

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 4 October 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Blessing of the Animals

Our services this Sunday, St Francis Day, will be conducted by Rev Barbara Allen and will include a Blessing of the Animals.

For the Blessing, you are most welcome to bring along your pet, but please do not bring them if they are likely to be stressed by this event (this would apply to most cats). If this will be the case for your animal companion, then please bring a photo of them instead. We will also have a prayer of remembrance, so if your pet has died, please bring along a photo of them if possible, or have their name written down.

Music to Inspire Concert - Sunday 11th - afternoon tea

Don't forget our request for assistance in providing biscuits, cakes, and slices for our post concert refreshments. We are looking forward to an afternoon of beautiful music followed by fellowship together in the Church Hall. We look forward to your help and to seeing you on the day! If you have any questions, please contact Christine Brown.

New TUC Website

The revised TUC website is now online. Thanks to all who have contributed to its development. See it at www.toorakuc.org.au.

Music to Inspire Concert

Next Sunday 11 October at 3 pm

Join us for an inspiring afternoon with timeless vocal, choral and instrumental classics spanning a variety of moods and styles. Please book if you can on Trybooking (but you're still welcome to come even if you can't do this) -

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1649849>.

Exploring the Bible

Our *Exploring the Bible* sessions continue each Monday at 10.30 am in Argyle House and each Tuesday at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

No Election Fair this year

As TUC has not been chosen as a polling location for the Victorian State Election this year, we will not be able to hold an election day fair.

Latest edition of the TUC Directory

The latest edition of the TUC Directory has now been emailed to those who have chosen to have their details included. If you would like a hard copy, please let the TUC office know.

Mental Health Today

Canterbury Council of Churches invites you to an ecumenical liturgy to open eyes and hearts to the challenges of mental health today.

Monday, 12 October 2026 at 7.00 pm, and then a cup of tea and a chat.

Guest speaker: Mr Neal Murphy, Director of Mission Integration at St John of God Accord, Facilitator of Mental Health First Aid.

Hosted by St Dominic's Catholic Church, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell
All are welcome. No need to book in advance.

Developing a Culture of Welcoming

A four-part online series, *Welcoming Church: Building Pathways for Belonging*, is running on **Wednesday evenings until 21 October (7.30–8.30pm via Zoom)**.

These practical workshops are guiding participants in understanding how people become integrated into congregational life, assessing current practices, and designing a meaningful Welcoming Pathway for their context. The series is free, recordings will be available, and although registrations have closed, more information is available here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/welcoming-church>

Married Flutes Concert

The first in the Stonnington Community Uniting Church 2026 Concert Series will be the Married Flutes Concert featuring Lisa-Maree Amos & Peter Sheridan, performing as "Married Flutes." They present flute duets and solo works on the whole family of flutes, including music written especially for them.

There will also be a special guest performance by Houston Dunleavy. The concert will include flute compositions by Dunleavy, Dubois, Reeder, Bach, Schocker and Mozart. It's at **3.00 pm, Sunday 4 October 2026** at Stonnington Community Uniting Church, 59 Burke Rd, Malvern East.

Tickets: \$35 / \$30. Bookings: At the door if not sold out, online via:

www.trybooking.com/DOPIK

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 6 October will be at 7:30pm in the Church. For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com.

Diary Dates

Sun	4 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Barbara Allen
Sun	4 Oct	10.15 am	Worship Service with Blessing of Animals followed by morning tea	Rev Barbara Allen Faichney
Mon	5 Oct		TUC Office closed	
Mon	5 Oct	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Tue	6 Oct	4.00 pm	Renew.603 Meeting	Faichney
Tue	6 Oct	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tue	6 Oct	7.30 pm	Christian Mediation	Church
Wed	7 Oct	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	9 Oct	10.00 am	Digital Essentials Class	Argyle
Sun	11 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	11 Oct	10.15 am	Worship Service followed by morning tea	Rev Sylvia Faichney
Sun	11 Oct	3.00 pm	Music to Inspire concert followed by refreshments	Church Hall