



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

Easter Week Readings

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

OR Hebrews 4:14-16: 5:7-9

John 18:1 - 19:42

Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-45

OR Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18 OR

Matthew 28:1-10

SERVICES ON THE SURF COAST

We are sad to say that all our churches are closed due to COVID 19 restrictions. However we continue to support each other and worship together is available via video services on the web site each week.

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Services you can connect to this Easter Week

Maundy Thursday at 7pm

Good Friday at 10am

Easter Sunday at 10am

All available on our website.

12th April 2020

Minister: Rev. Suzie Castle

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Check our webpage regularly for past newsletters and future events.

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NOTE: this newsletter will be delivered by hand for those without email addresses.

Keeping Busy ...

Keeping busy is never difficult when you are part of an active community. Our Surfcoast churches have always practised good habits in being part of their local and wider communities, within the church and the secular world. During COVID19 restrictions, this hasn't changed—here are ways in which we are supporting each other and our friends and neighbours....

- For the ELOUERA Community, we have begun to create story-book short films for the staff to share with residents. Various congregation members have been invited to film themselves telling a variety of short stories or reading a poem. This can bring a much needed moment of human connectedness to our elder residents. If you'd like to participate, please call or text Rev. Suzie.

- Also at ELOUERA, we are working closely with staff to ensure that residents can access our online worship services on the big screen. Suzie and Robyn Harper are putting together hymns and songs suitable for these activities and welcome your help.

- Our Anglican Surfcoast friends have listed our online services and facebook posts on their website so that many more of the wider congregation can enjoy them.

- Our OPSHOP at Bellbrae has plenty of stock so is organising a Facebook fashion show featuring some of their pre-loved delights. Check out the show from next Tuesday...

- Members across all congregations who have been campaigning for refugee rights are still active on Facebook and other media outlets. The Refugee Council of Australia has updated information easily accessible at <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/covid-19-update-for-refugees-and-people-seeking-asylum/>

- Torquay congregation has organised a letterbox drop to keep their neighbours up to date with the building program as well as our on-line services.


- Bellbrae and Airey's Inlet are enjoying ZOOM catch ups and discussion with Suzie after the sermon.

- Our pastoral carers made sure that everyone in the directory has a personal touch point for sharing their delights and challenges in lock down mode.



Peace Be With You, Rev. Suzie Castle. Minister of the Word

Congregational Housekeeping Notes:

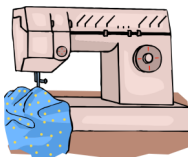
1. Please continue to support UNITING with donations of food and goods. UNITING have particularly requested: TUNA, PASTA, & PASTA SAUCE. Any size or brand. You can deliver to Harpers doorstep at 53 Cowrie Road, Torquay. 
2. Position vacant soon: Robin Dennis will be concluding his term as Treasurer with the Surf Coast Linked Congregations Council this year and is looking for a replacement to train. If you think this might be you. Please contact Ro Thompson.

Do Keep Crafting!

Our **Knitting Ministries** continue in private homes during COVID19. Marilyn Wendt (0427 750 369) has shawls and cot blankets which have been blessed by Suzie for those in need. Please call her.

Jan Hale (0400 869 660) can arrange to have Trauma Teddies completed with the appropriate signage for delivery .

Plan ahead to support Op-shops, markets and church fete's when we are free to gather again. Start potting up those cuttings, making jam and sewing saleable items.



Important Notice about Church Offerings

Now that we are not able to attend Worship in person each week, we need to find a way for congregation members and others to contribute to the vital upkeep of our Linked Congregations, and our financial commitment for the payment of our Minister, Suzie,

We have opened a new National Australia Bank Account to which you can contribute, in person at any NAB bank, or through online banking. The details of the account are:

Surf Coast Uniting Church Congregation Deposits
BSB: 083-929
Account Number 93-009-8403

We ask that deposits to this account are identified with the congregation postcode and a two letter abbreviation as follows:

Aireys Inlet: 3231 AI
Bellbrae: 3228 BB
Torquay: 3228 TQ

Congregation members who already contribute through Direct Debits can continue to use those. Anyone who would prefer to set up a Direct Debit using a paper form, or who would like any other information, should contact their Church Council Treasurer:

Aireys Inlet: Noni Johnson or Marilyn Wendt
Bellbrae: John Stephens
Torquay: Robyn Harper

Stay safe in this challenging time.
Robin Dennis,
Treasurer, Surf Coast Linked Congregations



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good: his love
endures forever.
Psalm 118:1**

Book Shop Notice Bellbrae

The Book Shop at Bellbrae is open by appointment only. Browsers are welcome one by one and leave the money on the table. Call Carleen to make an appointment today on 0415 173 794 or ring the OPSHOP at 5261 5139



PAT (Plodding Along Technology) **Group** is open to anyone with techie questions, nothing too small or silly. Call Jane Skelton 0400190580, Alan Harper 0417563260 or Rev. Suzie Castle (Apple queries only).

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

TORQUAY: Liz & Frank BARKLA	TORQUAY: Pat BELTON
TORQUAY: Bev & Rob BOXSHALL	TORQUAY: David & Helen BROWN



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

USUAL OPERATING HOURS: Thurs & Fri 10am to 4pm. Sat 10am to 1pm. **SORTING DAY:** Tuesday 1 to 4pm

NOTE: All our churches & the OPshop are currently closed as per COVID 19 restrictions

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