Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 29 November 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



TOORAK UNITING CHURCH
GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A General Meeting of the Congregation will be held **at 9:45am on Sunday 29th November 2026 in the Faichney Room**.

The agenda will be as follows.

1. Election of two representatives to Presbytery for 2027.*
2. To consider and if thought fit to approve the Operating Budget for 2027.
3. To consider and if thought fit to approve the appointment of Accru Melbourne as Church Auditors.

Copies of the Budget have been sent out to members by email. Please contact the Church office if you didn't receive it or would like a hard copy.

Chris Begg and Alexandra Legge have indicated acceptance of nomination as Presbytery Representatives.

* Nominations may be made on the form available from the Office.

Faithful futures

The TUC Church Council's response to the Faithful Futures process will be open for discussion over morning tea by all who are interested from 11.40 am (following the 10.15 am service) this Sunday, 29 November.

Volunteers for January services

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with Summer Sunday services in January. We are still seeking volunteers for the following dates and positions:

17th Jan: Morning Tea, 24th Jan: Leader, 31st Jan: Reader, Morning Tea

If you'd like to fill one of these positions please contact the Office.

TUC Christmas Party - Monday 21 December from 4 pm

Save the date for our annual Community Christmas party where TUC staff, hirers and the congregation are all warmly invited to celebrate together. More details to follow in future *Update*s.

Exploring the Bible

There will be an *Exploring the Bible* session on Monday 30 November in the Faichney room, but NO zoom session on Tuesday 1 December. Sessions will then continue as usual until mid-December. Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Coffee Club - Friday 4 December

The last get together for 2026 of our Coffee Club is at 10.30 am on Friday 4 December in the Faichney Room. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

Food for Friends Appeal 2026

Our annual Food for Friends appeal of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement is upon us. These funds enable us to assist local agencies in providing support to those in need at this time of the year. We use your donations to purchase nonperishable groceries and personal items to supply to our chosen charities for sharing with their clients.

Please make your donation direct to:

Toorak Ecumenical Fund
BSB: 063 177 **Account Number:** 1002 6147
Toorak Branch, Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Please mark this donation Food 4 Friends.

Nine Lessons and Carols - Wesley Church

As the Toorak Ecumenical Council is not having an Ecumenical Lessons and Carols Service this year, you might consider attending the Service of Lessons and Carols at Wesley Church (Lonsdale Street) on 6 December at 5.30 pm for an ecumenical service of beautiful carols, sung by a choir of 100 singers. There will, of course, also be lots of congregational singing of many Christmas favourites.

For more details, see https://excelsis.org.au/wp/event/nine-lessons-and-carols/?instance_id=31

Men's Lunch

We're planning our next informal lunch on Thursday 3 December, so if you'd like to join us please speak to Rob Ahin or Ian Thomas or email Rob A at robinahin@optusnet.com.au

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

TUC's Nine Lessons and Carols service will be held at 8 pm on Sunday 13 December.

NCLS Survey

Thanks to those who have done so, but if you didn't get a chance to complete the National Church Life Survey in person on 8 November, you can still do so online via https://mysurveys.ncls.org.au/start/attender using TUC's unique church code. Please contact the office for the code.

Sammy Stamp - Please keep your festive stamps!

The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Stamp Fund, better known as Sammy Stamp, coordinates the collection and sale of stamps to offer grants for mission and development work in Australia and overseas. Sammy Stamp has raised over $1.2 million since 1977.

Please help support this worthy venture by keeping any stamps you receive over the festive season (or in fact, at any time). We look forward to collecting any used stamps (on or off envelopes) during February, or you can also drop them into the Office any time throughout the year.

Diary Dates

Sun	29 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	29 Nov	9.45 am	Congregational Meeting	Faichney
Sun	29 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	30 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues	1 Dec	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Wed	2 Dec	5.00 pm	Worship Committee	Wettenhall
Wed	2 Dec	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	4 Dec	10.30 am	Coffee Club	Faichney
Sun	6 Dec	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	6 Dec	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	7 Dec	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Faichney
Tues	8 Dec	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom