

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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



Food for Friends - Christmas Appeal 2024

Sincere thanks to all our wonderfully generous parishioners who contributed once again to our Christmas Food for Friends Appeal. In all we raised **\$17,950** for which we, and all the agencies we assist are truly grateful. These funds will now be used to purchase food items for the nominated agencies of St Peter's, St John's and Toorak Uniting Churches.

Last year Toorak Uniting Church provided assistance to the Church of all Nations in Carlton, Prahran Mission and Burwood Heights Emergency Relief.

As these agencies continue to face increasing demand for their services, we would like to invite anyone who missed the opportunity to contribute before Christmas and would now like to do so, to donate directly to the Toorak Ecumenical Fund account at:

CBA Toorak Branch
BSB 063 177
Account No. 1002 6147

Thank you again for your continued support.

Dierdre Heffernan

Farewell to Mary A

Mary A decided in December that it was time for her to take a new direction and had her last day with us on Thursday. In her two years as Director, Mary curated a series of excellent exhibitions, enhancing the reputation of the centre and building a strong community of committed volunteers as well as a loyal following for the gallery and associated events. We are extremely grateful for the dedicated professionalism that she brought to the position and wish her all the best for the future.

Whole Church Fellowship and Discussion

On February 23, there will be a whole church service at 10:15am followed by a special morning tea and an opportunity to discuss plans for celebrating TUC's sesquicentenary and priorities for redevelopment on site.

Members invited to act on Act2 Project

As we begin the new year, National Assembly General Secretary Andrew Johnson invites Uniting Church members to have a say in shaping the Church's future through the Act2 Project.

In keeping with the decisions and principles agreed upon at the 17th Assembly, two whole-of-Church Commissions are being established to progress the important work of advancing these visions. These Commissions are: The Commission for Theology, Formation and Leadership and The Commission for governance, Resourcing and Administration. We are seeking your feedback in two ways, namely Terms of Reference and Expressions of Interest.

If you have feedback or suggestions to these proposed ways of working, please submit it in writing to gensec@nat.uca.org.au.

You are also warmly invited to register your interest in playing an important leadership role as a member of either Commission. We are seeking broad and diverse perspectives and experiences from across the life of the Church. These are the two places where you can make the greatest contribution to the shared future of the Uniting Church.

Andrew can be contacted directly on **0424 373 713**
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February Diary Dates

Sun	09 Feb	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	09 Feb	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	09 Feb	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	10 Feb	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Tue	11 Feb	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	12 Feb	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	13 Feb	9:30am	Drawing Fundamentals with Nic Kirkman	Hodges Gallery
Thu	13 Feb	4:00pm	Toorak Ecumenical Movement AGM	St Peters Parish
Sun	16 Feb	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	16 Feb	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	16 Feb	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	17 Feb	10:00am	Meet the Ministers	Faichney Room
Tue	18 Feb	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	19 Feb	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room



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

HC—Holy Communion