



**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

11 August 2024 – 10:15am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier

Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



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THE GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION

Introit O Salutaris Hostia *Lorenzo Perosi 1872-1956*

*O salutary Host, who open the gates of heaven:
Wars are waged before the enemy, Give strength, bring help
To the one and triune Lord, may he be eternally glorified,
He who gives us life without end, in our homelands. Amen.*

Lighting the Candle

Welcome and Community News

Call to Worship

Hymn 181 Come, O God of all the earth

Opening Prayers

***Before God and with the people of God we confess
to our brokenness, to the way that we wound our life,
the life of others and the life of the world.***

Silence

Prayer

***May God's gracious love renew us, empower and
enable us to live in love and peace.***

Theme

Hymn Colourful creator Tune TiS 382
 Words: Ruth Duck *Noel Nouvelet*

*Colourful Creator, God of mystery,
thank you for the artist teaching us to see
glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,
visions of the holy in each human face.*

*Harmony of ages, God of list'ning ear,
thank you for the composers tuning us to hear
echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,
sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.*

*Author of our journey, God of near and far,
praise for tale and drama telling who we are,*

*stripping to the essence struggles of our day,
times of change and conflict when we choose our way.*

*God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,
may we be creators by the Spirit stirred,
open to your presence in our joy and strife,
vessels of the holy coursing through our life.*

ENGAGING WITH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

The words of scripture are a lamp to our feet:
a light to our path.

Reading Psalm 130

Chris Callahan

Waiting for Divine Redemption

A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, I hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Anthem Tantum Ergo in E

Anton Bruckner 1824-1896

*Therefore so great a Sacrament let us fall down and worship,
And let the old law give way to a new rite,
And let faith stand forward to make good the defects of sense.*

*To the Father and the Son be praise and joy,
Health, honour and virtue and blessing,
And to him proceeding from both be equal praise. Amen.*

Reading Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

Reflection Care

Hymn 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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 473 Community of Christ

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 11 August 2024



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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

To be held after morning worship on Sunday 25th August 2024
in the Church

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Congregation will be held
after morning worship on Sunday 25th August 2024 in the Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive a unanimous recommendation from the Joint Nominating Committee to issue a call to a Minister to become the next Minister of Toorak Uniting Church. The recommendation has been enthusiastically approved by the Pastoral Relations Committee of the Presbytery.

The Joint Nominating Committee will make a presentation to the congregation about the Minister recommended to be called.

A vote on the recommendation, which to be carried requires a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, will then be held by secret ballot.

Exhibition: August 22 — September 11, 2024

In her highly anticipated exhibition *"Fanfare for the Spirited Woman"*, international jewellery artist Savanna Storm introduces captivating heroines through her opulent jewellery designs, crafted from rare beads and artifacts sourced during her global travels.

The stories behind her exquisite pieces honour Spirited Women from fashion to philanthropy and arts to anthropology.

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

Artist Talk and Morning Tea (sweets included):

Tuesday, September 3, 11am-12pm. \$30.

Please RSVP director@kinrossarts.org.au

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*Fanfare for the
Spirited Woman*

22.8.24 - 11.9.24

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exceptional women
over the past 2000
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jewellery.



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Understanding the Experience of Grief and Loss Saturday, 10 August | 10:30am - 12:30pm in St John's Church

The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch will present on the many meanings of loss including bereavement. At the conclusion of the seminar there will be a short service of reflection focussing on lament, light, and healing. Please invite those whom you think might be interested. Resources will be provided. Contact the St. John's Parish Office (03 9826 1765 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org) to register.

An Evening with Richard Alston AO Thursday, 22 August 2024 | 7pm - 8:30pm St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak

St Peter's will be hosting the Official Book Launch of Richard Alston AO's new book '*The Glory of Dante*'. Richard will talk about his new book, answer questions and sign copies of his book. If you are interested, please contact office@toorakuc.org.au for the booking link.

Richard Alston is a former barrister, senior cabinet minister and diplomat, and currently a company director and occasional essayist.

August Diary Dates

Sun	11 Aug	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	11 Aug	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	11 Aug	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	12 Aug	9:30am	Pastoral Care Group	Faichney Room
Tue	13 Aug	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	14 Aug	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Sun	18 Aug	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	18 Aug	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	18 Aug	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Tue	20 Aug	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	21 Aug	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	22 Aug	7:00pm	Richard Alston AO Book Launch	St Peter's Parish
Fri	23 Aug	6:00pm	Savanna Storm Exhibition Opening Reception	Hodges Gallery
Sun	25 Aug	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	25 Aug	11:15am	Extraordinary General Meeting of the Congregation followed by fellowship at a special morning tea	Church Faichney Room



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

(HC) - Holy Communion
TEC* - Toorak Ecumenical Council



The flowers in church today are from Carrlo Jack

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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.