



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

Lectionary Readings

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24

Jer 23: 1-6 Lk 1: 68-79

Col 1: 11-20

Lk 23: 33-43

ADVENT 1 December 1st

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:36-44

SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

This Sunday 24th November

Airey's Inlet: Rev Suzie Castle-Video 10.30

Torquay: Rev Suzie Castle 9.30

Bellbrae: No morning service

Aireys Inlet Christ the King Linked Service @ 5pm

Next Sunday 1st December

Airey's Inlet: Rev Suzie Castle 10.30

Torquay: Brian Shaw 9.30

Bellbrae: Brian Shaw 11:00

24th November 2019

Minister: Rev Suzie Castle

Sunday to Tuesday

Thursday & Friday

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Check our website regularly!

The gathering of God's people

Back together the scattered gather
Gather together on the Lord's day
to worship our Saviour Jesus Christ
to sing and listen and pray.

Then we follow up with a meeting
That listens for everyone
Some will sit in silence
Others voice why they have come.

So this is what I offer you
A poem that reflects the meeting
A word or two about how God
Keeps our faithful hearts beating.

We have fed our souls in worship
We have prayed, and sung and to learnt
Now we gather in this hollowed hall
To think, to grow, to churn.

We hear of decisions to be made
And endorse via consensus
I could write a poem on that alone
The Presbytery and congregation nexus.

But still - here we are together
Listening for Jesus in the decisions we make
Discussing the direction the body is moving
And discerning the turns she will take.

We pour over papers and write in margins
Reading words that direct our choices
Flipping orange – flipping blue – cards
Questions that come from loving voices.

But to describe *loving* isn't easy
It's different for us in the church
We see it in the healing and the pain
We see it in the knowing and the search

In community we can create or heal our hurts
As we share our lives, our faith, our story
Together as we sing and pray to God
and as we offer our lives for his glory.

And here, in this good community
is that space where members can disagree
where the people love one another enough
that they won't require a referee.

The love you each have for Christ
Means there are conflicts that need to be
Conflict creates a way to discover goods
that we otherwise wouldn't see.

So conflict is not the antithesis of peace
For where there is people they will be at odds
But we aren't together just to get along
We are here to worship God.

Peace Rev Suzie Castle

From Aireys Inlet UC

The Aireys Inlet congregation would like to thank the members of the Torquay congregation for their support at our Worship services in October and their willingness to change the time of their Christmas Day service to 9 AM so that Rev Suzie would be able to also lead a later Worship service at Aireys Inlet that day.

Please join us for our **Joint Linked Congregations Worship Service at Aireys Inlet, TODAY Sunday November 24th at 5 PM. November 24th** is the end of year on our Christian calendar and an appropriate time to celebrate the ministries of the past year and look forward with joy and expectation to Advent - the start of the new year ahead. The service will be led by Rev Suzie Castle and Rev Jeanne Beale. A pizza dinner will follow. We request a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the meal. For catering purposes please RSVP to Rosemary Thompson at Torquay, Carleen Thoernberg at Bellbrae and Mary Bremner at Aireys Inlet by COB Monday November 18th. If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Uniting FOOD for FAMILIES



Every year **Uniting Barwon** organises distribution of food hampers for the Christmas holiday season. Staple foods such as pasta and pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, tuna, long life milk, cereal, tea and coffee provide the basis for daily meals.

Christmas treats such as puddings and cakes, custard, tinned ham, sweets and chocolates, juices and drinks are bonus items we offer for selection as well.

Donations can be delivered to Torquay UC or the Grovedale office at 272 Torquay Rd by Friday Dec 13th

The Combined Churches of Aireys Inlet presents

AIREYS INLET COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday December 8th at 7.30pm
Aireys Inlet Community Hall

FEATURING CHILDREN'S PAGEANT



Entry by donation.
Bring a present to place under the empty Christmas tree for families in need.

The Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group – Thursday 28th November 1.30pm

The next meeting of the Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group (nondenominational) is on Thursday 28th November at 1.30pm at Western Heights Uniting Church, 31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill. This will be our last meeting for the year and the discussion topic will be 'A Progressive Christian Understanding of Christmas and the Nativity Story'. We will use a presentation from the web by John Selby Spong as an introduction to this topic.

New participants very welcome.

Contact: Heather Dennis 0409176319.

Suzie's Video preaching needs a good name. Put on your thinking caps and come up with something interesting and snappy.. Please forward ideas to newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com or let either Tricia or Jane know.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR UP TO 15 HOURS VOLUNTEERING PER WEEK?

Uniting Barwon urgently needs motivated, reliable NEWSTART clients to join our passionate team of volunteers.

Uniting Barwon (formerly UnitingCare Geelong) is an emergency relief agency providing assistance to individuals and families in our local community who need practical support during times of financial and personal struggle.

We need more volunteers to join the retail teams based at our Op Shops in Point Lonsdale, Drysdale, East Geelong, Hamlyn Heights, Corio, Norlane and Highton, and our welfare teams in Grovedale, Norlane and Winchelsea.

URGENT vacancies include:

Saturday 10am-12pm retail shifts at our Highton Op Shop

Saturday 10am-3pm retail shifts at our Hamlyn Heights Op Shop

Monday and Friday 9am-1pm interviewer shifts at Norlane

Other vacancies include:

Weekday 10am-4pm shifts at our 7 Op Shops (customer service, merchandising etc.)

Weekday morning and/or afternoon shifts:

* Receptionist (organising client appointments, phone and face to face) o Clothing and food distribution (assisting our clients)

*Pickups and deliveries (van crew member or driver)

*Grounds and maintenance (mowing, weeding, cleaning etc.)

* Interviewing (assisting our clients) o Sorting of donations (clothing and bric a brac etc.)

* Assisting with our monthly book sale (sorting and selling books)

*Welfare all-rounder (Reception, Interviewing, Food and Clothing distribution and Sorting at Grovedale and Norlane) o Admin, finance and business related roles

If you—or someone you know—would enjoy being part of a can-do volunteer team, please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on 4210 1113 or email Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org

Support vulnerable people in the community and help make a difference.

*Volunteer appointments are subject to satisfactory Working with Children Check, criminal history checks and reference checks prior to commencement.

DIARY DATES This Month:

****TODAY Sunday 24th November:**

Congregation Meeting at Torquay,

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Surf Coast UC Combined CHRIST THE KING Service at 5pm

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******Monday 25th November:** Torquay Dine Out Group meets at Noon at Beach Hotel, JanJuc. Call Jean Elder on 5261 5540 to RSVP

*******Tuesday 26th November:** Torquay Church Council @ 4:00pm

EVERY WEEK

Tuesdays

Torquay Beaut Beans 10:30am
Anglesea Prayer Shawl Knitting Gp 2:00pm

Thursdays & Fridays

Torquay Coffee and Kids
9:30am

ONCE a MONTH

Fourth Monday

Dine Out Lunch Group 12 noon

Second Tuesday

Anglesea Aged Care Service 10.30am

Fourth Wednesday

Anglesea Fellowship 1:30pm

First Thursday

Elouera Aged Care Service 2.15pm

First Friday

Aireys Inlet Coffee & Chat 10am

Plan Ahead for December

3rd : Christmas Kids Workshop at Torquay 3:45pm

7th: Geelong Chorale singing Magnificat 5pm

8th : Aireys Inlet Carols at 7.30pm

12th & 13th: Coffee and Kids Graduation celebration

14th : Carols by the Sea at Torquay—volunteers required.

info@carolbythesea.com

31st: NEW YEARS EVE 6pm. **Long Table LINK** gathering , somewhere on foreshore in Torquay; Bring table, chairs, foods and fellowship.

Surf Coast Churches:

Aireys Inlet

St Aidan's Church
29 Great Ocean Road Aireys Inlet.
aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com

Anglesea

Trinity Uniting Church
Murch Crescent. Anglesea.

Bellbrae

Bellbrae Uniting Church
School & Anglesea Rds Bellbrae.

Torquay

Torquay Uniting Church
27 Anderson Street Torquay

BOOK ROOM & BRIC A BRAC AT BELLBRAE

OPENING HOURS

Thursday & Friday : 10am to 4pm

Saturday : 10am to 1pm

Tuesday 1 to 4.30pm SORTING

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FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CARE (IN ALPHABETIC ORDER)

TORQUAY: MACDONALD, Peter and Jesssie

TORQUAY: MACLEOD, Helen

TORQUAY: MCKENZIE, Bill

TORQUAY: MANLEY, Margaret



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