

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

# Update 7 December 2025

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Sunday services:  
9am & 10:15am

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



## **Food for Friends Appeal 2025**

Our annual Food for Friends appeal of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement is upon us. These funds enable us to assist local agencies in providing support to those in need at this time of the year. We use your donations to purchase nonperishable groceries and personal items to supply to our chosen charities for sharing with their clients.

Please make your donation direct to:

**Toorak Ecumenical Fund**

**BSB: 063 177 Account Number: 1002 6147**

**Toorak Branch, Commonwealth Bank of Australia**

*Please mark this donation Food 4 Friends.*

Alternatively, you may place cash in the marked bowl at the back of the Church at the end of today's service, or use an appeal envelope available from the back of the Church. This envelope may be placed in the Offertory plate during the Service, or at the end of the service in the marked bowl at the back of the Church.

In the past year, TUC through Food for Friends, has delivered goods valued at \$6,800 to support those in need. We thank you for your support and generosity.

## **Nine Lessons and Carols Service Special Morning Tea**

The Nine Lessons and Carols service will be held at 10:15am on 14 December, followed by a special morning tea in the Faichney Room.

It is a Combined Worship Service and there will be no 9am service.

Please bring a plate to share.

## **Christmas Party for TUC Staff and Wider Community 4pm - 6pm Wednesday, 17 December**

After a delightful event last year, we will be having a Christmas party in the Courtyard at which we will thank our dedicated staff (who in many cases are the public face of TUC), and celebrate our engagement with the wider community.

TUC congregation members are encouraged to bring a plate of Christmas party fare to share.

## **Sammy Stamp - Please keep your festive stamps!**

The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Stamp Fund, better known as Sammy Stamp, coordinates the collection and sale of stamps to offer grants for mission and development work in Australia and overseas. Sammy Stamp has raised over \$1.2 million since 1977, with the most recent projects benefiting being aid to Zambia, Frontier Services Bush Chaplains, and the Uniting Vic.Tas Winter Appeal.

Please help support this worthy venture by keeping any stamps you receive over the festive season. We look forward to collecting any used stamps (on or off envelopes) during February, or you can also drop them into the Office any time throughout the year.

## **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 Mr Ahmad Samadi, Chartered Accountant and Registered Company Auditor, of Accru Melbourne, as Church Auditor.

Copies of the Budget have been sent out to members by email and can be found in hard copy form at the back of the Church.

\*Nominations have been received from Chris Begg and Alexandra Legge. Any further nominations may be made on the form available from the Church Office.

## **Office Closure**

The TUC Office will be closed from Tuesday, 23 December - Monday, 12 January inclusive. We will reopen on Tuesday, 13 January and operate to the usual hours of Monday 12 - 4pm, Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm.

## **December Diary Dates**

Sun	07 Dec	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	07 Dec	9:45am	Congregational Meeting	Faichney Room
Sun	07 Dec	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	07 Dec	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	08 Dec	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	09 Dec	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Thu	11 Dec	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Sun	14 Dec	10:15am	9 Lessons and Carols Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	14 Dec	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Faichney Room