

Surfcoast Uniting Churches



10th February 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



Today

Anglesea	9:00	Brian Shaw
Torquay	9:30	Reverend Suzie Castle
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Brian Shaw
Bellbrae	11:00	Reverend Suzie Castle

Next Week

Anglesea	9:00	Reverend Suzie Castle
Torquay	9:30	Chris Machar
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Reverend Suzie Castle
Bellbrae	11:30	Chris Machar

THE MINISTER'S DESK

Welcome to week five in Epiphany. The week Luke's gospel speaks to us of catching people through the story where Jesus calls his first disciples. I often look back over the week and am astonished to see Christ's presence amongst us. I am often surprised at God's timing, generosity and risk taking. Sometimes I see it in the most ordinary of tasks, sometimes in the grandest. Jesus never fails to astound, surprise and humble me just, as I imagine, he did Simon Peter after the generous haul of fish by the Lake of Gennesaret so long ago. I wonder if you also have these moments of amazements when you know Jesus is present and calling you to continue following him.

I think we captured and passed on something of that feeling this week as the Surf Coast UC delivered morning tea baskets to our local schools. Generous and unexpected giving such as this tends to evoke feelings of amazement in the recipients. The note from Torquay Coast Primary school said, "This kind of generous gesture was very much appreciated. It was a lovely idea. Please pass on our gratitude [Sic]."

Indeed, I do pass on theirs, and my own, gratitude for your generous contribution. I add my appreciation for the way you took a risk and entered into something new and unknown. So where did I see Jesus this week? I saw him in you who brought baskets, coffee pots or baked goods. I saw him present as we packed the baskets Sunday and delivered them Monday. All that was quite astounding. But it comes back to God doesn't it? The timing, generosity and the risk. God was found in the abundance of food and people's involvement, but just as much in the risk of sharing God with others. The baskets, like the nets, are about what God has done and will always do. May you find time this week to risk offering astounding generosity and give glory to God for it.

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Anglesea

Trinity Uniting Church

Murch Crescent

Anglesea.

Bellbrae

Bellbrae Uniting Church

Cnr School and Anglesea Roads

Bellbrae.

Torquay

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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.

Anglesea

Anglesea Aged Care worship service is February 12th 10:30am. For more information regarding this ministry, contact Rev Suzie or Barb Fraser.

Elders Meeting will be held Thursday 28th February at 4:00p.m. in the church.

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.

In appreciation for what people do at the Op Shop and Book Room, there will be a *Thank You Afternoon Tea* in the Bellbrae Uniting Church on Tuesday 19th February at 2:00pm. Please RSVP to Rev Suzie for catering purposes.

Torquay

Dine-Out Lunch is on Monday February 25th. Contact Jean Elder at 52615540.

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

Coffee and Kids Torquay Thursday and Friday. Please uphold the leaders, parents and little ones in your prayers for a wonderful time of connecting, support and fun. Contact person Heather Dennis at 0409176319.

Surf Coast linked activity

Morning Tea Baskets for school staff were well received. (see 'NEWS' section).

Christmas Bowl donations raised \$1894 across the linked congregations. Well done!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Aireys Inlet

Coffee and Chat: First Friday of each month at 10:00am. All are welcome to join in this wonderful time catching up with people from the local, as well as the church community. Come rest awhile with a cuppa, cake and chat.

Anglesea

SPAN (Sing Pray and Natter): Third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. Enjoy fellowship together over a fabulous meal (bring a plate to share), followed by an interesting program prepared by members of our church. All are very welcome.

Adult Fellowship: Fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm. There is also an opportunity at 11.00am to bring your lunch and play scrabble and cards before the meeting. Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group: Tuesdays from 2-4:00pm. Please join us for a time of knitting, inspired chatting (yarning), a cuppa and lots of blessings. This is a linked congregation activity.
Contact Marilyn Wendt at 0427750369.

Torquay

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

Anglesea Fete

Anglesea members held a most successful fete on 13th January at Trinity. The support by all Church Members and families was amazing. The day was filled with a most welcoming atmosphere, lifting our profile in the community. Many varied filled stalls were most popular with our visitors. Perfect weather for eating, shopping and admiring the sun filled Church with sparkling gums shining through the windows. Total (net) raised from the day \$7,886.55 of which 20% goes to Linked Council. Some of the remaining funds will help support our Outreach Programs, "Starfish Nippers" and "Anglesea Junior Football and Netball Clubs". Many thanks to the members of our Linked Congregation that supported the day.

Baskets for School Staff

Many thanks to all those who supported the baskets for school staff. Lots of food and two baskets went to five schools and one to Aireys Inlet. Some were big and some were smaller baskets. Over the six schools we covered 237 staff members. First photo a group of ladies who helped to pack the baskets and we thank them for their time. The last photo is from Torquay P6 Primary School at Grossman Road. All were very happy to receive the goods.



OUR FIRE PLAN

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

Contributions to pajventer@bigpond.com before 5pm on Friday.