



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

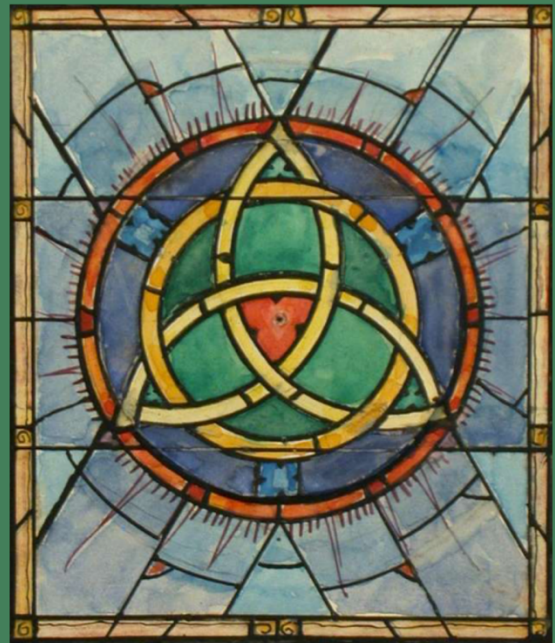
Sunday 31 May, 2026

10:15am Combined Worship Service

Trinity Sunday

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

**Divine Unity –
Our Best
Version**



Introit Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts
 George Thomas Thalben-Ball

1896-1987

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

On this Trinity Sunday, we gather to worship and praise God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation.

We receive the invitation to join in the grace of the Father, the love of the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship our God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn 100 All creatures of our God and King
 vv. 1, 3, 5, 7

Prayer of Awareness

Holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we pause to acknowledge your presence dwelling within and among us.

Open our eyes to see your fingerprints in all of creation.

Open our ears to hear the wisdom of your redeeming Word.

Open our hearts to the gentle movement of your Spirit, guiding us into truth and love.

Make us instruments of your hospitality and unity.

Keep us aware of your guiding light each day that we honour you in our every word and deed. Amen.

Reading Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a

Thisby Lau

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters... And God saw that the light was good.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we give thanks for the gift of life, and your abundant provision of what we need for life. We offer our lives and our gifts to be channels of your love and grace in the communities we are part of. Bless our giving and our living. Amen.

Community Notices

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

Hymn 478 I bind unto myself today
 vv. 1, 2, 4, 6-7

Blessing

May God give strength to you and to all;
May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts give you
assurance that you are God's children.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 31 May 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



TOORAK UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION * PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE *****

To be held at 11:00am on Sunday 31st May 2026 (or so soon thereafter as the 10:15am service permits) in the Church

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 31st May 2026 (or so soon thereafter as the 10:15am service permits) in the Church.

The agenda will be as follows.

1. Election of Elders and members of Church Council.*
2. To consider and if thought fit to receive the Annual Report for 2025.
3. To consider and if thought fit to approve the Annual Financial Report for 2025.

Copies of these reports have been sent out to members electronically. Please contact the Church office if you would like a hard copy.

To date nominations have been received from Jonathan Lancaster as Elder and for Anne Marie Box, Thisby Lau and Nicholas Tolhurst as members of Church Council.

Catriona De Vere and Nina Mumford have decided not to stand for renewed terms.

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 covered 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**.

5 June – Coffee Club

TUC's monthly Coffee Club is meeting on Friday, 5 June at **10:30am in Argyle House**. Please join us for a 'cuppa' and to share in friendship and fellowship.

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 a panel discussion. For more information and to book, please visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1567886.

2026 Stonnington Volunteer Awards

It's National Volunteer Week and nominations are now open at stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteer-awards for the 2026 Stonnington Volunteer Awards. These awards celebrate the outstanding volunteers and community groups that help make Stonnington a more inclusive, connected and vibrant place. We encourage you to share this opportunity with your networks and consider nominating someone you know who makes a difference. Thank you for helping us recognise the people who strengthen our community.

May - June Diary Dates

Sun	31 May	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	31 May	11:00am	TUC Annual General Meeting	Church Space
Sun	31 May	12:00pm	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	1 Jun	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	2 Jun	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church Space
Tue	2 Jun	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	3 Jun	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	4 Jun	7:00pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Fri	5 Jun	10:30am	Coffee Club	Argyle House
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



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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church continues to be a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.