

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 16 November 2025

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Church Council – your input and assistance welcome!

Our secretary, Rudi Doku, is unfortunately going to need to relinquish his role at the end of the year as he establishes his new business direction, so Barbara is keen to hear from anyone who would like to consider taking on this important role.

Please get in touch with her to discuss what is involved via email at barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com, or on mobile **0405 987 890**.

Book Launch for Rewilding Prayer: God Beyond Gender, Faith Beyond Formulas 5:00pm - 6:30pm, Monday 1 December 2025

You are warmly invited to attend Sally Douglas' launch of her book *Rewilding Prayer: God Beyond Gender, Faith Beyond Formulas* with Rev Salesi Faupula, Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, and Julia Perrin, storyteller and writer.

Rewilding Prayer disrupts the idol of pretending that God is a man and upends the delusion that prayer is about wishful thinking, vending machines, or reciting words. With insight and honesty, questions about what prayer is for, what prayer does and does not do, and what we can do when we cannot pray are explored. This book is for the curious, the "spiritual not religious", the faithful, the disenchanted, and for those who thirst for more.

Venue: Yuma Auditorium, Centre for Theology and Ministry,
29 College Crescent, Parkville.

Tickets: Free event, RSVP by Wednesday 26 November
<https://events.humanitix.com/rewilding-prayer>

Volunteers for January Services

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with services during January when some of our usual volunteers are away on well-earned breaks.

We are still seeking volunteers, particularly for 18 January, and need one of each position as follows: Leader, Communion, Reader, Morning Tea, and Support/Welcome at Door (25 Jan).

If you'd like to help and haven't already done so, please contact the Office to be added to the roster - office@toorakuc.org.au

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A General Meeting of the Congregation will be held at **9:45am on Sunday, 7 December 2025 in the Faichney Room.**

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Election of two representatives to Presbytery for 2026*
2. To consider and if thought fit to approve the Budget for 2026.
3. To consider and if thought fit to approve the appointment of a Church Auditor

Copies of the Budget will be sent out to members by email.
Please contact the Church Office if you would like a hard copy -
office@toorakuc.org.au.

*Nominations may be made on the form available from the Office.

Last TUC Sewing Circle of the Year! 24 November, Wettenhall Room

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. Coffee and tea will be provided, and you're welcome to join us for lunch in the Café afterwards. To RSVP, contact either **Margot 0409 361 877 or Angela 0407 887 596.**

Ecumenical Advent Service

Our Ecumenical Celebration for the Season of Advent is at St John's Anglican Church on **Saturday, November 29 2025 at 7:00pm.**

This year's service will feature a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by the Choir of Trinity College, University of Melbourne. The Choir is internationally renowned and has featured on the ABC and BBC.

All are welcome.

November Diary Dates

Sun	16 Nov	10:15am	Sesquicentenary Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	16 Nov	11:15am	Sesquicentenary Refreshments	Hall
Mon	17 Nov	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	18 Nov	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	19 Nov	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	23 Nov	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	23 Nov	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	23 Nov	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	24 Nov	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	25 Nov	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	26 Nov	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	26 Nov	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	27 Nov	10:30am	Ecumenical Prayers for Unity	Church Space