

Biggest Morning Tea at Torquay - Thank you to Beaut Beanies for your kind offer to hold the Biggest Morning Tea at Torquay this year.

This will be held on Tuesday 6th June in the form of a Devonshire Tea morning. Sounds yummy. So please put this date in your diaries and support these ladies as they raise funds for Cancer Council. **Starting at 10 am**

Anglesea will have a combined morning tea with the Baptist Church at 10.00.am Today.

The next Anglesea Congregational Meeting will be on **27th August 2017.**

Services at Elouera starting again at 2.15 pm tomorrow 5th June

The Bellbrae Church is holding a **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Torquay on Saturday 24th. June.**

They are seeking volunteers for the time slots **(9 - 11) (11- 2) & (2 - 4)**
If you can help please ring
Michael Lambkin on 5261 4256



I think you have some serious faith issues

Please keep the **Mystery Parcels for Anglesea's fete** in mind and put aside those 'unwanted' gifts, anything unused, suitable for children or adults.

Prayers for the Surf Coast Uniting Churches' future:

At Anglesea, each Saturday 9.30am-10.30. Come when you can, go when you must.

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.



Aireys Inlet

Anglesea

Bellbrae

Torquay

A message from the Editor.

Our newsletter has had the same format for quite some time now and it has been suggested that maybe it is time we tried something new. So this week the newsletter takes the form of a booklet, it is not new, we have had this format previously over the years that our newsletter has been in print.

It has also been suggested that printing in colour would be nice, if you have ever looked at it on line at our web site you would find that it is a colour production but most, if not all of our churches do not own a colour printer. Colour printing would require a printer with four cartridges (black, red, blue and yellow). This would involve an additional expense but I am of the option that the church needs to keep up with an ever changing world.

If you would like a format changed then we would appreciate your input as to the changes that are needed. There maybe suggestions about its content and they also would be appreciated.

Please feel free to email me with your suggestions, it is your newsletter and it needs to service the needs of your congregation and when read by others show that the church is still relevant in this modern age.

Our web site address is surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au , we would also like your comments and suggestions on the content of our web site.

Peter Heath.

Today

Anglesea 9.00
Aires Inlet 10.30
Margaret & John Russell
Torquay 9.30
Bellbrae 11.00
Rev David Walker

Bellbrae Bric-A-Brac and Book Stall

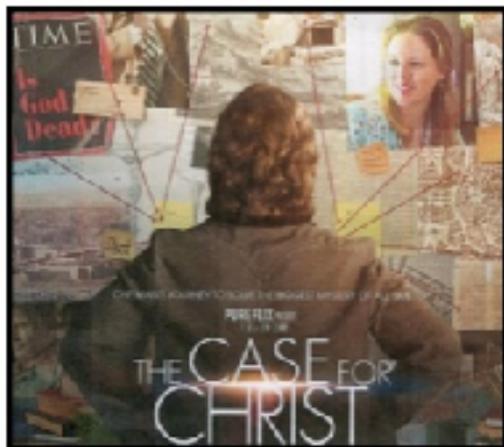
Sorting each Tuesday 1pm – 4.30pm
helpers are very welcome.
Opening times Thur. & Friday 10am - 4pm



Next Week

Anglesea 9.00
Aireys Inlet 10.30
Jean Murray
Torquay 9.30
Rev Ron Manley
Bellbrae 11.00
Rev Bernie Long

You're invited!



3.30pm Sunday 18th June

Village Cinema, Geelong.

\$15 profit to BWA South Sudan Appeal

Bookings Tel 5268 2744 or email

admin@angliscobppastorist.au.au

Let us pray

No Christian will deny the need for prayer. We are called to uphold each other in prayer, but cannot do this if we do not know what requests others have. Personal prayer and prayer as a Church are important and could be more valued in our worshipping communities.

Our Pastoral Care of each other includes praying for each others' needs. Each of the churches has a Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, and if you have a request, either talk to them or write your request out and place it in the offering plate. With your permission your request will be shared with the Elders. All requests are confidential to the Elders and any other bonafide members of your Church's Prayer Chain.

Perhaps your worshipping community may like to set up a dedicated box for prayer requests or somewhere that candles can be lit for silent prayers.

As we seek to identify the way forward for our Linked Congregations, prayer seeking the Holy Spirit's leading and a spirit of co-operation is essential. We naturally have personal preferences, and some find facing any change particularly challenging, but, without prayer and a willingness to consider 'doing things differently', if that is required, we will fail in our efforts to maintain a place of worship and share God's love with our communities.

Margaret Russell

Mission Study sessions will be held at Torquay Uniting Church on June 27th, 2-4 PM and Anglesea on July 18th at 6:30 PM.

Please save the dates and plan to attend both sessions if you are able.

We are entering a time of discernment for our congregations.

As you know, our congregations will soon have a ministry vacancy. In the Uniting Church, this signals the beginning of a time of discernment. It is a time to ask the question about where God is leading us and what ministry is needed for the next phase of our journey as a congregation.

Where are we going as a congregation?

As part of this discernment process, the Presbytery will lead a Mission Study. The purpose of this is to help us think and pray together about what God might be calling us to in mission and ministry in our life together over the next phase of our journey. This then will help us understand more about what kind of ministry we will need to help us achieve this.

What ministry do we need?

Part of these Mission Study sessions will involve thinking about the particular gifts and skills of ministry needed. But beyond this, the Port Phillip West Presbytery also asks congregations to make a decision about the options of 'Regeneration' or 'Traditional' ministry. This will be explained on the day. However, to put it simply, a congregation may choose to call a 'Regeneration Minister' if their key focus is about exploring mission and growth and new forms of church. Whilst of course all ministries and congregations have this interest, a regeneration ministry will state that intentionally from the start, and time will be specifically dedicated to this as a priority, along with worship and pastoral care.

Mission Study questions

An integral part of the Mission Study sessions is the consideration of the following four questions. The responses to these will also provide the basis of the Congregational Profile, which is given to ministers whom you may choose to have a conversation with. It would be great if individuals give this some thought before the Mission Study sessions.

1. WHERE ARE YOU?

What is your local community like? What are its characteristics, its needs? Where is it changing?

2. WHO ARE YOU?

Can you describe your congregation? (Worship, mission, and life together). What are you good at? What do you enjoy doing? What are your challenges – where do you need help?

3. HOW ARE YOU REACHING OUT?

What are you doing in mission/outreach? How might you build on that?

4. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO?

Is there a new way that you feel God might be leading you? Perhaps there's something you've been thinking about that might be important for the church to consider. Is there something that needs to change or end?

