



**TOORAK**  
UNITING  
CHURCH

We are a people  
who follow Jesus.  
His words and actions  
inform our living.

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To protect our community, if you have Covid or flu-like symptoms please wear a mask during worship, particularly when singing. Maintaining a distance of 1.5m from others is also recommended.

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# Order of Service

**9 June 2024 – 9am Worship in the Round**

**Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier**

**Organist – Jonathan Lancaster**

**QUESTIONING  
THE GOODNESS OF  
GOD**

# **THE GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION**

## **Lighting the Candle**

## **Welcome and Community News**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **BIBLE READING AND OUR RESPONSE**

### **Reading**      Psalm 73: 1-28

Truly God is good to the upright,  
to those who are pure in heart.  
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;  
my steps had nearly slipped.  
For I was envious of the arrogant;  
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
For they have no pain;  
their bodies are sound and sleek.  
They are not in trouble as others are;  
they are not plagued like other people.  
Therefore pride is their necklace;  
violence covers them like a garment.  
Their eyes swell out with fatness;  
their hearts overflow with follies.  
They scoff and speak with malice;  
loftily they threaten oppression.  
They set their mouths against heaven,  
and their tongues range over the earth.  
Therefore the people turn and praise them,  
and find no fault in them.  
And they say, 'How can God know?  
Is there knowledge in the Most High?'  
Such are the wicked;  
always at ease, they increase in riches.  
All in vain I have kept my heart clean  
and washed my hands in innocence.  
For all day long I have been plagued,  
and am punished every morning.

If I had said, 'I will talk on in this way',  
I would have been untrue to the circle of your children.  
But when I thought how to understand this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,  
until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I perceived their end.  
Truly you set them in slippery places;  
you make them fall to ruin.  
How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!  
They are like a dream when one awakes;  
on awaking you despise their phantoms.  
When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,  
I was stupid and ignorant;  
I was like a brute beast towards you.  
Nevertheless I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.  
You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterwards you will receive me with honour.  
Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.  
Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;  
you put at end to those who are false to you.  
But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
to tell of all your works.

**Discussion**    Questioning the Goodness of God

Hymn 468      We are your people

## **OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS**

### **The Serenity Prayer**

***All: God give us grace to accept with serenity  
the things we cannot change, courage to change  
the things that should be changed, and the wisdom  
to distinguish the one from the other.***

## **BLESSING**

# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 9 June 2024

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

*The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior*



## **Change to Communion in June**

This month, we will instead celebrate Communion on June 23, where both the 9am and 10:15am services will be led by Rev Dr Robert Johnson.

## **Cranbourne Food Truck Needs Blankets!**

The Cranbourne Food Truck is currently in need of blankets to help keep their guests warm during the chilly months.

Please drop off clean blankets to:

**Cranbourne Uniting Church  
41 Lesdon Ave, Cranbourne**

Alternatively, you can drop off these blankets to TUC and we can organise for them to be dropped off to Cranbourne.

## **Eastern Paper Textile Basics with Anzara Clark Thursday, July 25 | 10:30am - 3:00pm**

Discover the art of turning paper into cloth with Joomchi (Korean felting) and Momigami (Japanese texturing). Create and take home your own samples. This workshop will change the way you see paper and the possibilities of paper textiles. No experience needed; materials provided. Minimum of 8 participants required, so book ASAP.

Ph: **9829 0340** or email **director@kinrossarts.org.au**

## **Australian Chamber Choir's International Tour Program Mount Carmel, Middle Park | Sunday 16 June at 3pm**

This program, directed by Douglas Lawrence, features the Bach Motet, Sing unto the Lord a New Song, Palestrina's Keys to Heaven and Gabrieli's Psalm 100. As an encore, to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Beethoven's Ninth, we'll sing a new arrangement of his Ode to Joy. Bookings and info are at **www.auschoir.org**

Toorak Uniting parishioners can get a **10% discount** off regular seat prices using the code **TUC**.

## Garden Working Bee at John Macrae Centre Help wanted on June 15 | 9am - 11am

A highly enjoyable productive session took place on Saturday June 1, with a big thank you to Mary, Angela, Chris, Rick, Barbara and Stan. Rick delivered a very large boot load of green waste to the Stonnington Transfer station after a reviving morning tea. We are keen to conclude our efforts with a final session from 9:00am to 11am on Saturday, June 15 in which we would like to improve the garden with fertilizer and mulch. If you can contribute your labour or donate to the cost of materials (approx. \$450), please email [barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com](mailto:barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com)

## Hymns of the 20th Century Sunday, 30 June at 2:30pm

The VICTAS Uniting Church Historical Society invites you to join in singing some of the best hymns of the 20th century! This is a free event.

**Where:** Stonnington Uniting Church  
59 Burke Road Malvern East

Alternatively, for a Zoom link, email: [ken.bareli@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.bareli@bigpond.com)  
For all enquiries, please call Ken on **0418 317 942**.

Kinross is seeking a volunteer that has computer skills (e.g. social media, etc.) to offer any time to Kinross - even one day a week would be a great help! If you're interested, please contact [director@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:director@kinrossarts.org.au)

## June Diary Dates

Sun	09 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	09 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Mon	10 Jun	All Day	TUC Office Closed	King's Birthday
Mon	10 Jun	All Day	Café.603 & Gallery Open	King's Birthday
Wed	12 Jun	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	13 Jun	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Fri	14 Jun	6:00pm	Exhibition Opening Celebration	Hodges Gallery
Sat	15 Jun	9:00am	Gardening Working Bee	John Macrae Centre
Sun	16 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Robin Yang
Sun	16 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Robin Yang
Sun	16 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	17 Jun	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group Meeting	Faichney Room



Scan this QR-code for the Zoom link to the 7:30pm  
Tuesday evening Discussion Group

*(HC) - Holy Communion*





The flowers today are from Madeleine Hall In loving memory of her parents,  
Robert and Nancy Angas (SA)

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### **Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church**

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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 has been 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.