

Surfcoast Uniting Churches



17th February 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



Today

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

Next Week

Anglesea	9:00	Rev Bernie Long
Torquay	9:30	Rev Suzie Castle
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Rev Margaret Russel
Bellbrae	11:30	Rev Suzie Castle

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Aireys Inlet

St Aidan's Church

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Aireys Inlet.

Anglesea

Trinity Uniting Church

Murch Crescent

Anglesea.

Bellbrae

Bellbrae Uniting Church

Cnr School and Anglesea Roads

Bellbrae.

Torquay

Torquay Uniting Church

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THE MINISTER'S DESK

Welcome to week six in Epiphany of year C. I've never gotten to this week before as Easter has come to us earlier than April. I must say it is nice to have longer to look at the weeks leading up to Lent and Easter. I don't know about you, but for me, Lent arrives, and I'm not really prepared to give up anything. I haven't given enough careful thought or prayer to what I can surrender to deepen my commitment to God. It's usually a last-minute decision forced on me by time restraint or the popular item at the time. You'd think that'd mean I don't get as much out of the season as I could. It's a fair thought but let me share that last year I gave up TV. Turns out, this worked out as I haven't bothered with it since. The year before I didn't give up, but took up, an ethical product that is responsible for changing the lives of others and is environmentally sustainable. Who Gives a Crap toilet roll has been a part of my life ever since. It actually, has become part of the life of congregations all over Brisbane as the faithful got on board the Who Gives a Crap movement. So, what about this year. I am giving up a little of the most precious of things for all of us. TIME. Time to write a prayer every day and give it to another whether through email or Facebook or dropped off into someone's mail box. Giving up a bit of time to spread a bit of love. All the best for your prayerful discernment of what you are letting go of in order to fill up on God.

Peace be with you
Rev Suzie Castle

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

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

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets every Tuesday from 2-4pm in the Uniting Church, Murch Crescent, Anglesea. We gather to yarn and yarn. We knit shawls as a symbol of an inclusive unconditionally loving God and given to those in need. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl by hands that are also blessed. Please join us for a time of knitting, inspired chatting (yarning), a cuppa and lots of blessings. Donations of wool, money and your time are always welcome. Instructions and wool supplied.

Contact Marilyn Wendt at 0427750369.

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.

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.

Adult Fellowship: **Anglesea** has the last remaining Afternoon Fellowship Group in the Surfcoast Linked Churches. The Afternoon Fellowship is an Affiliated member of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. Our local group meet once a month; on the 4th Wednesday at 1.30pm. Our meetings contain the elements of Worship, when we sing and pray and also, of Friendship when we natter, mostly over afternoon tea. We also make sure we have something to “Laugh” about. Our group has always been conscious of its social obligations, whether locally or on a wider scale. It is our group who collect Goods for Concern on a regular basis, inviting the wider Church to participate in this also. Each month an item is identified and notice of this is given to the Congregation. We also participate in a worldwide ecumenical prayer Group, known as The Fellowship of the Least Coin. Annually we send our donation of these “Least Coins” to the World Body, who can then see they are used with care. We have regularly contributed financially to bodies such as Frontier Services and also a North Korean Orphanage. We are all getting older and it is difficult to carry on without the support of younger members of the Church coming in. It only requires your time on one afternoon a month; we would certainly welcome new members either male or female.

NEWS

John Bell is coming to Melbourne

John Bell is a preacher, hymn writer, composer, lecturer and broadcaster. You can research more about him and the Iona Community on the website: <https://iona.org.uk> . The big news for us is that John will be visiting Melbourne from May 11, 12 and 13 during which time he will take part in conversations on God, Delight and Diversity, Non-Violent Peacemaking, Celtic and Indigenous spirituality. He will conduct a Quiet Day for ministers and ministry students in the Macedon Ranges, and will deliver a public lecture, Space, Rumour and Hospitality at an inner-city venue still to be confirmed. I wondered how many of us would value attending the public lecture. I have requested information on times, dates, location and pricing and will update as they come to hand.

Rev Suzie

Torquay Bunnings Sausage sizzle Saturday 3rd March.

Volunteers are needed to help us with the sausage sizzle on the day. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you can help on the day.

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.