

Surfcoast Uniting Churches



Lectionary Readings

Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Rev 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Rev 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday Worship Services

Today

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

Next Week

Anglesea	9:00	Rev Kenneth Ralph
Aireys Inlet	10:30	Rev Kenneth Ralph
Torquay	9:30	Rev Suzie Castle
Bellbrae	11:00	Rev Suzie Castle

Minister's Desk

1 Corinthians 12:24b-27

God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it (NRSV).

We have reached the six-month mark ministering together as part of the Surf Coast linked congregations. I feel I have gotten to know quite a few members very well, especially the congregation leaders who are serving Jesus in extraordinary ways. I have greatly appreciated the executive of the linked Council (former and current) as well as those leading individual congregations. I have visited 70 people in their homes since December and heard inspiring stories of faith and service. Each of the congregations have different focuses in terms of outreach, and in many ways are different from each other. I have attended many of the pastoral and outreach activities including Aireys carols service, Pancake Tuesday, Anglesea fete, SPAN, *Thank you afternoon tea* for Bellbrae volunteers, Coffee and Kids and Torquay Dine out. We have celebrated together through the Christmas and Easter seasons. We have met as Linked, Church and Elder Councils and learnt a lot about the church buildings and how we do 'Church' together.

I guess the answer to how we would go sharing together in ministry activities was found in the baking, packing and delivery of the morning tea baskets and the ecumenical Passover meal. I was well pleased with how many people responded to deliver an act of encouragement to our local schools and an act of worship with sisters and brothers in Christ.


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5th May 2019

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Anglesea

Trinity Uniting Church
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Bellbrae

Bellbrae Uniting Church
Cnr School and Anglesea Roads
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Torquay

Torquay Uniting Church
27 Anderson Street
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Bookroom and Brick A Brac at Bellbrae

 Bellbrae Op Shop
and Book Room

Ph: (03) 5261 5139
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Opening Times

Thursday, Friday 10am–4pm
Saturday 10am–1pm
Tuesday sorting: 1pm–4:30pm
Helpers are very welcome

In a world that seems so divided and struggles, at times, to live side by side in difference as well as sameness, it's good to take the lead in 'doing' Church together. I've come to think that the Bellbrae op shop and book room illustrates this for us. It provides a place many come to serve, to share and to fellowship. Not just members of the four linked congregations, but many from the community. Side by side with different theologies and life experiences, people bring their best. I've seen people celebrate their joys and work through the tough stuff together. The community that gathers to make the op shop and book room keep going are committed and thoughtful and I believe, seekers of what God is doing and will do in this place. Thank you all who contribute to this ministry. I have loved being involved as it makes sense to me. All of us coming together in order to live out our faith following Jesus through worship, fellowship and missional activities makes sense to me.

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one-part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one-part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance (Message bible).

This is how Paul understood the Church. I look forward to hearing how you see our Christian community living out faithful lives together over the next five years.

Peace be with you as many blessings are upon you,
Rev Suzie Castle

Coastal Calendar for May 6th – May 13th

Tues 7 th	Torquay Beaut Beanies	10:30am
Tues 7 th	Anglesea Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	2:00pm
Thurs 9 th	Torquay Coffee and Kids	9:30am
Fri 10 th	Torquay Coffee and Kids	9:30am

Coastal Calendar for May 13th – May 20th

Tues 14 th	Torquay Beaut Beanies	10:30am
Tues 14 th	Anglesea Aged Care	10:30am
Tues 14 th	Anglesea Prayer Shawl Knitting Group	2:00pm
Thurs 16 th	Anglesea SPAN	9:30am
Thurs 16 th	Torquay Coffee and Kids	9:30am
Fri 17 th	Torquay Coffee and Kids	9:30am

WHAT'S ON THE COAST

Anglesea

We have received an invitation from Belmont Evening Fellowship, to attend a Blumes Fashion Parade. This will be in their Church Hall on Wednesday May 8th @10 am for Morning Tea, followed by 10.30 am showing of the fashions. Enquires 5244 1864.

Bellbrae

Surf Coast Arts Trail

Thanks for the enquires and encouragement. Entries deadline of April 9th has now passed. If you have further enquires or wish to volunteer in the op shop over the Art Trail weekend, please contact John on 0431920806 or email: waytoolongtobeawebsite@yahoo.com

Bellbrae Bric-a-Brac volunteer roster June to December 2019

Many thanks to all our fabulous Bellbrae Bric-a-Brac volunteers this year, you have done a great job! Last week to sign up for the next roster as Helen leaves for 6 weeks overseas trip. Contact Helen at: helen.c.g@bigpond.com or 0438639609.

Obituary Betty Ferguson

Betty Ferguson died on 24th April. She and Ken were much loved and valued members of the Bellbrae congregation for many years. Many of us have wonderful memories of sharing together and having such fun at their place participating in Christmas in July celebrations. Betty had a wonderful gift for catering and organization. She participated with the few ladies who faithfully kept the doors to the church open in the community for many years. They were amazing fundraisers and

catered for many funerals up at Bellbrae cemetery. Betty was a very talented keyboardist. Her keyboard gifts were the inspiration for the start of our band, "Blackcurrant jam". After Janet Keith, the Bellbrae organist for many years, died, Betty felt inadequate to have the lone responsibility for providing music. Bob Skewes suggested that perhaps there may be others in the congregation who might like to play as well. The name came from the fundraiser black currants (grown by Bob and Marg) and sold at the church. With Betty and our mascot Bellbrae Bella (provided by Betty) Blackcurrant jam was invited to play at many events including RE opening days, many church functions, annual Bellbrae primary school Christmas concerts, bush dances, garden parties. A huge achievement for one who felt inadequate to provide music. Vale Betty, you have done well as a good and faithful servant.

Maxine Flakemore (congregational chairperson)

Torquay

Sound the Trumpet

Robin and Heather Dennis are singing in the associated sacred music festival.

SOUND THE TRUMPET

The Geelong Chorale

Friday 10th May 7.30pm

The Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong

The Geelong Chorale presents a spectacular program of music for double choir, brass ensemble and organ, featuring music from the Renaissance to the present day. Tickets \$25 Try Booking or at the door.

This is the opening concert for the Music at the Basilica, Windfire Music Festival May 10 to 26, which offers a wealth of amazing concerts and recitals including: Music of Hildegard de Bingen Sat 11th May at the Basilica at 7.30pm; The Sublime Mozart Sun 19th May at Geelong Grammar Chapel and Music Hall at 3.00pm; and the Festival Closing Concert (Massed Choirs) at the Basilica on Sunday 26th May at 3.00pm. See www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

Minister Dates for Leave

2019 holidays - June 17th - 30th and September 2nd - 8th (3 weeks)

2019 study leave - September 30-October 6

Newsletter mail out – We are establishing an email data base for the newsletter. If this is the way you would prefer to receive your church communications each week, please let us know at newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com
This move helps lessen our footprint on the environment as well as monetary cost to the church.

Newsletter Contributions send to newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com

Deadline Thursday 5:00pm.