



## Aireys Inlet Anglesea Bellbrae Torquay



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### Our Web Site

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)  
This Newsletter is available  
on our web site

### Readings this week

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### Welcome

We welcome all visitors to our services this day; we trust you are enjoying your stay on the Surf Coast. When you return to your home churches please take the greetings of the Surf Coast Linked Congregations with you.

**Bellbrae Bric a Brac & Bellbrae Book Room  
Are open for Business on  
Thursday & Friday 10 - 4  
Saturday 10 - 1  
sorting is now on  
Tuesday afternoon  
1.00-4.00 pm.**

### Services

#### Today

Anglesea 9.00am  
Aireys Inlet 10.30am.

**Rev David Walker**

Torquay 9.30am  
Bellbrae 11.00am

**Robert Packett**

#### Tuesday 15th.

2nd Tuesday Service Anglesea Aged Care  
**Rev Helen Robinson**

#### Next Week

Anglesea 9.00am

**Rev Bernie Long**

Aireys Inlet 10.30am.

**Anglican Service**

Torquay 9.30am  
Bellbrae 11.00am

**Rev Helen Robinson**

### UNITINGCARE.

*The Torquay Church Council recognises that the Torquay contributions of food for UnitingCare, Geelong (formerly known as "Concern" and PEX) have dropped off rather drastically over the past year. Possibly this is the case in our other congregations, too, or maybe not???*

*To assist you to get back into the habit of bringing some goods on a regular basis, here are some suggestions for the month of October, however any non-perishable food along with personal hygiene products are always welcome*

#### **OCTOBER SUGGESTIONS:**

*long life milk, tinned fruit, toothpaste, baked beans, spaghetti, vegemite.*

### SPAN

Dr Anthony Richards the son of Joyce and Harold will be speaking about his recent trip to Vanuatu on a yacht accompanied by his wife Christine, Dentists and other professionals to assist the locals. They were also able to pass on spectacles to those in need.

All are welcome next Thursday at 6pm for a shared meal followed by Anthony's talk.

You are also welcome to come along at 7.30pm just to hear our speaker.

### Free Film

You are invited to see "The Hidden People" This film takes you on a journey with the Leprosy Mission at work in Timor Leste, Nepal and Nigeria.

Cinema 5 Readings Waurin Ponds today  
Sunday 13th October 3.30pm

### Spring has arrived !

Did you notice the beautiful orchids and Geraldton wax decorating Torquay Uniting Church last Sunday?

Come on the Torquay Afternoon Fellowship's Spring visit to Geelong Botanic Gardens on Wednesday October 16th.

We will depart from Torquay U.C., Anderson St., at 1 p.m. for car pooling, or meet at Eastern Beach gates between 1.30 and 2.p.m. Afternoon tea is available at the Kiosk, at a cost of approximately \$ 8.00.

**All Welcome....**



### Aireys Inlet Christmas Tree Festival

**How are you  
going with your  
Christmas  
Tree ???**

#### **Remember**

Trees must be registered (see ENTRY FORM) and lodged at the Aireys Inlet Hotel between 4.00pm and **5.00pm on Friday, 29th November.**

Entry forms are available on our web site

**Thank you** to everybody who supported the Pink Ribbon Luncheon at Anglesea which was a most successful day both socially and financially raising over \$2,500.00.

### Weekly Smile - Contact Lens

A teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a fruitless search, he went inside and told his mother the lens was nowhere to be found.

Undaunted, she went outside, and in a few minutes, she returned with the lens in her hand. "How did you find it, Mum?" he asked. "We weren't looking for the same thing," she replied. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150"

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Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

### A letter to the Church from the Moderator

I write on behalf of the Standing Committee of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania to express our very deep regret that the failure of Acacia College and the need to replenish missional reserves has resulted in this Synod incurring a significant debt.

Many letters and phone calls have been received which question how such a failure happened, and which seek to discover who is to blame. We need to repeat, as we have said previously, that no single person, committee or presbytery is entirely at fault in this situation, no single person, committee or presbytery can be blamed. Nonetheless the Synod Standing Committee, for itself, for the past Standing Committees and for all of the many individuals, committees and councils of the church that contributed to this failure deeply regrets the outcome and offers our apology for this debt being incurred by the Church.

The Acacia College debt and much of the reserves that now need to be replenished occurred as a result of earnestly striving to be at mission, and as a result of being a Church willing to take risks in this striving. As a result of resolutions from the May 2013 Synod meeting, to repay these debts heavy burdens are now being placed on the Church. The Standing Committee is aware of the pain that many parts of the Church are bearing, including presbyteries, congregations and agencies across the Synod. For this whole situation we offer our apology. For the reality of the financial situation of the Synod and the liabilities that have arisen; for the need to act so promptly to bring about financial stability for the Synod; and for the pain carried by congregations, presbyteries and agencies as we work together to resolve this, we offer our apology.

We are also humbled by the generous and gracious responses we have experienced from presbytery, congregational and agency leaders as we talk to them about divestment. In the midst of pain and loss, some are also seeing new possibilities and options for mission and worship.

As the Basis of Union reminds us, we are a pilgrim people always on the way. We hope that we will all be able to move forward in the power of the Spirit together as a Church, continuing to serve the Gospel of Christ, a Gospel of love and forgiveness, hope and joy. We offer this apology in that spirit.

Grace and peace,



  
Dan Wootton  
Moderator

### Please Vote for KildonanUCare

Eftpos – the payments system in use at more than half a million retail outlets across Australia – gives one or two major grants to charity each year. Last year they supported Vision Australia with \$1 million, and this year Kildonan – part of the UnitingCare network in Victoria – is in the running with an exciting project that will help families across the nation. To help them succeed, we are asking you to vote for their category (Disadvantaged kids, families and communities) on the eftpos web-site [eftposgiveback.com.au/vote](http://eftposgiveback.com.au/vote)

Of the many hardships that impact impoverished households, energy bills are among the most pernicious, and are often calamitous in their impact. The cost of electricity in Australia has increased by 87 per cent since 2000; the national annual average electricity bill increase for households is currently around 14 per cent. Many significant Australian studies in the last decade have identified power costs as a major hardship facing vulnerable households, as power is an enabler that affects numerous fundamental aspects of day to day life – heating and cooling, lighting, the use of white goods and electrical goods.

Through its eftpos Giveback Power to the People campaign, Kildonan UnitingCare is proposing to provide solar power to up to 1000 of Australia's most vulnerable households. If successful, the program will be rolled out through the national UnitingCare network. The impact of Kildonan's project will be immediate and long-lasting, saving families almost \$10m in energy bills over the next 10 years. Kildonan plans to deliver the project in conjunction with the Federal Government-funded Home Energy Saver Scheme, which has a target to reach 100,000 households nationally by June 2015.

As part of its judging process, eftpos is asking the public to nominate causes, with Kildonan in the Disadvantaged Kids, Families and Communities category. For Kildonan to succeed at this stage, we are cordially asking Uniting Church and UnitingCare employees, friends, supporters and colleagues to vote at eftpos before the close of voting on 12 October.

It's simple, takes 30 seconds and is free.

- Step One:** go to [eftposgiveback.com.au/vote](http://eftposgiveback.com.au/vote)  
**Step Two:** (important) – select Disadvantaged kids, families and communities from the banner  
**Step Three:** follow the instructions. Insert Kildonan UnitingCare where you are asked to nominate a charity  
**Step Four:** Vote!!

We would hugely appreciate it if you could circulate this to your friends and family so we can get as many people behind this UnitingCare project as possible! You can also find out more information and follow the story on social media,

**Facebook - @Kildonan UnitingCare and Twitter - @KildonanUCare**