

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

# Update 7 June 2026

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Sunday services:  
9am & 10:15am

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



## TUC Family Conversations: 14 June – 26 July

Over the next two months, we will be holding four intentional conversation sessions during morning tea after the 10:15am services.

These gatherings will provide an opportunity for fostering our relationships, clarifying our identity, refocusing our purpose, and discerning where to go from here.

Dates and Topics:

- **14 June** – Who are we as Toorak Uniting Church Family?
- **28 June** – Pathways & Potholes: Celebrating signs of life and identifying challenges
- **12 July** – What is God calling us to? Exploring our purpose and mission
- **26 July** – Sharing insights and discerning the future direction of our Church Family

Your voice is important and everyone is warmly invited to join the conversations for thoughtful discussion, fellowship and food.

## Visit to TUC from Korean Presbyterian Church

On Friday, 15 May, a group from the Gwacheon Presbyterian Church (GPC) in Korea visited and worshipped at TUC. They sought to retrace the steps of missionaries, including Joseph Henry Davies, the first missionary sent to Korea by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

The group included 42 visitors from GPC and 5 local Korean leaders. Worship was led by the former General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, Rev Chang-bae Byun, who is now Team Leader for Casey Cardinia Regional Mission.

The group gifted two books (in Korean) and mementos to the office and were presented with a wooden cross from TUC by Rev Sylvia.



## Welcoming and Reading Roster for the 10:15am Sunday Services

Fiona will soon be preparing the rosters for welcoming and reading at the 10:15am Sunday services for the rest of 2026. The roles are Reader, Welcome Leader and Welcome Support and the tasks are:

### Reader:

- Read the specified readings during the service from the lectern
- The readings are emailed to the reader during the week

### Welcome Leader and Welcome Support:

- Arrive between 9:45-10am and assist with any outstanding tasks for preparing the church for the service
- Greet worshippers as they arrive and hand over an Order of Service
- Assist with the offering
- If communion is served, assist with distributing the elements
- After the service, clear the communion table, straighten hymn books and collect any orders of service left behind

### The Welcome Leader in addition:

- Check Bible, candle and cross are on the communion table with candle lit
- Collect orders of service from the session room
- Ask the Minister if any particular assistance is needed
- Share community news with the congregation from the lectern
- If communion is scheduled, prepare elements and clean up afterwards
- Close church after service, turn off lights and lock doors

These tasks are not onerous and are a vital part of our Sunday worship, supporting the Ministers, congregation and especially welcoming all to the service. Perhaps there is a special Sunday when you would like to read or help with the service? **If you would like to assist with one of these tasks, or need further information, please contact Fiona (contact details in the church directory or through the office).**

This is the last time Fiona will be preparing these rosters and is looking for 1 (or 2) people who would be willing to take over the preparation of the rosters from January 2027 onwards.

Nominations for the **2026 Stonnington Volunteer Awards** are now open at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteer-awards](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteer-awards). Celebrate outstanding volunteers and community groups that help make Stonnington more inclusive, connected and vibrant. Please share this and consider nominating someone who makes a difference. Thank you for helping us recognise people who strengthen our community.

**Digital Essentials: Smart Devices Class**  
**10am-12:30pm on Fridays during Term 3 at TUC**

This is a beginner friendly class designed to help improve confidence in using your own smart phone or device in a supportive classroom environment. Topics will include communicating with others via SMS and What's App, navigating the internet, using email and social media including apps such as PTV and MyGov, and staying safe online.

Classes will run for 10 weeks from 17 July - 18 September in the Faichney Room and fees start at \$87.

To register your interest or find out more, please call **03 9510 7052** or visit **[socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=49580](http://socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=49580)**.

**The Dignity We Share: Interfaith Conference | Mon 29–Tue 30 June at Trinity College Theological School, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville**

The Dignity We Share: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Faith, Identity, and Human Worth is an interfaith conference exploring how our traditions affirm human dignity—and where they have struggled to uphold it. Featuring keynote speakers Rabbi Allison Conyer, Dr Joshua Ralston, and Dr Jerusha Rhodes, the program includes an opening dinner on 29 June and a full conference day on 30 June with keynote addresses and panel discussion. For information and to book, please visit **[trybooking.com/events/landing/1567886](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1567886)**.

**Yarra Arts Trio Fundraising Concert | 2pm on Sunday, 28 June at Burwood Heights Uniting Church Cnr Burwood Hwy, Blackburn Rd**

Please join us for a musical concert to support Burwood Heights congregation member Saane in raising the \$10,000 required for her to return home to Australia from Tonga. The concert will feature Edith Ellis on Piano, Shelley Heath on Violin, Anna Daniel on Cello and the afternoon will also include a craft stall. Entry is by donation. Come along to support the congregation in bringing Saane home.

**June Diary Dates**

Sun	7 Jun	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	7 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	7 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	8 Jun	All Day	King's Birthday Public Holiday	TUC Office Closed
Tue	9 Jun	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Wed	10 Jun	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Sun	14 Jun	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	14 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	14 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	15 Jun	9:30am	Pastoral Care	Faichney
Mon	15 Jun	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House