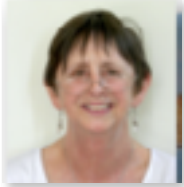




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We welcome all visitors to our services this day; we trust you are enjoying your stay on the Surf Coast. Please take our greetings to your Congregation with you when you return home.

Helens Space

This week we enter into the season of Lent, our spiritual and practical preparation for the events of Easter Week. Please do make time to engage in whatever activity brings you close to the presence of God. This is a time to remember the truth that in God we live and move and have our being. Whatever brings to mind, for you, the wonder of our Creator God, who gives us life and breath and all that we need, please spend time in that "place". Creativity of whatever kind, music, sitting quietly or walking in the bush or by the sea, reading scripture or spiritually helpful literature, singing-there's no limit to the ways in which we can encounter the presence of God. After all, God is present in every moment. What we need to do is to be present to the moment in which we find ourselves, and we will likely find ourselves "present" to God's presence!

The sticking point is that we will likely have to relinquish a certain amount of control over things to actually experience this. Not easy for any of us! Our worries and fears get in the way of us doing that. I think that if we can get our worries and fears into true proportion with reality, then we will likely be able to relate to God more easily in prayer and so feel rather more free to walk the path God lays before us.

Dine Out commences for this year on Monday 27th, meeting at the Jan Juc hotel at 12 noon. All are welcome.

We begin our observance of the season of Lent with Pancake Day on Tuesday 28th. Thank you so much to our Aireys Inlet congregation and their band of helpers who will be serving pancakes from 11am- 4pm, to raise money for UnitingCare. This is always a pleasure to be part of- including the fact that the pancakes and the good coffee and tea are wonderful. Everyone is invited to be part of the occasion, held at the Aireys Inlet Community Hall.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at Torquay church at 7pm on the 1st March. This will include reception of ashes and Holy Communion. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at the Torquay Christian Fellowship (Baptist) church at 1pm on Friday March 3rd. The liturgy has been prepared by the people of the Philippines, and the theme is "Am I being unfair to you?" The scripture reference is Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the landowner who hired workers waiting at the market at different times of the day, giving them the same wage at the end of the day. It concludes with the saying: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Torquay folk who need to submit reports to Bob Hale for the AGM on the 26th March, please forward these to Bob by Sunday 5th March.

Worship will be celebrated at Elouera Aged Care at 2:15pm on Monday 6th March, and you are most welcome to come and chat to the residents and take part in the hymn-singing.

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

Next Week
 Anglesea 9.00
 Aireys Inlet 10.30
John Russell
 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




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.

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**Uniting Care Pancake Day next 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**

Anglesea Extra Meeting

Just a reminder that at Anglesea's last Church Council meeting it was decided to have a further meeting on Sunday March 5th after church to consider the recommendations from the survey, to change them, or vote for or against their implementation. Please read them again before the day so that you are familiar with them.

In addition, the Linked Council has asked all congregations to answer 4 questions, and these take precedence over considering the survey recommendations, so will be dealt with first:

Do we have a thriving congregation?

What is the spiritual health of the congregation?

Can we reduce expenses?

Can we increase income

(planned giving/ stewardship campaign/ use of direct debit/ fund-raising/ greater percentage of any fund-raising to Linked Council)?

Anglesea has a Combined morning tea with the Baptists on Sunday 19th March.

Everyone Welcome



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PHILIPPINES

Am I being unfair to you?



FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

1pm

Torquay Christian Fellowship

25 Grossmans Rd (2 Pimalea Way)

If you would like to keep your churches web pages up to date and looking good please email me at peter.heath@me.com and I will organise a get together. These 3 images now sit at the top of the Bellbrae, Torquay and Anglesea pages, have a look at surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

