

# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 8 December 2024

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

*The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior*



All are welcome to attend the Toorak Ecumenical Movement Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, 13 February, 2025 at 4pm at St Peter's Parish Centre.**

You are invited to  
join us to celebrate  
2024 at TUC

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
18th December

in the courtyard  
at Toorak Uniting  
Church

We are very  
grateful for your  
contribution to  
our community

and look forward  
to you joining us  
for some  
Christmas cheer

Please RSVP to  
chair@toorakuc.org.au

## TUC Christmas Party

Please join us in the TUC  
Courtyard on **Wednesday, 18  
December from 4:30pm-6:30pm**  
to celebrate 2024 at TUC.

Please RSVP and send dietary  
requirements to Barbara on  
**chair@toorakuc.org.au**

We look forward to celebrating  
with you and wish you a very  
merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year with your friends,  
family, and loved ones!

## TUC Office Closures

TUC Office will be closed from Tuesday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)  
and will reopen on Monday, 13 January.

## What's Happening at TUC?

Please join us at the following services to celebrate Christmas!

December 15 - Last 9am Service for the year

December 22, 10:15am - Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 6:00pm - Christmas Eve Carols

December 24, 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 10:15am - Christmas Day Family Service

**Summer Sunday** services will take place from **December 29 until  
January 26**. These services start at **9:30am**.



## Icon Demonstrations at Kinross

On November 28, iconographer and author Dr. Ursula Betka presented a fascinating demonstration of traditional icon-making techniques, including egg tempera and gold leaf, using specialised pigments and materials—offering insights into this meticulous art form. Continuing this exploration on December 3, visitors observed artist Margaret Gibson creating icons in the Byzantine tradition. Visitors engaged in lively discussions as she shared her expertise.

## Food for Friends

A gentle reminder that the Toorak Ecumenical Council is accepting donations for Food for Friends. If you would like to contribute please use the following details:

**BSB: 063 177 ACC: 1002 6147**  
*Please mark it 'F for F'.*

## St Jack's Outreach

The Office is still accepting donations of pantry items, personal hygiene items and Christmas goods like puddings to provide to St. Jack's Café Outreach as part of St John's East Malvern. Donations can be dropped off to TUC office.

## December Diary Dates

Sun	08 Dec	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev John Edwards
Sun	08 Dec	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev John Edwards
Sun	08 Dec	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	09 Dec	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Tue	10 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	11 Dec	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	15 Dec	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	15 Dec	10:15m	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Tue	17 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	18 Dec	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	22 Dec	10:15am	Service of Lessons and Carols	Rev Sylvia



Scan this QR-code for the Zoom link to the 7:30pm Tuesday evening Discussion Group

*(HC) - Holy Communion*