

Surfcoast Uniting Churches



3rd March 2019

~Luke 6:35(KJV)~

But love ye your enemies,
and do good, and lend,
hoping for nothing again;
and your reward shall be
great, and ye shall be the
children of the Highest: for
he is kind unto the
unthankful and to the evil.

Sunday Worship Services

Today

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

Next Week

Anglesea	9:00	Kevin Yelverton
Torquay	9:30	Rev Suzie Castle
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Kevin Yelverton
Bellbrae	11:00	Rev Suzie Castle

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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

Helpers are very welcome

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 March 3 - 17

5 th	Aireys Pancake Day	11:00am
5 th	Beaut Beanies Torquay	10:30am
5 th	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	02:00pm
6 th	Ash Wednesday Service	07:00pm
7 th	Aireys Ecumenical Bible Study	10:30am
7 th	Coffee and Kids Torquay	09:30am
7 th	Elouera Service Torquay	02:15pm

Coastal Calendar for March 3 - 17

10 th	Anglesea AGM	10:00am
12 th	Linked Council Meeting	02:00pm
12 th	Beaut Beanies Torquay	10:30am
12 th	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	02:00pm
15 th	Aireys AGM	02:00pm
17 th	Torquay Congregation meeting	09:30am

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.

Anglesea

We received this thank you from Janet Jones, Starfish Nippers Australia, Program Manager.
"Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Anglesea Uniting Church for their generosity in sponsoring today's Medals. One little girl called Chloe has gone to sleep tonight with her medal at her bedside table, and a heart filled with love and happiness. This medal means so much to her and will be cherished for a very long time."
The event was the Inaugural Starfish Nippers Carnival at Hampton Surf Life Saving Club.

Can you help with watering the Church garden one of three days per week? Please let John Balderstone know and a roster will be formed Saturday 27th April at 9.30 is a Working Bee please keep this date free.

Congregational AGM will be held Sunday 10th March, after our Church Service.

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 27th February at val.clarke@rocketmail.com.

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.

REGULAR ON THE COAST

Aireys Inlet

Coffee and Chat: Friday 5th April 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 March. 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 & Kids, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am-11.00am during term time in the Church. Activities and free play for pre-school children of any age while mums, grandparents and carers meet other families and enjoy a tea or coffee. Kids snack supplied. All welcome. Enquiries: Heather Dennis 0409176319.

Dine Out Lunch Group meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at 12 noon at a local restaurant. Next meets March 25th at the Beach Hotel, Jan Juc. Contact Jean Elder on 52615540 to book.

Elouera Aged Care Worship Service 2.15pm-2.45 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month; Kooringa Place, Torquay. All invited to support this outreach.

Our Fire Plan

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

Contributions

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Deadline Thursday 05:00pm.