickets](http://www.auschoir.org/buy-tickets) and enter the discount code 'TUC'.

## **A Day of Beautiful Things | 10am-3pm on Saturday, March 28 in the Wettenhall Room**

Jill Nazar, Pamela Dean, and Robyn Cartwright will be holding a pop-up market in the Wettenhall Room featuring cashmere dressing gowns, cardigans, capes, baby blankets, embroidered jackets and more along with distinctive and unique jewellery and stunning artificial floral arrangements. Entry is by gold coin donation.

The sale of Robyn's floral arrangements will continue on **Sunday, March 29 from 9:45am-12:45pm** and Jill & Pamela are also exhibiting at St Paul's Church in Canterbury on Thursday, March 26 from 10am-3pm. More information about the day and the exhibitors contact details can be found on the flyers at the back of the Church and the table outside the Office.

## **Educate 10,000 initiative**

In these times of heightened antisemitism, TUC's Church Council draws members' attention to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria's "Educate 10,000" initiative which aims to promote social cohesion and understanding of Australian Jewish identity and history, and to combat antisemitism.

As part of the JCCV's initiative, the Jewish Museum of Australia is offering free 2-hour introductory sessions at **1:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays until 30 April, 2026**. Sessions include an introduction to Jewish life and community demographics, a Museum tour, and an introduction to historical and current forms of antisemitism.

Further details can be found at <https://jccv.org.au/>. To book into a session, please visit <https://shorturl.at/rn7K1>. If you do attend, please let James Barber know via [jbarber@vicbar.com.au](mailto:jbarber@vicbar.com.au) as Church Council would like to be able to report to the JCCV how many of the TUC Congregation have participated.

## Change to Exploring the Bible

The regular Zoom-based Exploring the Bible group will **not meet on Tuesday evenings until after Easter**, including 17, 24, and 31 March.

### The Primacy of St Peter Choral Concert | 7pm on Friday, 20 March at St Peter's Catholic Church, Toorak

A profound musical experience, performed by a vocal ensemble, featuring Melbourne's leading singers. Aria award winner Conrad Helfrich, composer and Director of Music at St Peter's, presents this original choral composition performed in English that brings Scripture to life through sacred music, highlighting St Peter's life.

The concert will be held in the church, with refreshments provided. Admission is by donation, making the Church's rich cultural and musical tradition accessible to all.

Tickets can be reserved at [trybooking.com/DJRJP](https://trybooking.com/DJRJP).

### 23 March - TUC Sewing Circle

Whether you're new or a seasoned stitcher, TUC Sewing Circle is a place for sharing ideas, learning new skills or just having a chat. Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself!

Please arrive between 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided. To RSVP, contact either

**Margot 0409 361 877 or  
Angela 0407 887 596**

### March Diary Dates

|     |        |         |                             |                   |
|-----|--------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sun | 15 Mar | 9:00am  | Worship in the Round (HC)   | Rev Sylvia        |
| Sun | 15 Mar | 10:15am | Worship Service (HC)        | Rev Sylvia        |
| Sun | 15 Mar | 11:15am | Morning Tea                 | Hall              |
| Mon | 16 Mar | 10:30am | Exploring the Bible         | Kinross Café      |
| Tue | 17 Mar | 7:00pm  | TEM Lenten Studies          | Swedish Church    |
| Tue | 17 Mar | 7:30pm  | Christian Meditation Group  | Church Space      |
| Wed | 18 Mar | 7:00pm  | Handbells                   | Wettenhall Room   |
| Sun | 22 Mar | 9:00am  | Worship in the Round        | Rev Peter         |
| Sun | 22 Mar | 10:15am | Worship Service             | Rev Peter         |
| Sun | 22 Mar | 11:15am | Morning Tea                 | Hall              |
| Mon | 23 Mar | 10:30am | Exploring the Bible         | Kinross Café      |
| Tue | 24 Mar | 7:00pm  | TEM Lenten Studies          | St John's Church  |
| Tue | 24 Mar | 7:30pm  | Christian Meditation Group  | Online            |
| Wed | 25 Mar | 5:00pm  | Worship Committee Meeting   | Faichney Room     |
| Wed | 25 Mar | 7:00pm  | Handbells                   | Wettenhall Room   |
| Thu | 26 Mar | 10:30am | Prayers for Christian Unity | St Peter's Church |