



**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

15 September 2024 – 10:15am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Rev Peter Whitaker

Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



The Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt Hrmenszoon van Rijn 1606-1669

Introit Adoramus te, Christe

Mariano Garau 1952-

*We adore thee, O Christ and we bless thee:
because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.*

Welcome

The Call to Worship

We have come to seek ***encouragement in Christ.***

We have come to seek ***consolation from love.***

We have come to ***share in the Spirit.***

God receives us with compassion.

We receive each other with empathy.

May our joy be complete as we gather together in worship.

Hymn 491 Father welcomes all his children

Prayers of Approach

(An extract from Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
***the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives
wisdom to the simple.***

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
***the commandment of the Lord is pure and
gives light to the eyes.***

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, ***more than much fine gold,***
sweeter also than honey, ***dripping from the honeycomb.***

(A Prayer—We are ready to listen.) ***Amen.***

BAPTISM of Olivia Shirley Parkinson

Do you believe in God?

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:***

***he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

A Blessing Sung to Olivia

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to our feet:
and a light to our path.

Reading Ephesians 2: 1-10

Stan Laughter

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Anthem With this Water

Fred Gramann 1950-

*With this water begins the journey;
With this water, forever claimed.
With this water the Lord now leads you.
With this water, forever changed.*

*With these vows your loved ones name you.
With these vows your family grows.
With these vows this congregation,
Now surrounds you, God's love to show.*

*With this water we celebrate now.
With this water let us recall
The baptism of our dear Saviour,
Who laid down, His life for all.*

Reading Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Lord, may your word live in us:
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 15 September 2024

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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

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



Our September services bring an end to our three years of a placement vacancy, during which we have been so fortunate to have been ministered to by Rev Peter Whitaker, John Edwards and Gillian Crozier.

On **September 29**, the 9:00am congregation will be **breakfasting together at 8:00am** before the service as they give thank for the ministry of Peter Whitaker, John Edwards and Gillian Crozier.

If you would like to attend, **please RSVP to the office at office@toorakuc.org.au** to assist with catering.

The 10:15am congregation will express their gratitude during morning tea with celebratory cake.

The congregation and wider TUC community are warmly invited to attend the induction of our new Minister Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo at 2:00pm on Sunday, 6th October.

The service will be followed by a special afternoon tea in the hall. Congregation members are encouraged to bring a plate to share at this joyous event. Please email Barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com if you are able to assist.

Please join our fellow Christian from St John's, St Peter's and the Swedish Church for Prayers of Christian Unity at TUC on **Thursday 26 October at 10:00am.**

Progetto Corelli – a concert of Baroque Music
Sunday 22 September, 3pm | Toorak Uniting Church

Progetto Corelli has been presenting early music concerts in Melbourne since 2014. This month, they are presenting *Le Concert Spirituel*, here at Toorak Uniting Church, with our very own Dylan Quinlan-Baskett performing. Come along to enjoy the cosmopolitan sounds from Paris under the reign of Louis XV.

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUNQN>
Entry by donation.



David on Sunday 25 September 1983 – the day of his retirement from Toorak Uniting Church and full-time ministry.

Centenary Concert of Reverend David Hodges AM

The Director and Committee of Kinross Arts Centre, along with David Ross-Smith, invite you to a special Soirée at David's home – 15 Watson Street, Glen Iris, on **Sunday, October 27th at 4 pm.**

The event is a concert of David Hodges' favourite music performed by members of the TUC Choir, students of David Ross-Smith, and guest opera artists Kate Amos (soprano) and Samuel Thomas-Holland (tenor).

The program includes a diverse selection of music, from Handel arias to Scottish folk songs. Proceeds will support Kinross Arts Centre during this important milestone.

Catering generously sponsored by Heather Martin.

Due to limited seating, booking is essential.

Tickets are \$35.00 or \$30.00 concession.

To book, visit TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CVBJW> or call David Ross-Smith on 0429 907 908

September Diary Dates

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| Sun | 15 Sep | 9:00am | Worship in the Round (HC) | Rev Peter Whitaker |
| Sun | 15 Sep | 10:15am | Worship Service (HC) | Rev Peter Whitaker |
| Sun | 15 Sep | 11:15am | Morning Tea | Faichney Room |
| Mon | 16 Sep | 10:30am | Bible Study on Holy Spirit | Faichney Room |
| Tue | 17 Sep | 7:30pm | Discussion Group | Zoom |
| Wed | 18 Sep | 7:00pm | Handbells | Wettenhall Room |
| Sun | 22 Sep | 9:00am | Worship in the Round | Rev John Edwards |
| Sun | 22 Sep | 10:15am | Worship Service | Rev John Edwards |
| Sun | 22 Sep | 11:15am | Morning Tea | Faichney Room |
| Mon | 23 Sep | 10:30am | Bible Study on Holy Spirit | Faichney Room |
| Tue | 24 Sep | 7:30pm | Discussion Group | Zoom |
| Wed | 25 Sep | 7:00pm | Handbells | Wettenhall Room |
| Thu | 26 Sep | 10:00am | Prayers for Christian Unity | Toorak UC |
| Sun | 29 Sep | 8:00am | 9am Service Breakfast | Wettenhall Room |
| Sun | 29 Sep | 9:00am | Worship in the Round | Rev Gillian Crozier |
| Sun | 29 Sep | 10:15am | Worship Service | Rev Gillian Crozier |
| Sun | 29 Sep | 11:15am | Morning Tea | Faichney Room |



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

(HC) - Holy Communion



Your offering will be gratefully received via direct credit to
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BSB: 033086 Account Number: 911892

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.