



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

Lectionary Readings

EPIPHANY 5: 9th Feb 2020

Is 58: 1-9a
Psalm 112 1-9
1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-15)
Matthew 5: 13-20

EPIPHANY 6: 16th Feb 2020

Deut 30: 15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1Cor 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

This Sunday 9th February 2020

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

Anglesea Aged care 11th Feb @ 10:30am

Next Sunday 16th February 2020

Anglesea: Rev Bernie Long 9:00
Airey's Inlet: Rev Suzie Castle 10.30
Torquay: Rev Suzie Castle via Video 9.30
Bellbrae: Rev Suzie Castle via Video 11.00

9th February 2020

Minister: Rev Suzie Castle

Sunday to Tuesday
Thursday & Friday
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Check our website regularly!

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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

BOOK ROOM & BRIC A BRAC AT
BELLBRAE

CONTACT: Ph: (03) 5261 5139 OR

N.B. The Shop IS OPEN on Monday 27th January—the Australia Day Holiday.

OPENING HOURS in JANUARY
Thursday & Friday : 10am to 4pm
Saturday : 10am to 1pm

Sorting Day ONLY : Tuesday 1 to 4.30pm

The Law - Matthew 5:13-20

Would it surprise you to learn that almost a third of the first five books of the Bible consists of laws, 613 commands in all. History records the mixed relationship Christians have with it. Martin Luther, believed the Law represents all that is wrong with legalistic "religion" and argue that the majority of the content of the first five books of the Bible is useful only for showing that humans are incapable of pleasing God and thus in need of a saviour like Jesus.

But Rachel Held Evans said we "*arrive at these malnourished understandings of biblical Law whenever we remove the Law from its narrative context. The Law is an extension of God's liberation of the Hebrew slaves, the continuation of their deliverance story. For the people of Israel, these divine instructions helped forge a unique national identity, one wholly distinct from the cultures around them, including the Egyptian Empire that for so long oppressed them. It reminded them, too, that the God who parted the Red Sea and conquered Pharaoh's armies was sticking around for the long haul. This is a God who walks with people through the desert in a cloud of smoke and fire and who literally sets up camp with them in the form of a traveling tabernacle. This is a God who cares about every detail of their new life together, right down to the management of their oxen.*

The law taught the Israelites how to rest on the Sabbath, treat immigrants with compassion, and celebrate their deliverance story through rituals and holidays. It called them to worship one God, denouncing all forms of idolatry, and to honour that God with a community characterized by order and neighbourliness. In an ancient world that often celebrated violent indulgence, the Law offered a sense of stability and moral purpose."

Jesus made it clear that he did not come to abolish the laws of the Torah, "but to fulfil them" (Matthew 5:17). The life and teachings of Jesus, then, embody all that these laws were intended to be. Jesus is what the living, breathing will of God looks like.

Rachel Held Evans, Inspired (p. 56).

Peace Rev Suzie Castle

Torquay Uniting Church building is closed on
Extreme Fire and CODE RED Danger days.

The Bellbrae OP Shop is also closed then and on
days of **TOTAL FIRE BAN.**

DIARY DATES : February 2020

Sunday February 23rd : Torquay will be sharing in a Pancake breakfast as part of our café church service. Pancakes will be available to enjoy from 9:00am. This is an opportunity to have some fellowship time with Suzie and with each other too,

Wednesday February 26th Ash Wednesday Service Please note time and Location to be confirmed.

Monday February 24th at 12 noon: Torquay Dine Out group. Beach hotel , Jan Juc Contact Jean Elder 526155490

Tuesday 25th February. Pancake Day, Aireys Inlet Community Hall, . See below.

Monday March 2nd at 10:00am: Torquay Lenten Studies commence. All churches are welcome. We are using Lent Event.

EVERY WEEK

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays & Fridays

Torquay Coffee and Kids 9:30am

ONCE a MONTH

4th Monday

Dine Out Lunch Group 12 noon

2nd Tuesday

Anglesea Aged Care Service

4th Wednesday

Anglesea Fellowship 1:30pm

First Thursdays

Elouera Aged Care Service 2.15pm

First Fridays

Aireys Inlet Coffee & Chat 10am



Come to PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday February 25th

11.00 am - 4.00pm

Aireys Inlet Community Hall

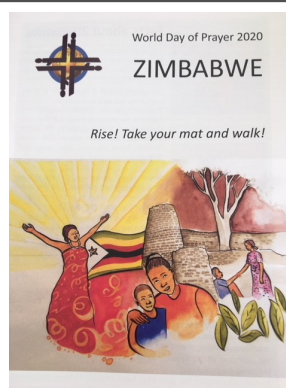
\$3.00 - \$4.00 a pancake, with topping of choice.

Tea and coffee available

Proceeds to Uniting Geelong.



BASKETS of goodies for the schools of Torquay were a great success and warmly received once again. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with packing and distributing. BellBrae and Aireys are happening this week. YUMMY!!



WORLD DAY OF PRAY

hosted by Torquay Uniting Church this year. The ecumenical Link service ,that is focused on Zimbabwe ,is on

Friday March 6th at 2 pm.

Torquay members are asked to bring plate of afternoon tea to share.

Generosity
changes everything

TORQUAY ANNUAL REPORTS TIME

Please submit all Torquay annual reports to Val Clarke at val.clarke@rocketmail.com by COB Friday 28 February.

RED CROSS BUSH FIRE DONATIONS

The charity has issued a helpful information sheet on how donations for the fires are being distributed via the Red Cross Disaster and Recovery Fund. Funds raised since July 2019: \$127 million. Up to 10% will be spent on admin support costs with plans to keep fees as low as possible.

\$5m for 24/7 support including evacuations, relief centres, outreach services.

\$50m to support people whose homes were destroyed.

\$10m to make homes structurally safe.

\$1m for bereavement payments

\$500k to support people hospitalised for fire related injuries.

\$42.5m for longer term recovery

\$18m to support community for 3 and more years.

Further information can be obtained at redress.org.au/bushfirefunds

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

ANGLESEA: HANSON, Marjorie & Noel

ANGLESEA: LEEMAN, Doreen

ANGLESEA: HEATH, Faye & Peter

ANGLESEA: LEWIS, Audrey



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

TAMIL WELCOME FEAST Queenscliff
7pm Saturday Feb 15
New Menu for the New Year!

Experience a mouth-watering 3-course feast of colourful, aromatic, spicy and sweet Sri Lankan Tamil food

-Idiyappam -String Hoppers -vegetable sambar, curries, fresh chutneys and more!

Prepared by local Tamil refugees -Nithi, Kumar and Nithiya.
Come along for a warm Tamil welcome and share and enjoy the food of their culture.

Bar available. No BYO. Set Menu. Vegetarian option available.

\$40/ adult. Bookings essential

<https://www.trybooking.com/BHOKA>

Table bookings of 6-8 people available

Bookings of 5 or fewer people - communal-style table seating with others - a great opportunity for new conversations!

Further enquires: Contact Sue 0418 340 155

TAMIL WELCOME FEASTS! – breaking down barriers through food

- a social food project that is more than just a meal!

Supported by Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees & Queenscliff Uniting Church

Tricia, Geoff, Barry and Jane are planning on attending this meal feast this time around. Tricia will have a page at Torquay church for people to sign up on Sunday 9th Feb or email

Tricia on

gtgenat@bigpond.com.

if you would like to join us.

