



**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.

Order of Service

14 July 2024 – 10:15am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier

Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

**WHY BOTHER
WITH CHURCH?**

David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Anthem Holy is the true light *William Henry Harris 1883-1973*

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness ever more. Alleluia.

Reading 2 Samuel 6: 12b-19

It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

As the ark brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

Thanks be to God.

Reflection Why bother with Church?

Hymn 687 God gives us a future

OUR RESPONSE

THE PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND SILENCE

**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.**

Hymn Lord, for the years *Timothy Dudley Smith 1926—*

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.*

*Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.*

*Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

The Offering and Dedication

Choir How lovely are the messengers - from St. Paul
Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the
nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their
glad tidings.*

Romans 10: 15 & 18.

Blessing

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 14 July 2024

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

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



Parables of Jesus Bible Study

Rev Peter Whitaker's Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus will start this coming **Monday 15 July at 10:30am in the Faichney Room.**

Tuesday Night Discussion Groups over Zoom will also focus on the points discussed and shared in the Parables of Jesus Bible Study.

Notices from Café.603

Staff Changes

Flynn has returned home to England. Betti's last day with Café.603 will be July 16. They currently have one work experience person on board until the end of the month. Emma will be joining the café for the next 5 weeks on a volunteer basis. She is here from Switzerland. Please come and say hi to Emma next time you're in!

Pizza Nights

Pizza nights will resume on Wednesday 17 July. We will also have lasagna and tiramisu available. Come and experience our Italian flavours! Bookings are essential. Contact Angela on 0411 588 710.

Ready Meals

Our ready made meals menu is being finalised. Those interested, please provide your emails to Angela to see what's available. Please contact Angela 0411 588 710.

A very warm thank you to those who support us through visiting, catering, and feedback.

Name Badge Orders

If you would like a TUC name badge, please email **office@toorakuc.org.au** by 3pm on Friday 19 July.

The cost is \$15.

Flower Roster 2025

Interested in contributing to the flower roster in 2025? Already have a date and wish to confirm it? Please email Jay on **office@toorakuc.org.au** to confirm the Flower Roster for 2025.

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Save the Date!

Exhibition: August 22—September 11, 2024

Opening Celebration: Friday, August 23, 6-8pm

Artist Presentation and Morning Tea: Tuesday, September 3, 11am.

Cost: \$30

July Diary Dates

Sun	14 July	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	14 July	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	14 July	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	15 July	10:30am	Parables of Jesus	Faichney Room
Tue	16 July	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	17 July	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	21 July	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	21 July	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	21 July	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	22 July	10:30am	Parables of Jesus	Faichney Room
Tue	23 July	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	24 July	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	25 July	10:00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter's Toorak
Thu	25 July	10:30am	Anzara Clark Workshop	Hodges Gallery
Sun	28 July	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	28 July	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Peter Whitaker



**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 Douglas Lee

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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.