



Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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Sunday services 9:00 & 10:15am

The deadline for Update submissions is 12pm on the Thursday prior

Election Day Fete 21 May 2022

As we all know there is a long-awaited Federal Election on Saturday 21 May (now only 22 sleeps away!) We will once again operate a number of stalls and open the church to visitors. We will not however be operating a sausage BBQ this time.

The following stalls will be operating as usual on the day:

Cakes and Preserves – in the courtyard

Quality Bric-a-Brac, Craft and Sewing – in the courtyard

2nd hand books – in the Faichney and Mackie Rooms

Weather permitting, we will have outdoor tables and chairs on the lawn for those who are taking refreshments or having a time out from the stalls.



Donations of food items, books, craft and sewing or bric-a-brac for stalls

Please get baking and preserving! Non-perishable donations can be dropped off to TUC Office the week of the election, from Sunday 15 May, and we ask you contact the Office beforehand to let them know when and what is being dropped off.

All donations of food need to be clearly labelled with their ingredients for health and safety reasons. If you need labels, you can collect them from the Office.

Donations of cakes, biscuits or preserves, can be dropped into the Office on Friday 20 May or early on the morning of the election - but be warned of limited parking and general parking chaos on the day of the election. If you are dropping off food items on the morning of the election, please bring them to the cake stall in the courtyard.

Request to borrow large umbrellas, gazebo, marquees

We will need to protect the stalls in the courtyard from the weather and would like to borrow gazebos and marquees. We would also like to have some shade to use on the lawn. All items can be dropped off in the courtyard on Friday 20 May and taken back either in the afternoon on Saturday 21 May or on Sunday 22 May.

If you can assist in this regard, can you please leave a message with the Office confirming what you can lend to us and when you can drop the item off. If you need assistance with transport of your item, please include that in your message to the Office.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help on the stalls, so no one is 'on duty' for too long. All volunteers will be required to wear masks when working at the stalls. Once again, leave a message with the Office as to what stall you can assist on and when you would be available. Thank you for your great support!

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 26th June

On Sunday, June 26th we will have the annual general meeting of the Toorak Uniting Church congregation at which we will receive the church accounts for approval and vote for Elders and Church Councillors.

Elders and Church Councillors serve on **Church Council**, unless otherwise authorised by Presbytery. The nominated term is for between one and five years, after which they may stand for re-election.

The priority of the **Church Council** is to build the congregation up in faith and love.

The responsibilities of **Church Council** include[†]:

- Sharing with the ministers in the encouragement of faith and love to all church members; assisting the ministers with worship, particularly at Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and other special occasions.
- Assisting on rosters of welcome, vestry duty.
- Making decisions in keeping with regulations: managing financial affairs and general administration: arranging for audit, presentation and examination of the accounts; Preparing and presenting annual reports to the Congregation.
- Managing and controlling property.
- Referring matters to Presbytery as required.
- Exercising discipline on behalf of the Congregation as appropriate.
- Managing child Protection Reporting; ensuring the church is a safe place for all people.

In addition **Elders** “assist in the spiritual oversight of the congregation” through

- Attending regular bi-monthly Elders’ meetings.
- Pastorally caring, encouraging and supporting their assigned congregational members.
- Serving communion and preparing the table and the elements.
- Being a point of contact for baptismal parents and assisting with baptism.

If you would like to be nominated as an Elder, please arrange to speak with Rev Peter Whitaker or Rev John Edwards.

Who can be members of the Church Council?

Confirmed members & members in association; Elders or leaders; any ministry agents in placement. The Church Council meets bi-monthly.

James Barber has been nominated for re-election as a Church Councillor and Christine Brown and Pamela Wilson as Elders.

Church Council exercises oversight of both the smooth running and mission direction of TUC and renewal of its membership strengthens our congregation. You are invited to consider whether this is a way in which you can contribute to the life and work of the church.

Nominations must be lodged by Sunday 5th June.

[†]See Reg 3.1.2(a) and 3.1.2(b) of the Regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia

Books, Books and More Books – Our 2nd Hand Book Stall

Our 2nd hand book stall is a great favourite amongst the community who vote at TUC, and it raised over \$1,000 at the last election.

This time Stan Laugher is hoping it will be bigger and better than ever.

Donations of books published **only in the last 10 years** would be greatly appreciated, **but please, no records or DVDs as they don't sell.**

Book donations can be dropped in to the office anytime from now until election day or call Stan (details below) if you need the books collected.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance – setting up on Friday, selling on election day or packing the books away after the event – even an hour's help is very much appreciated.

Stan is looking for an assistant to learn the ropes, so if you think you could help, or would like to know more, please give call him on **0427 401 299** or email **slaughter@tpg.com.au**



Some of the 2nd hand books at the last election

Editor Sought

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In our thoughts and prayers

June De Vere, Judith Lee and John Boykett have recently been admitted to Cabrini hospital. Anne Smith has returned home from Masada and will continue her rehab there. We wish them all speedy recoveries. Please keep them in your prayers.

Hello, I'm Fleur!

I started Fleur Creative in 2020 and two years on, my boutique flower business is literally blooming! I am formally trained in design and have worked with flowers for over twenty years.

I love everything that flowers represent, they are food for the soul and there is no better feeling than having fresh flowers in your home, or seeing the smiles on the faces of people who receive a Fleur Creative delivery!

I am ecstatic to be taking up residence in Studio 5 at Kinross Arts Centre, offering floral consultations by appointment, as well as flower delivery to selected Melbourne suburbs.

Orders can be placed via the website fleurcreative.com.au or by phone on 0413 084 034.



May Diary Dates

Sun	1 May	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun	1 May	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Mon	2 May		Café Closed	
Tue	3 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Sun	8 May	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Wal Baker
Sun	8 May	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Wal Baker
Tue	10 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Thu	12 May	4:00pm	Toorak Ecumenical Council Meeting	
Sun	15 May	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Sun	15 May	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Tue	17 May	4:30pm	Management Team	Faichney Room
Tue	17 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Wed	18 May	6:30pm	Handbell rehearsal	Church
Sat	21 May	8:00am	Federal Election	Hall
Sat	21 May	8:00am	Election Day Fete	Church Grounds
Sun	22 May	9:00am	Family Church Service	Rev. John Edwards
Sun	22 May	10:15am	Morning Worship	Rev. John Edwards
Tue	24 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom
Wed	25 May	6:30pm	Handbell rehearsal	Church
Thu	28 May	12:00pm	Prayers for Christian Unity	TUC
Sun	29 May	10:15am	Whole Church Community Service	Rev. Peter Whitaker
Tue	31 May	7:30pm	Study Group	Zoom

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 26th June 2022

NOMINATION FOR MEMBER AS A CHURCH COUNCILLOR

The nominee, proposer and seconder must all be confirmed members or members in association of the congregation.

Nomination forms must be lodged by Sunday 5th June 2022

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Toorak Uniting Church
c/o TUC Office

Person accepting nomination:

Name:

Signature:

Proposed by:

Name:

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Seconded by:

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