

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter
Update 19 April 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



19 April – 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".

BSB: 033 086

Account Number: 911 892

Thank you for your heartfelt support!

26 April – Combined Service and ANZAC Sunday

Please note that Next Sunday, 26 April will be a Combined Service at 10:15am in the form of Worship used in the 9am Service, that is participatory in 'Conversation with Scripture'. The lectionary readings will be Psalm 23 and John 10: 1-10. Please read them and bring your questions and comments on what strikes you to contribute to the conversation. The service will include the Anzac Day remembrance, however as is customary in the 9am service, there will be no separate choral singing. We apologise that this exceptional service will not be able to be livestreamed and we invite our online worshippers to take the opportunity to revisit one of the previous Anzac Day services on our Youtube channel.

The service will be followed by a special morning tea in the Hall during which there will be an important update on developments in the campus renewal project. Contributions of Anzac biscuits to morning tea are most welcome!

All are welcome to attend our next Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity on **Thursday, 30 April** at 10:30am at St Johns Anglican Church in Toorak.

Church Council Membership

The congregation AGM will take place in May, most likely on Sunday, 31 May. New members of Church Council will be elected at that meeting. Church Council is the decision-making body charged with “upholding the congregation in faith and love”. Being on Church Council gives you the opportunity to assist with setting the direction for our community.

Current serving members: Barbara McKinnon (Chair), Chris Begg (Treasurer), Catriona De Vere, Tim Brown, Nina Mumford, Anne Marie Box, Christine Brown, Thomson Sennitt, James Barber, Jonathan Lancaster, Jenny Stewardson, David Fallick, Rev Sylvia and Rev John.

We are seeking a new Treasurer and Secretary. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church and distributed electronically with a formal notice of meeting in the next week.

Mozart Great Mass in C Minor Concert | 5pm on Saturday, 16 May at St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets

Victoria Chorale is excited to present the Great Mass in C Minor by much-loved audience favourite, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Described as ‘Great’ because of its sheer size, the Mass represents Mozart at his most daring and innovative. Soaring above the conventions of his time, he crafted the C Minor Mass to be a work of breathtaking scope and architectural grandeur featuring many virtuoso arias for soprano and mezzo soprano and a double choir with two separate four-part choirs (soprano alto, tenor, bass) that push the human voice to its limits.

Conducted by our exciting and innovative Musical Director, Mario Dobernig, we will be joined by the brilliant Art of Sound Orchestra and talented soloists, Molly Ryan, Soprano, Sally-Anne Russell, Mezzo Soprano, Jiacheng Ding, Tenor and Michael Lampard, Baritone.

A performance not to be missed!

Pensioner, student, and child discounts apply. To book, please visit trybooking.com/DJDIF

Sammy Stamp Fundraising

For those of us who have been saving their used stamps for “Sammy Stamp,” the Uniting Church fundraising initiative, would you please hand in your latest collections to the TUC Office during the week, or give them to Stan Laugher after church on Sunday. We’re planning to deliver all our stamps to the Sammy Stamp team in a fortnight’s time.

TUC Sewing Circle is taking place on **Monday, 27 April at 11am** in the Wettenhall Room. Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself! BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

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.

Mozart's Requiem and Unsung Heroes (Michael Easton) | 2:30pm on Sunday, 3 May at Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Rd

To be performed by Camberwell Chorale, including members of the TUC congregation! Mozart's final and most profound work, his Requiem, is a powerful and moving choral work renowned for dramatic intensity, stirring sequences, and evocative use of choir and orchestra. Michael Easton's compelling Unsung Heroes is based on the poetry of six famous English poets who served in WWI, and is a personal reflection of the Composer on the horror of war and its ultimate uselessness.

Featuring distinguished soloists Lauren Oldham (soprano), Kerrie Bolton (mezzo soprano), David Hobson (tenor), Adam Miller (bass), and conducted by Douglas Heywood OAM. **For tickets, please phone (03) 9278 4770 or use the online booking link:**

<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/mozart-requiem-and-unsung-heroes-michael-easton>

April Diary Dates

Sun	19 Apr	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	20 Apr	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	21 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church Space
Tue	21 Apr	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	22 Apr	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	22 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	23 Apr	7:00pm	Church Council	Argyle House
Sun	26 Apr	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Church Space
Sun	26 Apr	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Hall