



# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

## Lectionary Readings

### **ADVENT 1 December 1st**

Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122  
Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:36-44

### **ADVENT 2 December 8th.**

Is 11:1-10  
Ps 72:1-7, 18-19  
Rom 15:4-13  
Mt 3:1-12

## SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

### **This Sunday 1st December**

<b>Anglesea:</b> Rev Kevin Yelverton	9:00
<b>Airey's Inlet:</b> Rev Suzie Castle	10.30
<b>Torquay:</b> Brian Shaw	9.30
<b>Bellbrae:</b> Brian Shaw	11:00

### **Next Sunday 8th December**

<b>Anglesea:</b> Rev Kevin Yelverton	9:00
<b>Airey's Inlet:</b> Rev Kenneth Ralph	10.30
<b>Torquay:</b> Rev Suzie Castle	
Communion	9.30
<b>Bellbrae:</b> Rev Suzie Castle	
Communion	11:00

1st December 2019

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Thursday & Friday  
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### **Surf Coast Churches:**

#### **Aireys Inlet**

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Aireys Inlet.

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#### **Anglesea**

Trinity Uniting Church  
Murch Crescent. Anglesea.

#### **Bellbrae**

Bellbrae Uniting Church  
School & Anglesea Rds Bellbrae.

#### **Torquay**

Torquay Uniting Church  
27 Anderson Street Torquay

## **Reflection for Advent 1**

On getting my five-year-old ready for her first day of school, there was just a bit of rushing and a flurry of activity! While calling her back to the present process of putting on new shoes, rather than playing a game elsewhere, and explaining that school began at a certain time, and that we needed to be on time, she laid her hand on my shoulder, and said, *"Don't worry Mummy. It will be the right time when we are there, because we are there"*.

It is the right time now, because now we are here. Peace-making, community building and caring for God's creation begins now, this moment, no matter what human timeline we wish to make.

Are we living in the present or worrying about it? We do not know what is going to happen, so live in this moment, in the Way of Christ.

What sharpness of mind and strength of skill do we carry like swords because of our fears?

How could our strengths and steely disposition be re-purposed for peacemaking and healing?

Because all of a sudden, it is now that we need them...It is the present (time). That is our present (gift).

**Peace be with you**

**Rev Suzie Castle**

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**Check our website regularly!**

## **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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Re-opening 2/1/2010

**A wonderful celebration** was enjoyed by many on Sunday evening at Aireys Inlet for the Christ the King service.

Rev Jean Beale, Presbytery Minister, shared some of her very personal faith journey with us, and Jean and Suzie did a fantastic job as Puppet masters.

The musical were tremendous and the songs and prayers warmed our hearts.



The service also marked Robert Packett's 50th Anniversary in Lay preaching.

Congratulations to Robert.



The service was followed by a Pizza meal and many delicious sweet treats. It was very special to have reps there from the Surf Coast Churches.

# 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.

**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](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) or let either Tricia or Jane know.



### Bellbrae Bric-a-Brac volunteer roster 2020

Many, many thanks to all our fabulous Bellbrae Bric-a-Brac volunteers this year, who have worked so hard in our Opp Shop over this year. You are absolutely terrific!

I would like to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year, as you catch up with family and friends.

I would appreciate it if all current volunteers could let me know of any changes that need to be made to the next six-month roster as soon as possible.

I know I really enjoy working in the Opp Shop and meeting our volunteers and customers. So if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please let me know. All that is required is a Working With Children Check, forms available from me.

Please note that the Opp Shop will re-open Thursday 2 January 2020.

If you could let me know if anyone has a new or different email address, that would be great.

My Contact details are: [helen.c.g@bigpond.com](mailto:helen.c.g@bigpond.com) and my mobile 0438 639 609.

Many Thanks Helen Gaylard



## CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

As we begin the season of Advent and look forward once again to the coming of the Christ Child. It is also time to think about the annual Christmas Bowl appeal.

Most of you will know that the Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. More than 2000 churches from 19 denominations are involved around Australia in providing special financial support through this appeal for those in need.

Hope is the theme of the First Sunday in Advent. Projects supported by the Christmas Bowl bring hope in times of need. Our focus this Sunday is on the needs of people in **Zimbabwe** where poverty, drought and conflict have brought despair to many. Your gift can help to bring hope to those are struggling.

Envelopes are now available and you are invited to make your gift at any time or to be put aside to make a special part of the offering on Christmas Day.

May we continue to generously support this appeal as we have done in the past.

## A PRAYER FOR ZIMBABWE

We pray for Zimbabwe, a country where the reversal of wealth and poverty has brought hardship to millions, where peace and security has given away to conflict, and the fecundity of the land has given way to food-aid and dependency.

We pray for those living with despair, that their eyes may lift to hope on the horizon.

We pray for those supporting innovative projects for sustainability.

**Lord have mercy. Amen**

## DIARY DATES This Month of December:

**3rd** : Christmas Kids Workshop at Torquay 3:45pm  
**5th**: Elouera Worship service 2:15pm  
**6th** : Aireys Inlet Coffee and chat 10:00am  
**7th**: Geelong Chorale singing Magnificat 5:00pm  
**8th** : Aireys Inlet Carols 7:30pm  
**10th**: Anglesea Aged care service 10:30am  
**12th & 13th**: Coffee and Kids Graduation celebration 9:30am  
**14th** :Carols by the Sea at Torquay—volunteers required.  
**info@carolbythesea.com**  
**31st: NEW YEARS EVE** 6pm.  
**Long Table LINK gathering** , @ Elephant Walk in Torquay;  
Bring table, chairs, foods and fellowship.

## 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

## TORQUAY ITEMS:

**Watering front garden:** as summer quickly approaches , the care of the front garden will be important. If you are interested in being a roster to water please see Joan Duval.

**Trading table:** The Church Council would like to see increased use of the trading table to help raise funds for the cleaning of the church. Bring along Jams, baked goods, vegetables and flowers, and any other creations to sell for this cause.

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## 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.

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](mailto:Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org)

EACH WEEK WE LIST MEMBERS FROM OUR COMBINED CHURCH DIRECTORIES  
FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CARE (IN ALPHABETIC ORDER)

TORQUAY: MATYEAR, Fred and Heather

TORQUAY: MERRITT Cheryl

TORQUAY: MAWSON, Ken and Olive

TORQUAY: PACKETT, Robert and Annette



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