

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter
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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Changes to Exploring the Bible

Due to the upcoming public holiday, the Exploring the Bible group will meet next on **Tuesday, 10 March** at 10:30am in Kinross Café. We will meet as usual on Monday the following week.

The regular Zoom-based Exploring the Bible group will **not meet on Tuesday evenings until after Easter**, including on Tuesday, 10 March.

TUC Directory

An updated version of TUC's congregational directory has now been published via email. Please note that only those who have elected to include their details in the Directory receive a copy. If you would prefer a hard copy, please come to the Office to pick one up. The next release of the Directory will take place in September so please save any changes until the second half of the year.

Educate 10,000 initiative

In these times of heightened antisemitism, TUC's Church Council draws members' attention to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria's "Educate 10,000" initiative which aims to promote social cohesion and understanding of Australian Jewish identity and history, and to combat antisemitism.

As part of the JCCV's initiative, the Jewish Museum of Australia is offering free 2-hour introductory sessions at **1:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays until 30 April, 2026**. Sessions include an introduction to Jewish life and community demographics, a Museum tour, and an introduction to historical and current forms of antisemitism.

Further details can be found at <https://jccv.org.au/>. To book into a session, please visit <https://shorturl.at/rn7K1>. If you do attend, please let James Barber know via jbarber@vicbar.com.au as Church Council would like to be able to report to the JCCV how many of the TUC Congregation have participated.

Reflections on the Meaning of the Cross

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement warmly invites all to join in a meaningful period of reflection during Lent. This gathering brings together the congregations of the four churches in Toorak, offering an opportunity to deepen spiritual understanding and community connection in this sacred season.

The Lenten studies will be led by Revd Peter Whitaker, who will guide participants through the theme
“Reflections on the Meaning of the Cross.”

All sessions begin at 7pm on Tuesday evenings as follows:

10 March at Toorak Uniting Church

17 March at The Swedish Church

24 March at St John’s Anglican Church

For more information, please speak with Rev Sylvia or Stan Laugher.

15 February - Communion Sunday

Each month on the third Sunday we come together to celebrate Communion. It is these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards our four Outreach programs we support. These programs are all under the umbrella of the Uniting Church and greatly rely on and appreciate our support. They are The Homework Hub in Pakenham, The Cranbourne Food Truck, the Boroondara Community Outreach in Kew, and SOSK (Skills, Opportunity and Survival in Kenya).

You may either donate cash into the Outreach offering bowl at the rear of the Church or you may donate electronically at any time to Toorak Uniting Church, marking your donation as "Outreach".

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Thank you for your heartfelt support!

Name badge order

If you are new to TUC and would like a name badge, or otherwise have misplaced an old one, please email the Office with your name as you’d like it printed for our upcoming order. The cost of a name badge is now \$17.50 due to increased supplier pricing.

Why 'We Are A Multicultural Church' *matters more* 40 years on

The VicTas Uniting Church Historical Society is pleased to announce our first event for 2026, to be held at **2:30pm on Sunday, 15 March via Zoom**. Rev Dr Paul Goh will present on why the statement “we are a multicultural church” matters more today than ever before. Free event, for access to Zoom link please contact Ken via ken.barelli@bigpond.com

Morning *Tea at TUC (*“Special”)

At our last Combined Worship Service with a special morning tea on Sunday, 22 February Angela delighted us all with the following poem, worth repeating in full:

*Morning tea at TUC in fact is quite amazing!
A table spread with latest bakes - best goodies made for grazing.
These "special teas" - these teas that please,
Bimonthly, from eleven,
Sees queues that snake along past cakes and cookies made in Heaven!*

*From Stanley's curried mustard egg
- more sandwiches on platters.
To sausage rolls by one Chris Begg,
The whole arrangement matters!
For Jenny gets to set the scene, ensuring all is ready.
Then teas and coffees poured and set on tables - not so steady!*

*Excitedly we chatter on - more fact than "ifs and buts".
Emphatic taps on table tops mean quivering trestle struts!*

*The need to bring some Gluten Free is put in place by Anna.
Adelle's fine sponge - so "Country Style" - would grace a rural manor.
There's Julie's slice - so very nice - with smoothest car'm'l filling,
Alongside treats - all culin'ry feats - provided by the willing!*

*So let's give THANKS to many folk
(some names are without mention),
For baking cakes and biscuits. More!..
- or having such intention!!!
- Angela A.*

Angela was gratefully thanked by Wanda on the day.

March Diary Dates

Sun	08 Mar	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	08 Mar	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	08 Mar	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Tue	10 Mar	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	10 Mar	7:00pm	TEM Lenten Studies	TUC Hall
Tue	10 Mar	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Wed	11 Mar	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	12 Mar	7:00pm	Church Council	Argyle House
Sun	15 Mar	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
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Sun	15 Mar	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall