



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

Lectionary Readings

ADVENT 2 December 8th

ISAIAH 11:1-10
PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19
ROMANS 15:4-13
MATTHEW 3:1-12

ADVENT 3 December 15th.

ISAIAH 35:1-10
PSALM 146:10 OR
LUKE 1: 46b—55
JAMES 5: 7-10
MATTHEW 11:2-11

SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

This Sunday 8th December

Anglesea: Rev Kevin Yelverton 9:00
Airey's Inlet: Rev Kenneth Ralph 10.30
COMMUNION
Torquay: Rev Suzie Castle 9.30
Bellbrae: Rev Suzie Castle 11.00

Next Sunday 15th December

Anglesea: Rev Bernie Long 9:00
Airey's Inlet: Rev Suzie Castle 10.30
MEDIA MINISTRY
Torquay: Rev Suzie Castle 9.30
Bellbrae: Rev Suzie Castle 11:00

8th December 2019

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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

“God travels wonderful ways with human beings, but he does not comply with the views and opinions of people. God does not go the way that people want to prescribe for him; rather, his way is beyond all comprehension, free and self-determined beyond all proof. Where reason is indignant, where our nature rebels, where our piety anxiously keeps us away: that is precisely where God loves to be. There he confounds the reason of the reasonable; there he aggravates our nature, our piety—that is where he wants to be, and no one can keep him from it. Only the humble believe him and rejoice that God is so free and so marvellous that he does wonders where people despair, that he takes what is little and lowly and makes it marvellous. And that is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly.... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as his instruments and performs his wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.”

God of patience,
teach us,
to see through your eyes,
to hear through your ears,
to feel with your heart,
and speak with your wisdom, that your will be done.

This quote is from “**God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas**” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer . The full quote is on a separate page.



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BOOK ROOM & BRIC A BRAC AT BELLBRAE

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**We are open throughout Christmas and
January except for public holidays.
OPEN BOXING DAY!**

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

We continue in this season of Advent to look forward once again to the coming of the Prince of Peace. It is also time to think about the annual Christmas Bowl appeal. Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday in Advent. Projects supported by the Christmas Bowl can help to bring peace in times of violence and discord. Our focus this Sunday is on the needs of people in Sri Lanka who are seeking to rebuild peaceful lives after years of bloody civil war. Your gift can help to restore peace.

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.

A PRAYER FOR SRI LANKA

We pray for Sri Lanka where there has been so much sorrow.
We pray for those affected by the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in the churches, and for families who lost loved ones.

We pray for the leaders of the country, that they will rule with wisdom, justice and a concern for all citizens.

We pray for peace.

We pray for those who have sought refuge in other countries.

Lord have mercy. Amen

DIARY DATES : December & January

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 & Kids Graduation 9:30am
14th :Carols by the Sea at Torquay
31st: **NEW YEARS EVE** 6pm.
Long Table LINK gathering , @ Elephant Walk in Torquay;
 BYO everything—table, chairs, food and fellowship.

The Christmas Workshop 2019 was another successful community event held at Torquay UC with 37 children attending as well as parents, carers & helpers. Many wonderful crafts were created, afternoon tea was scoffed, and stories were enjoyed. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make this event so special to local families.



TORQUAY ITEMS:

Please see Joan Duval to volunteer with summer watering.

Trading table: The Church Council encourages all members to use the **TRADING TABLE** for our local fund raising. Jams, baked goods, timber goods, vegetables and flowers and fruit are all welcome.

FOOD for FAMILIES

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Please help with your donations of long lasting staple foods as well as a few seasonal treats.

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

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

TORQUAY: Cheryl PEEL	TORQUAY: John & Sylvia PECK
TORQUAY: Richard PETERS	TORQUAY: Shane & Shelley PITTENDRIGH



YOUR NEWSLETTER can be delivered to your INBOX every Friday, just email us to be included.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com **DEADLINE:** Thursday at 4pm

GOD IS IN THE MANGER: Reflections on Advent & Christmas By Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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God of patience,
you wait for the right time and you bring all things to pass.
You decide when the changes take place, the breakthroughs arrive,
the miracles occur.

God of patience,
we have much to learn from you. The waiting,
the longing,
the hoping,
the praying,
the doing,
that your will may be done.

God of patience,
teach us,
to see through your eyes,
to hear through your ears,
to feel with your heart,
and speak with your wisdom, that your will be done.

God of patience,
help us to understand that the world
and everything in it
is yours.

God of patience,
at the right time
you bring your messengers to challenge us
chastise us,
purify us,
love us,
and cleanse us.

God of patience
we wait on you in worship and we praise your holy name. Amen.

Peace be with you
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