

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

Sunday, 2 March 2025 10:15am Transfiguration In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving for the life of Annette Emily Baldwin

Minister:

Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo

Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



Introit

O send out they light and thy truth George Thalben-Ball 1896-1987

O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill and to thy dwelling.

Welcome

Call to Worship

In our being and doing, God is working in us. *In our singing and praying, God is alive in us.* In our learning, listening and dreaming, God is working in us. *In our grieving and hoping, God is alive in us.* In our travelling, resting and homecoming, God is working and is alive in us.

Thanks be to God, in whom we live, and move and have our being. We praise God who welcomes us with warm embraces, and loves us as we are.

Hymn 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing (v1-4,6)

Honouring the life of Annette Emily Baldwin

Hymn 155 O Lord my God, when I was in awesome wonder (v1,2,4)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 9: 28-36 (The Transfiguration)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'-not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

For the written word, and Jesus, the living Word, *We give thanks.*

Choir

Jesu, the very thought of thee Edward Cuthbert Bairstow 1874-1946

Jesus, the very thought of Thee, With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

A glimpse of glory

Offering

Reflection

Choir

O Nata Luc de Lumine - O Light of Light *Thomas Tallis 1505-1585*

Oh Light born of the Light, Jesu Redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of the suppliant. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the ruined, bring us together and make us members of Thy blessed body.

Dedication

Every day offers us the opportunity to make a difference not just in our own lives but in the lives of others. With our gifts and resources, we offer our hands, our minds and our hearts to help in making the church and communities beyond church, loving communities of hope. May our living and our giving be channels of hope. Amen.

Community News

Prayers of the People

Nick Tolhurst

Silence

All: God give us grace to accept with serenity the things that we cannot change, Courage to change the things that should be changed, And the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Amen

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

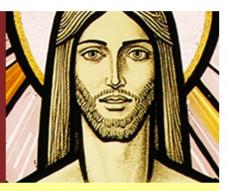
Benediction

Postlude Elegy

Peter Irving

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 2 March 2025

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Welcoming New Members of Toorak Uniting Church

We extend a very heartfelt welcome to the newest members of TUC: David Ross-Smith, Rev Peter Whitaker, Thisby Lau, Nick Tolhurst, Helen Thomas, Rudi Doku, Janice (Jan) Crain, and Anne Marie Box.

If you wish to become a member, please speak with Rev Sylvia.

Office Closure

TUC Office will be closed on Monday, 10 March for the Labour Day Public Holiday. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Coffee Club

It would be lovely to see you on Friday, 7 March at 10am for coffee, cake, a quiz and a chat at Kinross Café. Bring a friend maybe. *Leonie Dillon*

Ecumenical Lenten Studies for 2025 Journeying through Lent with New Daylight

A series of studies over 4 Tuesday Evenings. Each session starts at 7:00pm with a welcome "cuppa". The Study commencing at 7:15pm

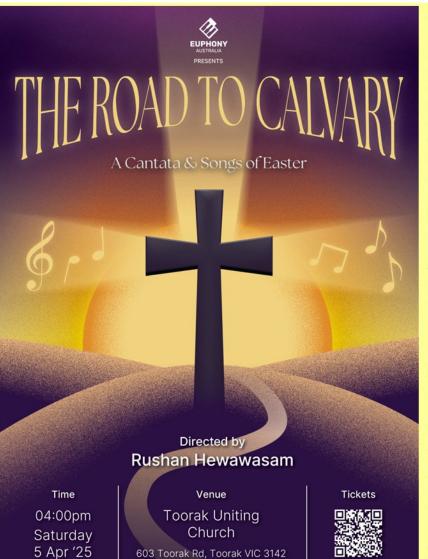
On 11 March, the Study is at St Peter's, On 18 March, the Study is at St John's, On 25 March the Study is scheduled for the Swedish Church, however this is unconfirmed. On 1 April, the Study is at TUC in the Faichney Room.

The study text is available to purchase online or with the office. Please contact Jay in the office to do so. Please note that there is a cost associated with purchase. Contact: **office@toorakuc.org.au**



Journeying through Lent

Daily Bible readings and group study material



February-March Diary Dates

Sun Sun Sun Sun	02 Mar 02 Mar	9:00am 10:15am 11:15am 11:15am	Worship in the Round Worship Service Morning Tea Holy Land's Christians Stall	Rev Joh Rev Joh Faichne Courtya
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The Road to Calvary A Cantata & Songs of Easter

Last Christmas, Euphony Choir held a beautiful candlelit choral performance in our church.

This Easter, they are putting on a another concert here entitled *The Road to Calvary: A Cantata & Songs of Easter,* directed to Rushan Heewawasam.

If you'd like to come, concert details are below:

When: 4pm, Saturday 5 April 2025

Where: Toorak Uniting Church

Tickets: Available via the QR code in the image to the left.

> Rev John Edwards Rev John Edwards Faichney Room Courtyard

Faichney Room Zoom Wettenhall Room Kinross Café Church Space Faichney Room Rev Sylvia Rev Sylvia Faichney Room



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

HC—Holy Communion



Impressionism Flowers, Arman Asatryan 1976-

The flowers in church are from beloved member of the congregation, Annette Baldwin, who passed away on Thursday, 20 February 2025.

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct credit to Account Name: Toorak Church 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.