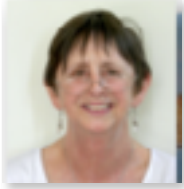




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We welcome all visitors to our services this day; we trust you are enjoying your stay on the Surf Coast. Please take our greetings to your Congregation with you when you return home.

Helens Space

Here we are in the second week of January already. Time to think about the good things about last year, and also the things which we would (perhaps very much) rather not have happened last year. It is good for us to recall what we counted as a blessing, and also those things that may have been very, very hard. What did we learn about ourselves from how we got through the hard times? Where was God when we needed help? Who and what helped us to get through? Also, the good times. What was especially precious to us about them? What has helped us to feel rather more whole this last year? What can we say we have learnt about ourselves and about God in that time? If we can say that we find God a greater mystery now than before, then I think we're doing quite OK.

On to other things. The book stall associated with the Anglesea Fete opens Monday - Friday 10 -12 this coming week. There are some real gems to be found, so come and browse and buy! The Anglesea folk have been working hard to get it perfectly organised. Don't miss out! Of course, we have the Anglesea Fete on Sat. 14th! Please read the advertisement carefully so you know all the excellent things which are happening on this really beaut occasion! Thank you so very, very much to everyone who has worked hard already to make this a wonderful success, and of course to everyone who will be "on deck" on the big day. You are doing a wonderful job! Remember, too, that Starfish Nippers, which has already been a great success, continues on in the coming week. You might want to go to the beach, near the ASLSC, to cheer them on!

Also, would Anglesea folk please attend carefully to the notices about our AGM to be held in two weeks, on Sunday 22nd. There will be elections and important discussions, because various people are not continuing, or not for long, in their current positions. So please consider carefully who to nominate for various positions. Marj Hanson, who has graciously agreed to be secretary temporarily, is the "go to" person for your nominations.

Congratulations to all who staff the Op Shop and Book Room at this busy time, and who help make so much money for the Parish and the Bellbrae Church. What a fabulous job you are doing, while many people are taking it easy for the holidays!

Many thanks to those who have tidied up the vestry at the Torquay church in preparation for my moving over there when the demolition/building begins! We don't know exactly when that will be, but we need to be prepared ahead of time so there is not a last-minute rush.

Blessings for all for this coming year from you Minister, Helen

<p align="center">Today Aireys Inlet 10.30 Anglesea 9.00 Rev Helen Robinson Torquay 9.30 Bellbrae 11.00 Worship Teams</p>	<p align="center">Next Week Aireys Inlet 10.30 Worship Team Anglesea 9.00 Rev Bernie Long Torquay 9.30 Bellbrae 11.00 Rev Ron Manley</p>		<p align="center">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</p>
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Anglesea's Annual Fete Next Saturday 14th Jan 2017

It promises to be bigger and better than ever, we hope to see you there. The Book Sale will be open daily from 10am to 12noon from tomorrow 9th Jan. and on Fete Day - Its a fantastic place to pick up your summer reading.

Breakfast - Morning Tea & Lunch will be available.

Last year our Craft Stalls were a great, this year it will be Bigger and Better.

Our Cake Stall will supply beautiful cakes to satisfy the whole family

Buy a "Lucky Parcel" and perhaps gain a special treasure.

We also have a great supply of Jams & Chutneys etc.

Need some new plants for your Garden? Our Garden Stall is the place to go!

The Anglesea Baptist Church will again have 'Trash and Treasure'

We would love to see you at the Fete, it is really a fun experience for both young and old.

If you require collection of goods for the cake stall on Friday I am available to pick up. We appreciate all donations received from all members of our Congregations.

Donations can be brought to the Church on Saturday from 7 am.

Please list ingredients and date of making on all goods.

Many thanks to all for your support. **Margo Davey 0412742117**

Anglesea's Trinity Church's coming Annual Congregational meeting and Election of Office Bearers.

Marjorie Hanson will stand in as Secretary for the meeting and so all Nominations for vacant positions should be sent to her. These should be with her by Sunday 15th January. Those responsible for the Reports are reminded to have these ready for the Meeting.

Major positions which need to be filled are Secretary and Treasurer as Thelma Western is retiring after a long and successful time in this position. Can the members of our Congregation give these vacancies prayerful thought as they need to be filled. Marjorie Hanson is also retiring at the end of January 2017, from being the front person keeping the sound system at the Church working

When the song of the angels is stilled.

When the star in the sky is gone.

When the kings and princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoners, to rebuild nations, to bring peace among brothers and sisters, to make music in the heart.

*Rev Dr Howard Thurman African-American theologian and mystic
How might our churches co-operate in God's mission for the world?*



A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scales, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."