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Special Easter Update

GENEROUS DONATION FOR EXTERNAL WORKS

In the last paragraph of the Secretary's report in the recent Newsletter, we advised that the Church Council had secured a loan facility for approximately \$50,000, repayable with interest over five years, of which the Friends would undertake to raise \$20,000. We are now delighted to report that, through the generosity of the family of two deceased members, the loan will not be necessary, and the Council and Friends between them will have sufficient funds to pay for the full scope of work.

John Hampden Crutch (1923–2015) and Margaret Crutch (née McCaig) (1925–2016), who married in 1950, lived in Hawthorn East and attended Auburn UC for over 60 years. They were among the founding members of the Friends in 2004, and loyal supporters of every activity at the Church. Their daughters Elizabeth Margaret (Beth, who lives in Oxford, UK) and Ruth have generously made a donation to the Church from their parents' estate, which will obviate the need for a loan.

The work is now expected to commence after Easter, with progress being dictated by any government restrictions on construction and maintenance work.

Virtual Tour available

With the Tower closed during the current pandemic, it is timely to repeat this notice: For those afraid of heights, or unable to climb the Tower, a virtual tour of the Tower, and the panoramic view from the top, is now available online, free of charge. Go to <http://www.hiddenmelbourne.com.au/virtual-tour/auburn-uniting-church/>, or follow the link on our website.

Advance Notice

The Friends has submitted applications for two grants, each marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War this year. If we are again allowed to hold large public events, and if we are successful with the application to the State Government, we are aiming to hold a civic event, with organ, brass and choir, on **Sunday 16 August**, being the Sunday nearest to VP Day. If that application is not successful, we would hold a smaller event on **Sunday 8 November**, being the Sunday nearest to Remembrance Day, for which we have applied for a grant from the City of Boroondara. Please try to keep both of these dates free, and we will let you know which will proceed.

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