



**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

**21 April 2024 – 10:15am Worship in the Round**

**Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier**

**Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett**

**CAN YOU  
FORGIVE?**

## THE GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION

Introit            The Lord is Risen

George Thalben-Ball  
1896-1987

Lighting the Candle

Welcome and Community News

Call to Worship

Hymn 152        Joyful, joyful

Opening Prayers

***All: Before God and with the people of God we confess to our brokenness, to the way that we wound our life, the life of others and the life of the world.***

Silence

Prayer

***All: May God's gracious love renew us, empower and enable us to live in love and peace.***

Theme

## ENGAGING WITH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

The words of scripture are a lamp to our feet:  
***a light to our path.***

Reading            Matthew 18: 21-22

Chris Callahan

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Anthem            The Lord is my Shepherd

Howard Goodall  
1958—

Reading            John 20: 19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear

of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

As we ponder these treasured writings from the past,  
may we discover Your words for us today.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Reflection**      Forgiveness

**Hymn 607**      Make me a channel of your peace

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **The Prayer for Others**

#### **Silence**

***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.***

### **The Offering and Dedication**

#### **Holy Communion**

**Choir**      These are they that Follow the Lamb

*John Goss  
1800-1880*

#### **Blessing**

#### **Postlude**



# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 21 April 2024



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Phone 9829 0300  
Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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

## Prayers for Christian Unity

All are invited to the next gathering of Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity. This month it's on Wednesday, April 24 at St Peter's at 10am.

## Daytime Discussion Study Group

Are you interested in joining a daytime sermon/Bible discussion/study group at TUC? Please let Peter Whitaker or the Office know of your interest.

## Anzac Day at Café.603

Anzac cookies will be on sale from **22 April**. They will have the classic ANZAC cookies and cookies with a twist—macadamia and chocolate drizzle! On April 22, they will be baking a GIANT ANZAC COOKIE. Make sure to come down to the café to grab a photo of it!

If you would like to acknowledge or showcase a special someone and their contribution to the ANZAC's, please bring their photo/story to Café.603 to be commemorated on their wall. If you would like to be a part of this feature, please call **Angela** on **0411 588 710**.

## Art for the Music - Bronwen Gibbs

Experience a fusion of poetic imagery and melodic exploration in "Art for the Music." Bronwen Gibbs' finely layered state etchings, drawn from coastal landscapes, intertwine with a dialogue between flute and guitar.

Through unconventional techniques, Gibbs conjures a tranquil atmosphere, echoing the subdued tones of Western Port.



Image Credit: Bronwen Gibbs (2019), *Bird Music Teatree*, [multilayered intaglio and watercolour]. 19.5cm x 12cm. Courtesy the artist.

**Opening Celebration:** Friday, May 3, 6-8pm

**Artist Talk:** Tuesday, May 7, 11am. \$10

All welcome. Please RSVP: [director@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:director@kinrossarts.org.au)

## **I Heard a Voice from Heaven**

Sunday, 21 April 2024 | 2pm

Join us this Sunday for an exquisite concert of ethereal sacred music for vocal quartet, written by beloved composers such as Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Fauré, Rossini and Brucker, also featuring piano and chorus.

This performance will help to raise funds in support of Uniting AgeWell's Music For David program and Kinross Arts Centre.

**Tickets: \$35 / Concession \$30**

Tickets available at the door!

## **Pizza Time at Café.603**

Tuesdays in May, 6-9pm

Enjoy fresh, authentic pizza that's hand-made with quality, fresh ingredients. Dine-in options only. These can either be sold by the slice or whole pizzas. Make sure to book your table or orders in advance by calling 9829 0341.

## **Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie Cakes**

To Celebrate Café.603's birthday, they're offering Giant Choc Chip Cookie Cakes! Order one of Café.603's giant chocolate chip cookie cakes in the month of May and they can add a 'Happy Birthday' and name personalisation for free.

To enquire or order, please call 9829 0341.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Do you have a day to spare? Would you like to help and learn new skills within our friendly team? Volunteer(s) are needed 1 day per week at Café.603. If you would like to help in the café or want to learn, the team would love your support!

Please reach out to Angela directly on **0411 588 710**.

## **Other Notices from Café.603**

Calling all pet parents! Café.603 now offers fresh, healthy dog biscuits. They will be sold in packs **and** any pet parent that purchases a regular tea/coffee will receive a free cookie. They're also looking at introducing new products like Cat Chow Snacks and Pet Birthday Cakes!

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Please note that fresh soup has returned to Café.603. Hearty, healthy and hot! Served with bread and butter.

## Still Life Drawing in the Gallery

Join us during the Australian Heritage Festival for a laid-back still life sketching session in our gallery. Get inspired by our May exhibition and fellow artists' work. Bring your own materials and enjoy creative camaraderie. Limited spots available, RSVP now to secure yours.

Hosted by notable Australian artist, Angela Abbott.

E: [director@kinrossarts.org.au](mailto:director@kinrossarts.org.au) or Ph: 9829 0340

## Notices from the Office

**Monday, 22 April the Office will be closed.** If you have a request or enquiry, please email [office@toorakuc.org.au](mailto:office@toorakuc.org.au), or leave a message on 9829 0300 and we will respond to you as soon as possible!

Jay will be doing a Sammy Stamps drop off on **Sunday, 5 May**. If you have stamps you'd like to contribute, be sure to drop them by the office!

## Combined Worship Service

Next **Sunday, 28 April** is a Combined Worship Service and ANZAC Commemoration Service, starting at **10:15am**. This is followed by special morning tea in the Faichney Room.

## April - May Diary Dates

Sun	21 April	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	21 April	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	21 April	2:00pm	Music for David Concert	Worship Centre
Tue	23 April	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	24 April	10:00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter's Church
Wed	24 April	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	28 April	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	28 April	11:15am	Combined Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Tue	30 April	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	1 May	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	2 May	7:30pm	Church Council	Faichney Room
Fri	3 May	10:00am	Coffee Club	Café.603
Sun	5 May	9:00am	Worship in the Round	
Sun	5 May	10:15am	Worship Service	



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

*(HC) - Holy Communion*



The flowers in church today are from Annette Davies

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct credit to  
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BSB: 033086 Account Number: 911892

### **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.