

Update 21 September 2025

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Towards a masterplan for TUC - Discussion following Combined Worship Service on September 28

Next week's service on Sunday, September 28 will be a Combined Worship Service followed by a discussion of our vision for the future, current draft plans for the site, and options to be considered.

There will also be a special morning tea to accompany the discussion and we'd be very grateful to those who can bring a plate with something savoury or sweet for people to share. Plates can be left in the kitchen near the Faichney Room before the service.

Correction to the next TUC Sewing Circle date

Please note that the next Sewing Circle will take place on **Monday, 29 September**, not the 22nd as previously advertised.

Please arrive at the Wettenhall Room between 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided. To RSVP, contact either **Margot 0409 361 877** or **Angela 0407 887 596**

Working Bee Thank You

Our gratitude to Angela N, Angela A, Adelle M, Michael K, and Mary D for your wonderful efforts on Sunday. The garden is flourishing and the inside is looking almost ready for the arrival of the café during the school holidays. Exciting times!

Synod Women's International Conference 2025

The Synod Women's Intercultural Conference is taking place between 3-5 October from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon across three locations: Box Hill town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd; The Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville; and St. John's Essendon Uniting Church, Cnr Mount Alexander Rd & Buckley St.

This year's theme is 'For such a time as this' (Esther 4:14) and the conference will include key-note speakers, discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities. Tickets are \$60, with catering included.

To book, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/wic2025>

Blessing of Animals Day

Sunday, 5 October is the Blessing of Animals Day. Pets are welcome to join us for worship and blessings at the 10:15am service which is celebrating St. Francis Day and the UCA emphasis on the 'Season of Creation'.

Save the Dates! Sesquicentenary Celebrations

Please join us as we continue to celebrate 150 years of being a Church at 603 Toorak Road. We are Toorak Uniting Church, formerly Toorak Presbyterian Church.

On **Sunday, 5 October at 2pm** we are celebrating 150 years as a house of song with the Big Hymn Sing. Come along for an enjoyable hour of all your favourite hymns.

On **Sunday, 16 November at 10:15am** we will hold our 150th Celebration service.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

‘Exploring Psalm Therapy’: Quiet Day, Saturday 4 October

10am - 4pm at St Joseph’s by the Sea, Williamstown

The Quiet Day will explore the ways in which we can allow the Psalms to comfort us, challenge us, and bring us to prayer and praise.

Revd Dr Wendy Crouch will use her experience as both priest and psychologist to present some ways to do this - how to bring the psalms, our experiences in the world, and in our own lives, engaging in deep listening to what we find there, and responding in prayer.

Between the guided reflections you can take time to enjoy a walk along the beach or through the Botanic Gardens, which are right next door!

BYO Lunch - tea & coffee provided. \$20 per person.

RSVP by Sunday 28 September. For any questions about the day, or to register your interest and make payment, contact Revd Dr Wendy Crouch assistant@saintjohnstoorak.org OR the Parish Office on **03 9826 1434, enquiries @saintjohnstoorak.org**

September Diary Dates

Sun	21 Sep	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	21 Sep	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Sylvia
Sun	21 Sep	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	22 Sep	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Hodges Gallery
Tue	23 Sep	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	24 Sep	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	24 Sep	7:00pm	Handbells	Church Space
Thu	25 Sep	10:30am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter’s Toorak
Fri	26 Sep	All Day	AFL Grand Final Holiday	TUC Office Closed
Sun	28 Sep	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	28 Sep	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	29 Sep	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Hodges Gallery
Mon	29 Sep	11:00am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall Room
Tue	30 Sep	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	31 Sep	7:00pm	Handbells	Church Space
Fri	03 Oct	10:00am	Coffee Club	Kinross Cafe