



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

Sunday 5 April, 2026

10:15am Worship Service

Easter Sunday

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



Greeting

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Introit – Hymn 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is risen!

The tomb is empty!

Christ is risen!

Glory and power are Jesus' forever and ever. Amen!

Hymn 380 Yours be the glory

Prayer of Awareness

We are loved by unending love, by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

We are loved by unending love.

***We are embraced by arms that find us
even when we are hidden from ourselves.***

***We are touched by fingers that soothe us
even when we are too proud for soothing.***

***We are counselled by voices that guide us
even when we are too embittered to hear.***

We are loved by unending love.

***We are supported by hands that uplift us
even in the midst of a fall.***

***We are urged on by eyes that meet us
even when we are too weak for meeting.***

We are loved by unending love.

Embraced, touched, soothed, and counselled,

Ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices;

Ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles;

We are loved by unending love. Amen.

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 5 April 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Educate 10,000 initiative

In these times of heightened antisemitism, TUC's Church Council draws members' attention to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria's "Educate 10,000" initiative which aims to promote social cohesion and understanding of Australian Jewish identity and history, and to combat antisemitism.

As part of the JCCV's initiative, the Jewish Museum of Australia is offering free 2-hour introductory sessions at **1:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays until 30 April, 2026**. Sessions include an introduction to Jewish life and community demographics, a Museum tour, and an introduction to historical and current forms of antisemitism.

Further details can be found at <https://jccv.org.au/>. To book into a session, please visit <https://shorturl.at/rn7K1>. If you do attend, please let James Barber know via jbarber@vicbar.com.au as Church Council would like to be able to report to the JCCV how many of the TUC Congregation have participated.

Exploring the Bible

Exploring the Bible group will **not meet this coming Monday or Tuesday 6 & 7 April** due to the Easter public holiday. Both the in-person and Zoom sessions will return the following week.

April Diary Dates

Sun	5 Apr	10:15am	Easter Sunday Service	Rev Sylvia Hall
Sun	5 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	
Tue	7 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church Space
Wed	8 Apr	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Fri	10 Apr	10:30am	Coffee Club	Faichney Room
Sun	12 Apr	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Apr	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	12 Apr	11:15am	Morning Tea	Argyle House
Mon	13 Apr	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Mon	13 Apr	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	14 Apr	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Tue	14 Apr	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom



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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island 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.