



Surfcoast Uniting Churches



Lectionary Readings

LENT 4: March 22nd 2020

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-11

LENT 5: March 29th 2020

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

This Sunday 22nd March 2020

Anglesea:

Rev Bernie Long & Rev Margaret Manly 9.00

Airey's Inlet: Rev Suzie Castle: Video Service 10.30

Torquay: Rev Suzie Castle 9.30

Bellbrae: Rev Suzie Castle 11.00

Next Sunday 29th March 2020

Anglesea: on Saturday evening 28th March we share with Anglesea Catholics for an ecumenical service. Time TBC

Airey's Inlet: Mr. Chris Machar 10.30

Torquay: Major Dunn 9.30

Bellbrae: Worship Team 11.00

22nd March 2020

Minister: Rev. Suzie Castle

Leave days: Saturday & Wednesday

All other days:

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Note: Suzie is on leave 29th March

Check our webpage regularly for past newsletters and future events.

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LENT 4

News from our Surf Coast Linked Congregations Council...

The SCLCC met on Tuesday 17th March. We have not yet heard anything from Presbytery regarding the current situation with the Anglesea Congregation, however Rev Paul Stephens has advised me that the report was presented to Presbytery on Thursday 12 March and we should hear from them very soon.

We also discussed arrangements during the time of the current Coronavirus and the following activities will be suspended or adapted:

- Worship services will continue as planned for now. However the Maundy Thursday service will not include Footwashing and all our communion services will be managed with individual glasses of wine and pre-cut bread distributed by just one person.
- Coffee & Kids Playspace at Torquay is suspended for the time being.
- Beaut Beanies are meeting in homes and the phone number is available elsewhere.
- Dine Out will continue for now.
- The Bellbrae Bric-a-Brac and Bookroom are closed for the present.
- Coffee & Chat at Aireys is suspended.
- No services will be conducted at Elouera at their request.

Please be mindful of scrupulous Food Handling procedures for morning tea. There should be no home made food and any other food should be presented with thought to preventing contamination.

Please maintain contact with each other and be especially mindful of those who are isolated and may need a phone call and your prayers.

Thank you,
Rosemary Thompson,
Chairperson, SCLCC.



Psalm 23: A psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love

will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

DIARY DATES : March & April 2020

Saturday 21st March: Tamil Welcome Feast at Queenscliff Uniting is cancelled. Also note that the Sacred Edge Festival is cancelled.

Saturday 21st March is **HARMONY DAY**

Sunday 22nd March: Torquay Congregation AGM will be held immediately after the morning worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th April: 7pm Tenebrae Service @ Torquay for all churches. Communion as part of the service.

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April: 9.30am @ Torquay .

EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL: All services at usual times

Victorian School Holidays: Sat 28th March to Mon 13th April.

Please note cancellations or changes due to COVID19 restrictions.

EVERY WEEK

Tuesdays

Torquay Beaut Beanies **is meeting in private homes**
Anglesea Prayer Shawl Knitting Gp (TBC)
2:00pm

Thursdays & Fridays

Torquay Coffee and Kids **is cancelled** 9:30am

ONCE A MONTH

4th Monday

Dine Out Lunch Group 12 noon

2nd Tuesday

Anglesea Aged Care Service **is cancelled**

4th Wednesday

Anglesea Fellowship (NOTE: in recession until May)

First Thursdays

Elouera Aged Care Service **is cancelled**

First Fridays

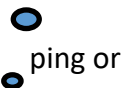
Aireys Inlet Coffee & Chat **is cancelled** 10am



Have you been knitting **Trauma Teddies**? Those knitted for Red Cross need to have stuffing and labels supplied by Red Cross. Beaut Beanies have these requirements and are happy to label, stuff, and sew up any Teddies that come their way.
Ring Claire 0417 602 071

How does COVID19 affect us?

- Communion services will use individual glasses and cut bread.
- Services at Aged Care homes are cancelled.
- If you feel unwell, please stay at home.
- Remember to contact Suzie or your congregation leader if assistance is needed with shopping or tasks.
- Maybe you need some alternative songs for your washing hands routine? Try these:
 - * *We will rock you* By Queen x 3
 - * *Dolly Parton's chorus to Joeline* x 2
 - * *OR Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* with new words : "Twinkle, twinkle little star. Look how clean my two hands are. Around my wrists and between my thumbs, lace my fingers, I'm almost done. Twinkle, twinkle little star. Look how clean my two hands are!"



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

BELLBRAE: Bev & Martin HOOPER	BELLBRAE: Bill HUNTER
BELLBRAE: Michael LAMBKIN	BELLBRAE: John & Doreen STEPHENS



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

Anglesea: Trinity Uniting Church, Murch Crescent, Anglesea

Bellbrae: Bellbrae Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae

Torquay: Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay

BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM : Uniting Church Hall, School Road, Bellbrae. Ph: 5261 5139

OPERATING HOURS: Thursday & Friday 10am to 4pm . **SORTING DAY:** Tuesday 1 to 4pm

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

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear friends.

We find ourselves in uncharted territory with the spread of the Coronavirus throughout the country.

Here at the Surf Coast UC we have tightened our food handling practices and implemented the governments directives as of 18 March.

News from Synod is that two Presbyteries have ceased all activities and worship. Our Presbytery will make a decision today but I expect we will gather this Sunday implementing 1.5mt distance between us. We will update as news comes to hand.

Alan Harper and myself have explored ways to stay connected through online apps. Alan has created a Youtube account for us to hear and view my sermons. We will use Zoom for bible studies and other meetings as it allows up to 100 people to be in conference at one time. You will find a how to access Zoom attached to this newsletter email.

Quite a few church members have already chosen to isolate to stay safe. We are developing ways to stay connected as what has been unfolding can cause loneliness and fear. These two things can have a serious impact on mental health. This week we have developed one phone group with one person electing to stay in touch with four others. Coming up next week will be a phone vine that requires further explanation than I can give here. Home groups have also started up with up to six people in the one group. Weekly sermon, prayer points and newsletter will be delivered to mailboxes of those without email and internet.

Online worship will be via a new media platform Alan and I are currently working on. There will be further communications on Facebook, email and phone calls in a bid to keep you all updated. We will be sending out weekly devotions and prayers for people to participate in.

Alan Harper, Jane Skelton and myself are offering to be a hotline for any IT questions to keep you connected with family, friends and community. Don't hesitate to call or even email any of us.

At this stage Aireys Inlet UC has ceased all gatherings, including worship.

Bellbrae op shop and book room has closed the premise and will begin online sales this Monday.

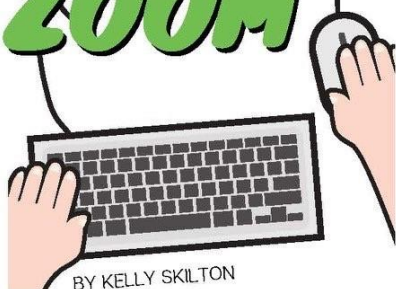
My focus next week will be finding ways for us to worship online, helping us to meet through phone calls, FaceTime or Zoom. I would ask that if anyone needs help with shopping or picking items up then let me know. I realise people find it hard to let others do for them, but I hope you see that it is an act of grace that permits others the opportunity to serve.

Wherever you find yourselves and however you have chosen to deal with the Coronavirus threat, know that Jesus is there. While we all need to keep a physical distance, we do not stay a part in social solidarity. I hope you stay well and have all you need.

Love and peace
Suzie

Rev Suzie Castle : Minister of the Word

HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM



BY KELLY SKILTON

START HERE

Welcome to Zoom. To get to your meeting, there are two options:

1

1. Click the ZOOM link that might have been sent to you; or,
2. Go to your internet browser and type in: zoom.us/join
A display window will appear. Here you can enter the Meeting ID number. Then click 'JOIN'.

Await your HOST to begin your gathering

If this is your first time using Zoom, follow along to POINT 2. If you have been on Zoom before, you may SKIP TO POINT 4.

2

When you are joining Zoom for the first time, you will need to download a file. This process is slightly different depending on what device or program you are using.



COMPUTER • When you download this file off the internet, make sure you save the file (this can be anywhere, but a good place to keep it is the Applications Folder). These steps should be written on the screen as you wait for the download to complete. Once downloaded, saved and opened you can move on to POINT 3.



SMARTPHONE • You can get Zoom from either the App Store or the Google Play store. To set up, there are simple prompts to follow.

3

You will be asked how you would like to join your Audio (sound). The best option is to click 'join audio via computer'. (You can select the 'automatically join via this method' for next time.)

4

If you are having trouble with hearing or seeing, make sure your volume and camera are switch 'ON'. You may also want to check whether you have muted your camera or microphone in point 5.3

5

Once in Zoom, there are some extra buttons that we can use to help us all have a respectful time together (particularly as we cannot see body gestures when we are behind our screens):

5.1 • RAISING OUR HAND



These buttons will allow our host to know when there is someone who would like to speak next in line.

Raise Hand

Lower Hand

5.2 • CHAT MESSENGER

You can type to one another. Click this button, and then select either EVERYONE or THE NAME of who you want to type to.



5.3 • SOUND & CAMERA

These buttons, when a red strike is through them, mean you are turned off to others.

