

What performers say about the venue

“We have found the Auburn Uniting Church to be a very good venue for our concerts, which have involved up to 100 choir singers, chamber orchestras of up to 30 players, and professional soloists, with ‘full house’ audiences. The Church is a good size – not too large, but able to accommodate an audience of 500, with generally good visibility for all. The fixed choir stalls face the audience, they are tiered and can accommodate a large choir. The pipe organ is a good quality instrument and kept in good repair and tuned regularly. The acoustics are quite good, the hire charge is reasonable and warm-up facilities are available.”

Jane Elton-Brown, Conductor,
The Glen Eira City Choir

“The choir has used the Auburn Uniting Church Hall as a rehearsal venue for some years now. Auburn is centrally located for our membership and has proved both comfortable and convenient. Without the availability of such places (at a reasonable rental), the choir would find it difficult to continue to function.”

Tony Stratford, Hon Secretary,
The Tudor Choristers

“Saturday evening was a delight; thank you to all Church Friends for their warm hospitality! The Church has a fine acoustic; it was a joy to play at Auburn Uniting.”

Karla Drazenovic, Cellist,
The Birrarung Trio

Contacts

Rates for hiring the church, hall and function rooms and availability details are listed on the church website www.auburnuc.org.au and also on the insert.

To make a booking or to enquire about the use of the organ for individual practice, contact:

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A historic venue for your next concert or meeting

The Auburn Uniting Church complex of buildings was opened in 1889 as the Hawthorn Wesleyan Church. The suite of buildings is protected by inclusion on the Victorian Heritage Register. It consists of the Church itself plus a Hall (one of the finest extant examples of the Methodist Model Sunday School), a series of small classrooms, the larger Eileen Pawsey Room which is ideal for smaller meetings or classes, and three dwellings which are privately tenanted.

Auburn remains a place of worship to this day. Sunday morning services are attended by a faithful congregation and there is an active church choir which rehearses weekly and sings at the services. The Minister is The Reverend Dr Craig Thompson.

The Church, which is well known for its good acoustics and its historic Fincham organ, is available for hire by concert organisers, while the other buildings are suitable for rehearsals, meetings and classes.

Further details about this historic suite of buildings may be found on the Church website auburnuc.org.au

Our Concert Package

- One rehearsal in the Church (up to four hours)
- One concert in the Church (up to three hours)
- Use of the Eileen Pawsey Room for cloaks, instrument cases, etc during concert
- Use of piano and/or organ

Our Spaces

The Church, the Hall and the Eileen Pawsey Room are available for hire for meetings, classes or rehearsals for regular or casual use. For rates and availability, see the insert or the Church website.

The Church seats 450 plus seating for 60 in the choir stalls; the Hall seats up to 200 (theatre style) or 100 (classroom style) while the Eileen Pawsey Room can accommodate up to 50 (theatre style) or 15 (boardroom style).

Our Organ

The fine Fincham organ, installed in 1889 is regularly tuned and kept in good working order. For further details, check the website. The piano is a 1912 German Rönisch bequeathed to the church by the poet Joyce Lee, in 2007. It is tuned to concert pitch.

Our Services

Box Office

All seats in the church are numbered and a seating plan is available.

Catering

The Church congregation can arrange catering on request.

Kitchen

The complex has a well-equipped kitchen which is available for hire in conjunction with the Church or function rooms.

Mobility access

Access to all rooms is provided by wheelchair ramp and there is a disabled toilet.

Recent performances held at Auburn include:

- Eltham East Primary School Choir: annual Christmas carol concerts
- Glen Eira City Choir: annual concerts including Fauré's *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah* and Haydn's *Creation*
- The Ad Hoc Singers: Stainer's *Crucifixion*, Charles Wood's *St Mark Passion*
- The Victoria Welsh Male Voice Choir: charity concerts
- Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players
- Box Hill Chorale
- Melbourne Singers
- Concordia Mandolin Ensemble
- The Friends of the Auburn Tower Concert Programme

Groups which have used our facilities:

The Rover Car Club; Hawthorn U3A; Feldenkrais, Yoga and other movement classes; The Australian Boys Choir; The Tudor Choristers; Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia; Rotary Club of Glenferrie.

The new home of the Australian Boys Choir

In April 2009, Auburn Uniting church became the new home of the Australian Boys Choir. This Australian icon is now in its 70th year.

“There is something rather fitting about the notion that in our 70th anniversary year, Australia’s ‘first and finest’ boys’ choir now resides in a place of such great importance to Victoria’s heritage,”

Adrian Dusting,
Administrator,
Australian Boys Choir

