



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

Sunday 2 November, 2025

All Saints Day

10:15am Worship Service

Remembering those who died in the last year

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo

Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

Called to be saints



Introit Blessed are the pure in heart
 (Henry) Walford Davies 1869-1941

*Blessed are the Pure in heart for they shall see their God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul, He doth himself impart
And for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.*

Welcome

Gathering Words

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

Let us worship God.

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the light of the world,”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God's light shines.

We gather this morning remembering our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,
***Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the
midst of it all.***

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind
beyond measure, and who set the example for humility.

**With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the
purpose of faith, let us worship God.**

(Beth Merrill Neel – Adapted with permission)

Hymn 455 For all the Saints
 v 1-3, 7, 8

Prayer of Awareness

May we be more aware of all that is within us and around us.
May we be attentive. May we be grateful and respond positively in
the best way we can.

May the power and strength of the spirit that is present within, give us all each one the courage to live joyfully, peacefully and with purpose, making a difference for ourselves and all those we encounter in our journey of life. Amen.

Reading Luke 19: 1-10 Elizabeth Buttery

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

For the word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us: Thanks be to God!

Anthem Holy is the true light
William Henry Harris 1883-1973

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness ever more. Alleluia.

Reflection Called to be saints

Hymn 547 Be thou my vision

Offering Crossing the Bar
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry 1848-1918

*Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea.*

But such a tide as, moving, seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark;

For, though from out our bourne of time and place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crost the bar.

Prayer of Dedication

Every day offers us the opportunity to make a difference not just in our own lives but in the lives of others. May our living and our giving be blessed and used to make your word more fully known, more understood, and your love more fully experienced. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Community News and Notices

Hymn 470 Rejoice in God's saints

Remembering Saints and Celebrating Life

Prayers for our life

God of new life, we give thanks for our loved ones who died in the last year or have been finally left to rest in our memorial garden. We pray that as you tenderly care for all the saints gone before us, that you will continue to care tenderly for the life here.

We pray that what we do will bring life to others beyond this place, especially in places it is hard for life to survive.

(silence)

We give thanks for the life we experience in each one of us and we pray that the way we live and work together will encourage that life. In silence we pray for ourselves and for each other.

(silence)

We affirm that we see, we experience and we appreciate the life in our midst.

We affirm that here in this place, and wherever we are, new life can emerge and grow, and that the hope for life is to be cherished every day.

(silence)

We believe that in every child of God the Spirit breathes many gracious possibilities.

We commit ourselves to living, loving and caring for each other, giving and receiving in a sharing of gifts and graces that we may be part of the transforming life of God. Amen.

Hymn 150 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Blessing

Go in strength to be the saints of God

We go out to be God's people.

Live the way of God with confidence knowing that you are loved and you are enough to live life in its fullness.

We live life as God's people.

And may God continue to bless you, with:

the passion for living and loving;

the courage for daring and hoping;

the freedom for growing and changing; and

the strength for enduring. ***Amen.***

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 2 November 2025

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Seeking Volunteers for January Services and Flowers

During the month of January, we are running our Summer Sunday services at 9:30am and are looking for people who are interested in and willing to serve as Leaders, Welcomers, or Readers.

We are also seeking people who would like to provide flowers for the Church during 2026. The floral arrangements that current volunteers provide bring life and colour to the Sunday services and are greatly appreciated by all. If you'd like to volunteer for either of these lists, please put your name down at Morning Tea, or contact the Office - **office@toorakuc.org.au**

Official Opening and Dedication of New Community & Ministry Facility, St Leonard's UC Brighton Beach Cnr. New Street & Wolseley Grove

After much planning, preparation, and prayer, St Leonard's Uniting Church, Brighton Beach is delighted to announce the opening of our new building extension on **Sunday, 9 November 2025**.

A Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at 10am, followed by the Official Opening Ceremony at 2pm, with refreshments to follow.

This new development marks an exciting new chapter in our ministry and community life, creating vibrant spaces for worship, connection, and care. We warmly invite you to join us in giving thanks and celebrating this special occasion together.

RSVP for catering purposes to **contactstleonards@gmail.com**

Euphony Australia & the Victorian Welsh Male Choir present *A Musical Journey Down Memory Lane* Saturday, 15 November at 3pm | St Columba's UCA, Noble Park

Join these two fantastic choirs following their sold-out concerts in Sri Lanka and enjoy choral arrangements and genres of all music that will take you down memory lane.

Light refreshments will be served upon conclusion of the concerts and tickets are \$25 per head. To purchase or inquire, please contact **Yvonne** from Euphony Australia on **0407 588 512** or email **pears_53@hotmail.com**



150 YEARS
1875 - 2025

SESQUICENTENARY OF TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 10:15AM

Join us for a special service celebrating the
150th anniversary of Toorak Uniting Church.

The service will feature former minister Rev

Dr Jim Donaldson and a choral tribute to

150 years of worship music with brass
and timpani accompaniment.

Please also join us for refreshments in
the Hall following the service.

All are welcome, no bookings required.

November Diary Dates

Sun	02 Nov	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	02 Nov	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	02 Nov	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	03 Nov	All Day	Day before Public Holiday	Kinross Café Closed
Tue	04 Nov	All Day	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	TUC Office Closed
Tue	04 Nov	All Day	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Kinross Café Closed
Wed	05 Nov	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Fri	07 Nov	10:00am	Coffee Club	Kinross Café
Sun	09 Nov	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
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Sun	09 Nov	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	10 Nov	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	11 Nov	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	12 Nov	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room



The flowers in the Church today are provided by Madeleine Hall – In loving memory of my sister Georgina Angas (SA).

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct deposit to
Account Name: Toorak Uniting Church
BSB: 033086 Account Number: 911892

Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.

The way we produce the Orders of Service is changing, so you may notice some differences, and these changes will continue to evolve over time.