



Our Web Site surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au - Our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/surfcoastunitingchurch



Rev. Helen Robinson - Telephone 0408 527 521 - email helenrobinson12@bigpond.com.au

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

Dear people of the Surf Coast Linked Congregations,

I write to advise you that I have decided to retire, effective from the end date of my 3 months of sick leave, 30th June. In further information to what I have previously advised some of you, I visited my doctor again day afternoon, and he gave me 3 months sick leave. In the evening I spoke to Iris Blythe (Chair of Pastoral Relations Committee for the Presbytery) and she reminded me that I need to give 3 months notice of retirement. This is covered by my current sick certificate. I now need to make the appropriate arrangements with Synod.

Of course this has been a difficult decision to make, because I have been privileged to work with so many excellent and dedicated people in the Surf Coast Linked Congregations. I have nothing but gratitude for the wonderful way I have been supported in my ministerial role amongst you by many immensely capable people.

Unfortunately my health has not been entirely good for 2 years now. I have suffered from bouts of vertigo which have been, at times, disabling. Quite recently I had an intense and severe attack of vertigo which promoted me to see my doctor. I have come to the conclusion that I need a substantial period of rest to get back my equilibrium (if you'll pardon the significant allusion). I am sure this is the proper course of action to regain my health.

I want to express my very sincere gratitude to all the people, in every variety of service within the church and outside it, who have worked very hard in many ways. You have helped to make the congregations function in their worship and outreach in the way that they need to, in dedication to Christ. So many people have given of their time, energy and talents to fulfil various tasks as they have presented themselves. This is not only true of people in the many leadership roles in each of the congregations. Others have also gone about quietly doing the things which must be done to help the congregation function as a community of faith. I am so grateful to each and every one of you who have shared in the work of sharing the gospel in word and deed in our place and our time. Thank you so much, all of you.

As to worship leadership, Presbytery has supplied us with a list of people available for Supply, and Robyn Harper is working on filling the Preaching Plan as necessary.

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

Many blessings, Helen.

Today

Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
**John & Margaret
Russell**
Torquay 9.30.
Bellbrae 11.00
Rev Ron Manley

Next Week

Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Rev Kenneth Ralph
Torquay 9.30.
Rev Ron Manley
Bellbrae 11.00
Worship Team



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

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 met on Thursday afternoon with a least one person from each church, it was a very interesting meeting with lots of good ideas. Each of our four churches will now look after their own portion of the site.

So please talk to your representatives and ensure that the information for your group is on our site and up to date, if we all work together who knows what we can achieve.

Alan Harper, (Torquay) alanharp@bigpond.com

Louise Venter, (Torquay) pajventer@optusnet.com.au

John Adams, (Bellbrae) waytoolongtobeawebname@yahoo.com

Mary Bremner (Aireys Inlet) bremnerkm@gmail.com **Noni Johnson** (Aireys Inlet) celebrant.noni@internode.on.net

Peter Heath (Anglesea) peter.heath@me.com

John Russell (Anglesea) j.m.russ@bigpond.net.au

We have started updating our web site - Your suggestions are welcome please talk to your representative.

**Torquay Uniting Church
& The Vox Box Choir presents
An Afternoon With the Choir
bringing you "A BOX OF
FAVOURITES"**



Sunday 28th May 2017 at 2.00 pm at Torquay Uniting Church 27 Anderson Street, Torquay Cost \$20
Inquiries & Booking of Tickets – Robyn – Ph 0407 829 926

A Request to the Torquay Congregation

We are looking for a member of Torquay area to run a 'Biggest Morning Tea' in May this year. If anyone is interested please contact Robyn Harper – 0407 829 926.

Due to Helens Retirement **An Updated Preaching Plan is now available on our Web Site.**

**The Messiah Presentaion led by
Simon and Liz Clark
will be held again this year
on Tuesday 11th April at the
Anglesea Uniting Church starting at 7.30pm.
All are welcome**

**Good Friday 14th April
Easter Sunday 16th April**



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

