

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 1 February 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



We pray for Rev Wal Baker and his family as he recovers from recent unexpected surgery.

Request for Annual Reports

It's that time of the year again! The Office is beginning to prepare the 2025 Annual Report and will need reports from all of the TUC Committees by **Friday, 27 February**. If you are the chair or convenor of a Committee, please email your report to **office@toorakuc.org.au** by this date to ensure that we can complete the report in a timely manner.

TUC Coffee Club - 6 February

Our first Coffee Club Meeting this year is on **Friday, 6 February at 10:30am** in Kinross Café. Everyone is welcome. Come join us in this informal gathering. If you need assistance with transport to attend, please contact me on **0427 401 299** before 12:00 on Thursday.

- Stan Laughher

Pastoral Care Update

Please note that Christine Brown is stepping down from leadership of Pastoral Care and is delighted that David Ross-Smith will be the leader going forward and will be supported by Anne Binmore as Secretary. If you are unable to contact your pastoral care group leader when needed, please call the Church Office and leave a message. Your call will be responded to as soon as possible.

Spire Fundraising Committee

We need a creative team to lead a campaign to raise funds to repair the spire - expected to cost more than \$3 million - so that TUC can continue to operate in the way that we all currently value.

Expressions of interest sought ASAP to **chair@toorakuc.org.au**

Cranbourne Food Truck Anniversary BBQ Sunday, 1 February at 6pm

The Cranbourne Food Truck's annual anniversary celebration is taking place at **6pm this Sunday, 1 February** at Cranbourne Uniting Church, 41 Lesdon Avenue.

Please join us to celebrate our supporters and volunteers.

Christian Meditation Group - Tuesdays at 7:30pm

There will be a Christian Meditation Group starting at Toorak Uniting Church on Tuesday, 3 February which began in 2007 at Gardiner UCA, then transferred to Armadale UCA and now is moving to TUC.

Our sessions begin at 7:30pm and go for approximately one hour and take in a short talk aimed at deepening our understanding of the way Christian meditation can work in relation to Christianity as a whole and prayer in particular. We then meditate for 25 minutes and finish with spoken prayer.

Christian Meditation is a faith journey that aims to bring our minds and hearts together at a depth where we are enabled to better experience the presence of the Holy Spirit within, and in turn to better express this in the way we live our lives.

The first and third Tuesdays will be held in the church and the second and fourth will be on Zoom as we have some people who can only attend online. When there are 5 weeks in the month, we will hold CM at TUC on the 5th Tuesday as well.

We warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please feel free to talk to me at church or you can contact me via email at lirpa@comcen.com.au or phone **0419 807 892**.

- April Blackwell (Group Leader)

Request for Photos of TUC People and Activities

TUC is compiling a 2000 - 2025 update to its last history publication, to bring us up to date in our sesquicentenary year. The editorial committee seeks photographs of the people of TUC, and the activities of the congregation over that period. Congregation members and families may have photos of both formal and informal events over the years, which will be of interest if included in our current publication.

So we ask you to sift back through photograph albums, boxes and computer files for items which provide visual connection with TUC. Photographs can be shared with:

Michael Kenihan - michael@michaelkenihan.com.au

Chris Legge - chris.adella@gmail.com

or **Pamela Wilson** - wilsonpf@optusnet.com.au

Or please contact us to discuss your treasure trove! Many thanks.

February Diary Dates

Sun	01 Feb	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	01 Feb	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	01 Feb	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	02 Feb	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	03 Feb	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Tue	03 Feb	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church Space
Wed	04 Feb	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Fri	06 Feb	10:30am	Coffee Club	Kinross Café
Sun	08 Feb	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	08 Feb	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia