Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 8 November 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Next Sunday – 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 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".

BSB: 033 086 Account Number: 911 892

Thank you for your heartfelt support!

Exploring the Bible

Exploring the Bible sessions will be held as usual this coming week on Monday 9 November in person at 10.30 am and on Tuesday 10 November by Zoom at 7.30 pm. **Note that the location of Monday's meeting has changed, and it will now be in the Faichney Room.** Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation on 10 November will be by Zoom at 7.30 pm. For more information, contact April at **lirpanotes@icloud.com.**

Spire Appeal

There's still a long way to go! Work has started and donations to the Spire Appeal are welcome and can be tax deductible. All the details are on the website.
https://www.toorakuc.org.au/spire-appeal

NCLS Survey

TUC is participating in the 2026 National Church Life Survey. The last survey was in 2021, and it's designed to listen to the views of our community so as to provide a picture of our church's health and vitality and, along with other churches, feed in to the national picture. In due course, TUC will receive a summary of the results which will assist the Church Council in its work.

We are all requested to complete the survey at morning tea this Sunday 8 November.

Oversight of church rosters

The smooth functioning of the 10:15 service relies on a number of helpers - such as welcomers, readers, ushers, communion preparers, offering counters - each Sunday. Fiona Thomas has been doing a wonderful job coordinating the rosters for a number of years, but is relocating to the UK and is not in a position to continue. The coordinator needs to ensure that spaces are filled and to communicate with the office so that reminders can be sent. This role could be shared.

Please let Rev Sylvia know if you or your team can assist with this vital support of our worshipping community.

Church Council secretary

This position is still vacant. The role involves sending the agenda and other meeting papers to the members of church council, bundling up the correspondence and meeting papers for distribution and passing on correspondence addressed to the secretary. It can, but does not need to, also involve taking and preparing meeting minutes.

If you have the computer skills to carry out this role, Barbara would be delighted to hear from you. At present she carries out this task on top of full time service to the wider community.

Men's Lunch

We have monthly informal catch ups over lunch, so if you'd like to join us on some future date please speak to Rob Ahin or Ian Thomas or email Rob A at robinahin@optusnet.com.au

Baroque Christmas 2026

Composers throughout history have pulled out all the stops to produce buoyant and engaging music for the Christmas season. This year, the Australian Chamber Choir conducted by Douglas Lawrence is presenting a concert in Melbourne (Middle Park) on Sunday 6 December 2026 at 3:00 pm, as well as on other dates at Terang, Macedon, Dunkeld (package available including accommodation at Royal Mail Hotel) and Geelong. For further details, and to buy tickets, see https://www.auschoir.org/buy-tickets/

Faithful futures

Faithful Futures Project is a collaborative effort between presbyteries and the Synod to discern priorities, direct resources and ensure we are equiped for the challenges and opportunities ahead. The project was approved at the Synod Meeting in 2025.
A one-page summary is available setting out the five shared goals (copies available in the Church).
For more information, see https://victas.uca.org.au/faithful-futures/

Diary Dates

Sun	8 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	8 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	9 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues	10 Nov	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Tues	10 Nov	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	11 Nov	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Sun	15 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation & HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	15 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service with HC	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	16 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues	17 Nov	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tues	17 Nov	7.30 pm	Christian Mediation	Church
Wed	18 Nov	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall