

# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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



You may have noticed a rather a lot of work going on with a huge truck around the church lately. Unfortunately, we discovered that our 150 year old spire had developed critical cracks, and had become unstable and unsafe. Emergency “Make Safe” works have been carried out and it is now safe to enter the Memorial Garden again. If you look up, you’ll see a double row of netting around the spire—this is to catch any falling masonry. Next steps are to receive reports from Heritage architects and Structural Engineers so we can ascertain the way forward.

### Holy Land’s Christians

On Sunday, 2 March this year, The Holy Land’s Christians had a stall here at TUC following our Sunday service where they sold hand-crafted olive wood carvings, raising money to send back to their communities in need in Bethlehem.

They are very pleased to report that they were able to raise **\$1,640**.  
Thank you for your generosity and support!

### Prayers for Christian Unity

The Prayers for Christian Unity on **Thursday May 29**, will now be held here, at TUC at **11am**, followed by a light lunch.

### Uniting Church in Australia—17th Assembly

The 17th Assembly is the triennial decision-making meeting of the national council of the Uniting Church in Australia. Members worship together, and discern where God’s spirit is calling the church.

**The meeting will take place from 11-16 July 2025 at Novotel Paramatta on Burramattagal land in Western Sydney.** It will feature the Installation of Rev Charissa Suli as President of the Uniting Church in Australia. This year’s theme is *Threads of Love—Weaving Christ’s Love Across Cultures & Boundaries*.

Save the link below to watch the Livestream:

**<https://uniting.church/17thassembly/>**



## 40th Anniversary: *We Are a Multicultural Church*

In 1985 the Uniting Church declared itself a multicultural church, embracing the growing cultural diversity of its membership. Today, in the Uniting Church, we worship in 30 languages other than English (not including Indigenous languages); we have more than 195 groups who worship in a language other than English; and we have 12 national conferences which support congregations and communities of the same culture.

The Uniting Church rejoices in its diversity of races, cultures and languages as God's gracious gift and seeks to be a true multicultural church living its faith and life cross-culturally and inter-culturally.

Please join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of  
'We are a Multicultural Church.'

**When:** 9am-5pm, Tuesday 10 June, 2025

**Where:** Centre for Theology & Ministry;  
29 College Crescent, Parkville

You can either attend the event in-person, or register to get an online ticket. Both are free and can be reserved through the link below:

**<https://events.humanitix.com/40th-anniversary-of-we-are-a-multicultural-church>**



### May—June Diary Dates

Sun	25 May	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	25 May	11:15am	Special Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	26 May	10:30am	Exploring Creation Stories	Faichney Room
Tue	27 May	7:30pm	Exploring Creation Stories Online	Zoom
Wed	28 May	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	28 May	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	29 May	11:00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Toorak Uniting
Thu	29 May	12:00pm	Lunch Following Prayers	Kinross Café
Sun	01 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	01 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	01 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	02 Jun	10:30am	Exploring Creation Stories	Faichney Room
Tue	03 Jun	7:30pm	Exploring Creation Stories Online	Zoom
Fri	06 Jun	10:00am	Coffee Club	Kinross Café
Sun	08 Jun	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	08 Jun	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	08 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room