

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 6 September 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Music to Inspire

Replacement of the spire is scheduled to commence in early October. We are so lucky that David Ross-Smith has organized an exciting spire fund-raising concert for **Sunday, 11 October starting at 3 pm.**

Performers will include members of the choir, at least two other members of the congregation, as well as further wonderful musicians. One of our ministers has promised to perform *Nessun Dorma* if needed!

This inspiring music is not to be missed, and it will be followed by afternoon tea. Entry by donation.

Cranbourne Food Truck

We are asking for donations of any clean, warm clothing you might be able to donate to our Outreach Project, the Cranbourne Food Truck.

Many of their drop-in guests are either living rough or sometimes sleeping in their cars. Warm jumpers, windcheaters, jackets and coats, blankets and sleeping bags would be gratefully received.

Please bag them and drop them into Monique during office hours:
Monday 12:00 to 4:00, Tuesday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00.

Exploring the Bible

Our *Exploring the Bible* sessions continue each Monday at 10.30 am in Argyle House and each Tuesday at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

There will be an *Exploring the Bible* retreat on Sunday 20 September. This will be from 12 noon until 3.30 pm, and will comprise prayers and meditation. All are welcome. If you are able to attend only for part of the time, that would be quite in order. Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 8 September will be at 7:30 pm by Zoom. For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com.

TUC Directory

The church office is preparing a new edition of the TUC Directory for distribution later this month. If you're currently in the Directory and any of your contact details have changed, please send your updated details to the office via office@toorakuc.org.au.

If you're not currently in the Directory but would like to be, please let the office know. The Directory is only supplied to TUC congregation members who have chosen to have their details included, and is used exclusively for ministry and activities related to the church.

Fellowship at TUC

TUC is working towards establishing initiatives such as a Chatty Cafe and a Men's Group to provide more opportunities for fellowship and also reach out into the wider community. Rev Sylvia would be happy to hear from you if you would like to assist.

In the meantime, if you want to sample these kind of activities, Prahran Place Neighbourhood centre has a number on offer that may be of interest, as outlined below.

Come Say Hello at Prahran Place

Feeling like getting out and about? Prahran Place has something for everyone, whatever your age or interests. Our central location in Grattan Gardens is close to Prahran Market and the Prahran train station. Pop in for Chatty Cafe to grab a cuppa and a laugh, and join in on some games, or lace up for one of our morning walking groups, a lovely way to stretch the legs and chat along the way.

If you're navigating My Aged Care, we run regular information sessions and can also arrange a 1-on-1 chat to help you sort out what you need.

We also run monthly group outings for My Aged Care clients. Love getting creative? Try your hand at crochet, studio arts, sewing or hand ceramics - all welcoming groups for any skill level. Everyone's welcome! Give us a call on **9510 7052** or check out our website to find out what's on and when at prahranplace.org.au.

Intergenerate 2026

This gathering will inspire conversations about the flourishing of faith communities where all ages grow together. Come along to Manningham Uniting Church on Saturday 15 October, 9.30 am - 4 pm.

Blessing of the Animals

Our service at 10.15 am on 4 October 2026 (St Francis Day) will be conducted by Rev Barbara Allen and will include a Blessing of the Animals. For the Blessing, you are most welcome to bring along your pet, but please do not bring them if they are likely to be stressed by this event (this would apply to most cats). If this will be the case for your animal companion, then please bring a photo of them instead. We will also have a prayer of remembrance, so if your pet has died, please bring along a photo of them if possible, or have their name written down.

Agatha's Cantata, Vivaldi's Gloria

We mentioned last week that the **Australian Chamber Choir** with an orchestra of period instruments directed by Douglas Lawrence will present **Agatha's Cantata, Vivaldi's Gloria** at Scots' Church, Melbourne, 5 pm, Saturday 12 September. See previous *Updates* for details. Book at www.auschoir.org, or call 0452 531 750.

Morning Tea thanks

Special thanks to all who assisted by bringing plates or in other ways at last week's morning tea.

Diary Dates

Sun	6 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	6 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	7 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	8 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Tue	8 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Wed	9 Sep	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	10 Sep	7.00 pm	Church Council	Argyle House
Fri	11 Sep	10.00 am	Digital Essentials Class	Faichney
Sun	13 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	13 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
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