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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

Firstly, I want to say what a wonderful time we had at SPAN last Thursday evening. Our hosts were John and Margaret Russell, and we had a BBQ tea at their place. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable evening of fellowship with one another. We look forward to SPAN next month (3rd Thursday, March 16th). Beryl McCasker has graciously offered to be our host for this meeting, with dinner at her home (please enquire closer to the time about what to bring). We truly enjoy having people join us who have not been to SPAN previously, so do join us!

We will celebrate the Commissioning of our Lay Leaders at Torquay this morning. We are all most grateful to those who agree to shoulder the tasks of this leadership group within the church. In each and every one of our congregations, the work of our Lay Leaders and Elders is absolutely vital to the proper running of the church. That goes for everyone who takes a degree of responsibility in the congregation. Many, many thanks to you all.

- Linked Council meets on Tuesday 21st at Aireys Inlet at 2pm.
- Anglesea Elders meet at 4pm on Thursday 23rd.
- Dine Out resumes for the year on Monday 27th February, at the Jan Juc hotel at midday. It's "on" every 4th Monday of the month, except December. Please feel free to come and join us, we'd love that!
- Pancake Day is ON at Aireys Inlet, in the Community Hall, from 11am-4pm Tuesday February 28th. Come and support UnitingCare by eating some delicious pancakes and having lovely coffee or tea.

There will be a service of worship on Ash Wednesday, 1st March, at Torquay at 7pm. This, of course, marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection and renewal of our relationship with God. The service will involve reception of ashes and Holy Communion. All are welcome, of course.

- World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at Torquay Christian Church (Baptist) on Friday 3rd of March, at 1pm.

I want to ask you to help us cultivate a greater spirit of cohesiveness as a Parish. I see a real need for us to get to know one another better, and to spend more time in one another's company. It distresses me to know that some people do not know others from different congregations well. I realise there is a bit of distance between the Torquay and Bellbrae part of the parish and the Anglesea and Aireys Inlet part of the parish. Is there a chance that we might make a particular effort sometimes to participate in one another's activities? Beaut Beanies (Tuesday mornings, Torquay) and Dine Out, 4th Monday of the month at Jan Juc Hotel are open to everyone. SPAN (3rd Thursday of the month, Anglesea) is open to everyone. Coffee and Chat (1st Friday of the month, Aireys Inlet) is open to everyone. Perhaps you might consider coming along to any of these things when the possibility arises for you.

Not forgetting special services such as Ash Wednesday and World Day of Prayer. Also events such as Pancake day!

Please give it some thought, would you?

Peace be with you, your Minister, Helen.

Today

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

Next Week

Anglesea 9.00
 Aireys Inlet 10.30
Rev Helen Robinson
Worship Team
 Torquay 9.30.
 Bellbrae 11.00
Rev David Walker



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



Remember Our Fire Plan

No Church Services will take place on any Sunday declared Extreme or Code Red in the Central district of Victoria



Flipping fun for a good cause



PANCAKE DAY 2017



Get behind Pancake Day in 2017 and help UnitingCare support people living in crisis.

pancakeday.com.au

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Uniting Care Pancake Day Tuesday 28th February 11.00am - 4.00pm Aireys Inlet Community Hall
Tea and Coffee available. All proceeds to Uniting Care Geelong

Beaut Beanies meet again on Tuesday mornings

We would love to welcome more occasional or regular knitters to join us in making beanies, teddies, rugs, or scarves for people in need. 10.30am-noon, February to November in Torquay Uniting Church Foyer.

Contact Jan 5264 3519

The first Linked Council meeting for this year

Is on Tuesday February 21st at 2 PM at Aireys Inlet.

Please ensure your congregational reports are sent to Noni by Friday the 17th February

This coming Wednesday , Feb. 22nd is the first Anglesea Fellowship Meeting. Our Meetings start at 2 pm . This Month please bring own choice of Item for Concern. All are welcome to join in our friendly Afternoon.

Anglesea Elders to meet on Thursday 23rd February at 4 p.m.



Our Web Site has been saved by a lovely young lady named Jess Phillips

Jess is just starting her working life with the Uniting Church IT Department and has been very helpful. We have a new theme which is very similar to our old. It is a white background which shows off images very well.

I would like to have a header like the one above for each of our four congregations which captures the beauty of the area where our four churches are located. The beaches at the coastal areas and the beautiful countryside at Bellbrae. The images need to be (landscape shape) for trimming and I will need to ask Jess to help me put them in place at the top of the appropriate pages. Can you help?? For the time being we just let the waves roll in.

I know there are people out there with projects they would like to see on our web site so send them to me and with the help of Jess we/you might be able to get them up and running. It could be an exciting time for our web site.