

SURF COAST LINKED CONGREGATIONS COUNCIL
AIREYS INLET UNITING CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT for 2016

Church Council Officers:

Chairperson:	Keith Bremner		Mary Bremner
Secretary:	Phyllis Mill	Presbytery Rep:	Jim Barton
Treasurer:	L Richardson	OH&S:	Ross Lamont

Linked Council Rep: Noni Johnson

Committees

Rev Helen Robinson is a member of all committees

Pastoral Care: Phyllis Mill, Edie Barton, Noni Johnson

Worship: Keith Bremner, Mary Bremner, Noni Johnson

Outreach: Mary Bremner, Edie Barton, Lachie Richardson, Noni Johnson

Elder: Phyllis Mill

The **Pastoral Care Committee** meets monthly to pray, to share any concerns and discuss any appropriate actions required.

The **Worship Committee**, in conjunction with our Minister Helen, is responsible for organising Worship Services for the third and fifth Sundays of the month. Members of the Worship Committee, members of our congregation and some of our Swallows take part in leading these services. After the death in February last year, of our much loved music director, Joan Richardson, we have struggled with this aspect of our worship. We thank our guitarist Keith Bremner and Anglesea organists, Barbara Fraser and Elizabeth McKenzie for help with the music. We also thank Lindsay Carey for organising some music for us over the summer season.

The **Outreach Committee** has had a busy year, starting with the annual Pancake Day. Other activities are listed below.

Coffee & Chat

We maintain an enthusiastic group of residents of Aireys Inlet, some from our churches and some not, who attend the monthly Coffee and Chat sessions. We thank Edie Barton for her faithful manning of the kitchen and welcoming activities. Coffee & Chat attendees enjoyed film afternoon outings at Waterlands to raise funds for our Journeys within our Community, Cambodia, scholarship sponsorship.

Speaker Dinner

The dinner at the Anglesea Golf Club with guest speaker, Julian Burnside, was a sell-out with 140 people attending. It was a wonderful way of being the church in the community, while promoting discussion and debate on the controversial subject of Australia's policies towards refugees and asylum seekers. We are hoping to be able to continue to run this dinner as an annual event.

Community Carols

The annual combined churches community carols was another successful event with a record attendance. The children's pageant was again the highlight, while the Bellbrae musicians did a great job with the musical accompaniment.

Study Group

We continue to benefit from the ecumenical study group led by the Anglican priest, Fr. John Webster. We have used books in the Pilgrim series during the year, as well as, a great series on Revelations presented by Fr. John. At the moment we are studying a book by Diana Butler Bass entitled, Christianity for the Rest of Us. It is a book about renewal of mainline churches.