Surfcoast Uniting Churches

3rd February 2019

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Bellbrae

Aireys Inlet 10:30

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Anglesea	9:00	Reverend Suzie Castle	
Torquay	9:30	Reverend Kevin Yelverton	
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Reverend Suzie Castle	

11:00 Reverend Kevin Yelverton

Next Week

Brian Shaw

Anglesea	9:00	Brian Shaw
Torquay	9:30	Reverend Suzie Castle

Today

Bellbrae Reverend Suzie Castle 11:30

THE MINISTER'S DESK

Welcome to the new look newsletter. When reflecting on the way we use publications to communicate in Church, I would suggest we approach it with prayer as prayer is our first mode of communication with God. This weekly document's only purpose is to communicate to God's people what Jesus is doing here amongst us. It's a vital and lifegiving ministry and I offer my great appreciation to Andre and Louise for the time and thoughtfulness they have put into producing it for us. I encourage all of us to show our support and respect for their ministry by meeting deadlines, offering encouraging words and upholding them in prayer. There has been a lot of administration taking place this week. Bellbrae has launched their new Facebook page that will sell oversized items and clear some space. It would be great if people could like the page and invite others to as well.

I have mapped out the years festivals and been thinking of ways to engage in worship and growing faith. I mentioned Lent Event last week as a short term bible study based in homegroups across the linked congregations. There are a number of people already planning where to hold these studies which is a huge blessing for us all. I will continue to speak to Lent Event in the lead up so, your questions can be answered. I personally don't find it too dissimilar to Act for Peace-Christmas Bowl with worship resources, bible studies and fund raising. Speaking of which, we raised \$1894 across the linked congregations for Christmas Bowl. Well done!

What awaits us this week is delivering the morning tea baskets to the local schools. You have approached this new outreach with such support and encouragement that I personally have felt very blessed by you. I can only imagine how blessed the school staff will feel after Monday. It would appear this week has the theme of launching something new. May you experience God's grace and blessing as you extend Christ's love in new ways this week.

Rev Suzie Castle

Minister

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Congregation Information

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Aireys Inlet

St Aidan's Church 29 Great Ocean Road Aireys Inlet.

Anglesea

Trinity Uniting Church Murch Crescent Anglesea.

Bellbrae

Bellbrae Uniting Church Cnr School and Anglesea Roads Bellbrae.

Torquay

Torquay Uniting Church 27 Anderson Street Torquay.

Bookroom and Brick A Brac at **Bellbrae**

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> Bellbrae Op Shop and Book Room

Opening Times

Thursday, Friday 10am–4pm Saturday 10am–1pm Tuesday sorting: 1pm-4:30pm

REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITY

Aireys Inlet

Coffee and Chat looks forward to welcoming members this Friday. All are welcome to join in this time of hospitality sharing and laughter. Edie 5289 7415 is the contact.

UnitingCare Pancake

Tuesday March 5th 11.00 am - 4.00pm at Aireys Inlet Community Hall. \$2.50 a pancake, with topping of choice. Tea and coffee available. Proceeds to UnitingCare Geelong.

Anglesea

Anglesea Aged Care worship service February 12th 10:30am.

Bellbrae

We would love to gather a few extra people to help out with different tasks at the Op Shop. If this is something you feel called to, let us know.

A Thank You Afternoon Tea for all volunteers is being held in the Bellbrae Uniting Church February 19th at 2:00pm. Invitations and details will be forwarded shortly.

Torquay

Coffee and Kids Torquay is starting up this week. Please uphold the leaders, parents and little ones in your prayers for a wonderful time of connecting, support and fun. Contact Heather Dennis at 0409176319.

Reverend Suzie is leading the Elouera ACF service on Monday 4th February at 2:15.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Aireys Inlet

On the first Friday of the month we join with members of the community for Coffee and Chat, starting around 10am. We have a delightful time catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. All are welcome to come for a cuppa and some fellowship. Please feel free to join us.

Anglesea

SPAN (Sing Pray and Natter), meets every third Thursday at 6.00pm. Enjoy fellowship and a fabulous meal together (bring a share plate) followed by an interesting program prepared by members of our church. All are very welcome.

A change of the *Elders Meeting* needs to be made to Thursday 28th February at 4pm as it clashed with SPAN on 21st February.

Ladies Fellowship meets at 1.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month or come at 11.00am bringing your lunch for scrabble and cards before the meeting. All ladies are invited to this time of fellowship.

Torquay

Beaut Beanies

Newcomers are most welcome to join us on Tuesdays 10:30am - noon in the Church Foyer. We knit beanies, teddies, rugs, and scarves for people in need. Wool is supplied. Contact Jan at 5264 3519.

The Torquay Congregation Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday 17th March, so could all conveners please forward their reports to Val Clarke by COB Wednesday 27 February at val.clarke@rocketmail.com

OUR FIRE PLAN

No Church activities will take place on any day declared **EXTREME** or **CODE RED**. This includes worship services.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Items for this Newsletter to pajventer@bigpond.com. Deadline Fridays at 5 pm.