



Another **Mission Study session** will be held at The Anglesea Uniting Church on June 18th at 6:30 PM.

Prayers for the Surf Coast Uniting Churches' future: At Anglesea, each Saturday 9.30am-10.30. Come when you can, go when you must.

Head Of The House
Smith and Jones were discussing the question of who should be head of the house, the man or the woman. "I am the head of my establishment," said Jones.

"Well," replied Smith, "before my wife and I were married we made an agreement that I should make the rulings on all major things, my wife on all the minor." "How has it worked?" queried Jones. Smith smiled. "So far," he replied, "no major matters have come up."

SHARE WINTER APPEAL

Winter is certainly here now. Winter is also a time of real need for many families and individuals who are forced to seek assistance for food, warm clothing and meeting power bills. The Share Winter Appeal enables the Uniting Church through its agencies to help meet this need.

Envelopes for the Winter Appeal are available at each of our churches. Please take one, read more about the needs of people and consider making a contribution. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or mailed directly to SHARE.



Aireys Inlet

Anglesea

Bellbrae

Torquay



Some Photos from last Sunday.

There are more on our back page and you can see them in colour on our web site.

Today
Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Margaret & John Russell
Torquay 9.30
Rev Ron Manley
Bellbrae 11.00
Rev Bernie Long

Bellbrae Bric-A-Brac and Book Stall
Sorting each Tuesday 1pm – 4.30pm
helpers are very welcome.
Opening times Thur. & Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am–1pm

Next Week
Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Brian Shaw
Torquay 9.30
Bellbrae 11.00
Jean Murray



A Huge “Thank You” from Helen.

I want to thank everyone who worked hard to make last Sunday, my Retirement Farewell, such a wonderful occasion. I was overwhelmed by people’s kindness on the day, and the warmth of the whole celebration. Thanks to our musicians, to all who set up the church, to all who organised the food (YUM!) and to everyone who played a part in the worship service. Many thanks also to those who worked hard to make the IT presentation perfect on the day.

I am most grateful for the wonderful, beautifully arranged flowers I received, thanks to Noni. I have taken many photographs of them, so I will always remember exactly how lovely they were. Also for the beautiful icon of the nativity from the hand of Annette Packett, which I will treasure as I do the others I have had from her.

A special “Thank You” to all the people who sent me cards during my illness and as my retirement approached. I was very moved by the kind messages I received, I can assure you.

It is always hard to say “Goodbye”, and I will forever be indebted to so many people who put in hard work and long hours to ensure that our congregations moved along in the right direction. The consistent faithfulness in the tasks taken on by so many people has been crucial in us moving forward as a church. Thank you for being such remarkable, memorable people! May God bless you abundantly in the future.

With my love, Helen.

A word from our Chairperson

In all that she has done, Helen has demonstrated her deep and abiding faith in God. In her ministry, she has consistently taken us back to the most fundamental truths about the Christian life and faith – that we will only ever find true happiness when we are living according to God’s will for our lives, and that the world will only ever become a better place when all of humankind is in harmony with God. She has pointed out practical ways we can go about working towards these high goals and has done it in a way that has never diminished us or made us feel inadequate to the task.

Despite the temptations of a very busy program, Helen has been open about prioritising her time for prayer and quiet contemplation. She has regularly and gently reminded us of the need in our own lives for this practice, along with quality time spent studying God’s word. Above all else, Helen has been an inspirational role model to us in her spiritual life – she has truly Walked the Talk. For me, this has been the greatest of Helen’s many strengths.

I then presented Helen with our gifts to her – a delightful floral arrangement created by Noni Johnson of the Aireys Inlet congregation, a stunning contemporary icon, written by Annette Packett of the Torquay congregation and a large card with messages from everyone present.

In her usual humble style, Helen responded by thanking us for the support we have given her and spoke with great sincerity of her admiration for all the contributions congregation members make to the life of our church. She also led a time of quiet remembrance of loved ones who are no longer with us.

We all join in wishing Helen and Chris, God’s richest blessings in whatever the future holds for them.

Mary Bremner (Chairperson, Surf Coast Linked Congregations Council)

The four Uniting church congregations along the Surfcoast are set in a most beautiful place, where the bush meets the sea.

Whether you choose to worship at Torquay, Bellbrae, Anglesea or Aireys Inlet you will find a really warm welcome.

In our worship we seek to invite people into the love and mystery of God, who has given his Son so that we can enter freely into relationship with our God. We celebrate the love God has for us, and for all creation, and think about what it means to be disciples of Jesus.

