

Surfcoast Uniting Churches



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 Bellbrae Op Shop
and Book Room

Opening Times

Thursday, Friday 10am–4pm

Saturday 10am–1pm

Tuesday sorting: 1pm–4:30pm

Helpers are very welcome

Sunday Worship Services

Today

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

Next Week

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



The Minister's Desk

Dear friends

Today marks the first month since launching the newsletter so it's a good time to review what works and what doesn't. Firstly, the central focus of the newsletter communication was to capture our community's interests and information - and so we thank you for your comments, suggestions and write-ups over this time. We have incorporated, as best we can, the changes you requested. I take this opportunity to share what those changes and decisions are so that communications are made as clear as possible around what's happening amongst the four linked congregations. Given that the intention of the newsletter is for Church communication we decided a simple structure, succinct news and clear explanation on activities will serve us best.

In order to ensure your news items are not overlooked, and to support Andre, we now have an editor to help as the task has become quite large. Welcome Jane Skelton, we greatly appreciate your help with the Church comms. Andre, Jane and I have access to a centralised email account that aims to capture and order the items you send. In future send all articles and requests to:
newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com

The central parts of the newsletter will be:
Scripture reference and worship times, locations and preachers,
The Minister's Desk,
Calendar,
What's on the Coast - your news items different from regular activities (eg Pancake Day, morning tea baskets),
Regular on the Coast- brief description of your congregation's regular activities.

Going forward, while we love your enthusiasm for, and are inspired by the amazing outreach and fellowship activities we are doing, it's not possible to publish the number of photos that are coming through. We have received 13 for this week which would make the newsletter four pages long. It does of course offer us an opportunity to get creative about how we share these visual delights.

Maybe one way is emailing them to the people doing the notices in the other congregations to share during worship. I look forward to hearing your plans on how you will share with each other remembering I am just one link between you all. Finally, this article will appear over the next month giving everyone the opportunity to read it. Keep Andre, Louise and Jane in your prayers as they serve Jesus and minister to us through the Church communications.

Peace be with you
Rev Suzie Castle

COASTAL CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

19 th	Beaut Beanies	10:30am
21 st & 22 nd	Coffee and Kids	
21 st	SPAN	06:00pm
25 th	Dine Out	
26 th	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	02:00pm
27 th	Afternoon Fellowship	01:30pm
28 th	Anglesea Elders meeting	04:00pm

COASTAL CALENDAR FOR MARCH

1 st	Coffee and Chat	10:00am
1 st	World Day of Prayer	
2 nd	Torquay Bunnings BBQ	09:00am
5 th	Pancake Day	11:00am
6 th	Ash Wednesday – service	07:00pm
12 th	Linked Council Meeting	02:00pm
15 th	Aireys AGM	02:00pm
17 th	Torquay Congregation meeting	09:30 am

WHAT'S ON THE COAST

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 Ion 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.

Aireys Inlet

On Tuesday March 5th, Aireys Inlet Uniting Church invites you to join them to enjoy and celebrate Pancake Day. Pancakes with a choice of toppings, coffee and tea will be served at the Aireys Inlet Community Hall from 11 am to 4 pm. Proceeds to Uniting VicTas to support vulnerable and marginalised people in our communities. Looking forward to welcome you to this event.

Church Council AGM and regular quarterly meeting will take place on Friday March 15th at 2 pm in the church meeting room. Election of officers will take place at the AGM. Please have nomination forms in to Noni by Sunday March 3rd.

Aireys Inlet Ecumenical Bible Study/Discussion group will start a Lenten Study on Thursday March 7th at 10:30am at the Aireys Inlet church. It looks like a very meaningful study and is entitled, "All I have is yours - Forty days to Freedom by Michael McGirr". You can view a sample chapter at:

<http://garrattpublishing.com.au/pdf/SampleChapters/GarrattLentProgramYearC-SampleChapter+OrderForm.pdf>

The study will go for 6 weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bellbrae

Thanks to all who attended the Op Shop thank you afternoon tea. It really was a lovely time we spent together sharing stories and chatting. Big thank you also to Jane Skelton, Karleen Beaumont and Alan Harper for helping with food preparation and Bellbrae UC for setting up and packing away.

Torquay

The 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

Friday 1st March – World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army Citadel, 35 Boston Road, Torquay at 1 pm. Slovenia is the country of focus and the theme is “Come – everything is ready”.

Wednesday 6th March is Ash Wednesday – service at Torquay Uniting 7 pm.

Linked Council

The next Linked Council AGM and regular quarterly meetings will be held on Tuesday March 12th at 2 pm at the Anglesea Uniting Church. Would Church Council secretaries please send the list of newly elected/re-elected Linked Council representatives and other Church Council officers (for the Directory) to the secretary of the Linked Council at celebrant.noni@gmail.com. Linked Council members please send in your Annual reports and Quarterly reports to the above email address by March 4th. Thank you, Noni Johnson, Secretary of the Linked Congregations Council.

Morning Tea Baskets

If your basket/s hasn't been returned, contact Robyn Harper on 0407 829 926. There are three in need of a home as well as a tray.

REGULAR ON THE COAST

Aireys Inlet

Coffee and Chat: Friday 1st March at 10:00 am. 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. Contact Edie for more details at 5289 7415.

Anglesea

SPAN (Sing Pray and Natter): Third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. 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.

Afternoon Fellowship will meet at 1.30 pm this coming Wednesday 27th February. Please remember to bring a Nonperishable Food Item for Concern.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group: Tuesdays from 2-4:00 pm. 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.

Coffee and Kids Thursday's and Friday's. 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.

Dine-Out Lunch Monday 25th February. Join us for a time of friendship and sharing. Contact Jean Elder at 52615540.

Our Fire Plan

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

Contributions

Contributions for the newsletter to newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com

Deadline Thursday 05:00pm.