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We welcome all visitors to our services this day; we trust you are enjoying your stay on the Surf Coast. Please take our greetings to your Congregation with you when you return home.

Helens Space

Today we will be celebrating the Commissioning of Lay Leaders at Aireys Inlet, and afterwards signing off on the documents we need to attend to for all the Keeping Children Safe work which is going on.

Next Sunday, we will have a service of Commissioning of Lay Leaders at Bellbrae: remember, we're all in this together so you will all be commissioned! Again, we will be signing off on documents necessary for the KCS work the Synod is doing.

We will do likewise at Anglesea when folk have organised their Working With Children Checks.

On Tuesday 14th March, worship will be celebrated at Anglesea Aged Care. Usually this is on the second Monday of the month, but because the 13th is a public holiday staff requested that I come on the Tuesday on this occasion.

At Torquay we will celebrate Messy Church with pancakes and an Easter theme on Tuesday 14th, 3:30-5pm.

Torquay Church Council meets at 4pm on Thursday 23rd.

The AGM of the Torquay Congregation will be held on 26th March after worship. I imagine everyone has sent their reports to Bob Hale by this stage.

"Dine Out" will meet at the Jan Juc hotel at 12 noon on Monday 27th, all are welcome. Please let Jean Elder know if you are coming so she can notify the hotel of numbers.

(Please note, I am reluctant to put people's phone nos. in the Newsletter because it is posted on the web. If you need to contact somebody mentioned here and do not have their number please ask me or anyone who may know.

Please do what you can to treasure this time of Lent as a time for prayer and reflection. Truly, there is nothing more important in our lives than our relationship with God. If we are deeply aware of God's acceptance of us, and forgiving love for us, then this is reflected in all our relationships: with other people, and even with ourselves. If we have a view of God as some kind of hard taskmaster or slave driver then this is how we will treat ourselves- and those around us- simply because we have learnt to see life through that lens. However, if we have known the warmth of God's love for us and had our hearts softened towards others and ourselves because of this, then this will have a powerful effect on our relationships with others. Other people will then have the chance to catch the vision of the loving, merciful God which we have seen ourselves, and be drawn to God to find our more for themselves. This is the essence of passing on our Christian faith to others. May God be with us as we endeavour to do God's work in our part of the world. **Amen**

Helen

Today

Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Rev Helen Robinson
Torquay 9.30.
Bellbrae 11.00
Worship Teams

Next Week

Anglesea 9.00
Rev Bernie Long
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Worship Team
Torquay 9.30.
Bellbrae 11.00
Rev Helen Robinson



Bellbrae Bric-A-Brac and Book Stall

Sorting each Tuesday
from 1pm – 4.30pm
helpers are very welcome.
Opening times
Thursday, Friday 10am–4pm
Saturday 10am–1pm

Anglesea Reminders

- Anglesea has a Combined morning tea with the Baptists on Sunday 19th March.
- New "Giving Envelopes" are now available
- SPAN at the Anglesea Church from 6pm on Thursday 16th all are Welcome. .

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent and with it comes the Lenten Offering which is an annual event in the life of congregations within the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

It is conducted during Lent and Easter at a time of reflection, renewal and recommitment.

In response to God's love for all people and the giving of his son to the world, an opportunity is provided for people of the church to make a sacrificial offering to support important mission projects.

The Lenten Offering is commended to our members by the Moderator, the Rev. Sharon Hollis, as she asks us individually to think about what Lent might mean. We need to consider this.

Envelopes will be available in our churches during Lent. Please think how you could take part

Torquay Congregation Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday March 26.

The meeting is to receive the Congregation Annual Report, and to elect its Chair, Secretary and Presbytery Representative. Please tell Robert Packett if you have any other items you wish considered.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church (Anglesea) is conducting the Good Friday service at Trinity Uniting Church. The Service is at 9am, led by Simon and Liz Clark, followed by a March of Witness. Booklets - (Simon and Liz will bring them) for the service will be given out at the door, music will be played through Simon's IPod and Liz will play 2 recitals on piano. **We require 3 Readers from Trinity to read passages of scripture during the March.**

Our Web Site is in for a "Face Lift".

We are having our first Web Site training meeting next Thursday with volunteers from all of our churches coming to learn how easy it is to post information, posters and articles on our web site.

The aim is to enable each church to keep their information and rosters up to date and become the natural place for our congregations to find this information. Please take the time to keep your representative up to date with information, if we all work together our web site will be a much greater asset to our Parish.

Just in case you don't know where to find our web site it is listed at the top of page 1 of this newsletter, please save it a "favourite" on your ipad, computer or phone.

Cottage by the Sea
Queenscliff Inc.
 Geelong Branch
 Presents
An Afternoon Tea
 with
Dennis Smart
 Come hear from the
Cottage's President
 Thursday 23rd March 2017
 2.00 pm
 Waurun Ponds Community Church
 48 Waurunvale Drive, Belmont

Sunday May 7th, 2.30pm at Aireys Inlet Community Hall

"The Victoria Welsh Choir in Concert", who are renowned for their humour, sense of fun, and rich singing in spine-tingling four-part harmony

Tickets \$30.00 includes afternoon tea. Tickets available Margo 5263 – 3276 / 0412742117 .

All profits of afternoon to Australian Red Cross



Information about this event is available this morning as is a Sticker for a Jar or Tin to collect your small change.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - INFORMATION EVENING

The combined Belmont and St Luke's Uniting Church Social Justice Group is hosting an information evening to hear about the work being done to support newly arrived refugee students at North Geelong Secondary College.

Sunday 26th March, 2017

Presentation at 5pm

A light meal will be provided

Suggested donation, \$5

Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson St., Belmont. 0414431006

