



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

17th May 2020

Worship together is available via video services on the web each week from 9:00am

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Bellbrae is worshipping Live on Zoom at 11:00am Sundays

and Airey's Inlet is Live on Zoom at 1:30pm Sundays

Minister: Rev. Suzie Castle On leave: Monday 18th May- Monday 1st June

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Lectionary readings

Easter 6: May 17th Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66: 8-20 1Peter 3 : 13-22 John 14: 15-21

Easter 7: May 24th Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14 ,5: 5-11 John 17: 1-11

This week has felt a little strange as COVID restrictions now permit visiting friends and family. We can become used to a way of doing after a short time, so the add-ons may take time to get our heads around as we discover how to manage the next stage. However, I imagine being able to visit family and close friends brings a tremendous sense of relief to any who have felt cut off or have missed seeing their grandchildren. You have all done so well staying at home, staying safe and flattening the curve.

I imagine this time has been for some a time of refreshment. Perhaps some have hit the reset button on how you will come out of this time in terms of how you will spend your time. Personally I have been relieved we had the ability and capacity to meet online and stay connected. There have been many people in the background that remind me of the duck on the pond. They seem serene and peaceful gliding around on the surface, but their legs are moving non stop under the water. Jane Skelton, Alan and Robyn Harper spent many hours sorting how we could move forward by making worship available through our website. Then there are others who have come together in ways that has been joyful and community building over this period which has been wonderful. What has developed from that is the idea of a Cook book filled with recipes of the beautiful baked goods that have been delivered to doorsteps of members. I commend these very special people for their very special acts.

There will be many stories that circulate after this is all over and I'd love to hear them when the time is right. It feels like we are currently sitting on the boundary of crisis and recovery.

And I think there's a formula to name when we go through experiences such as COVID19. We recognise the lived Crisis, then move gently into Recovery which develops energy and hope for Rebuilding. That said, I had stalled my holidays, which I was due to take April 20, so we could create some consistency with worship. I will take 2 weeks leave starting this Monday instead, having sorted our online worship services for that time. In my absence, Carleen and Michael will serve Bellbrae as the pastoral care contact . Robyn Harper is the pastoral care team leader for Torquay and each congregation member has a carer allotted to them. Airey's have their care organised too. It would be lovely if the carers continue to give a call over the next few weeks or members called their carer. Contact details are in the directory.

While I am so grateful to have a holiday and catch up with family, I look forward to seeing many of you on Zoom this Sunday.

Many blessings Rev Suzie



The COOKBOOK PROJECT

Hello everyone, we now have 15 recipes for our Surfcoast Cookbook. Our goal is at least 50! We need more savoury and snack recipes too. Email your recipe to the Newsletter or drop it into the mail to Tricia Genat. Remember to attribute the recipe if you know where it came from. And as a teaser: here's a lovely simple and oh-so-delicious Italian biscuit recipe from Ro. It has been baked in the test kitchen and received 5 stars.

Quick Almond Biscuits: Blend in a food processor:

150g self-raising flour, 100g almond meal, 100g sugar, 130g softened butter, 2 tsp vanilla, 1 egg.

Form into small balls on baking paper lined tray. For variation add Lemon zest, or chopped rosemary to half the dough.

Bake at 180 for 12-17 minutes.. Let cool before transfer to rack to cool further. Don't eat them all at once.

Please send recipes to surfcoastcookingandtrading@gmail.com or directly to Tricia Genat @ patriciamgenat@gmail.com.

P.S. If anyone owns or has access to a spiral binding machine, we would love to know.



This week we have Geoff Genat's newly constructed Wood box. Just right for storing the wood used in the fire pit.

CRAFT CORNER.

Community Messages:

Thanks to all those who are dropping food items off at the Harper's house for **UNITING**. There is a request for toothpaste, soaps and laundry detergents, so please keep this in mind when you shop again.

THE ONLINE SERVICES remain on the website to view whenever you wish. So you can't miss a Sunday really!!

The **Book Shop @ Bellbrae** is open by appointment only. Browsers are welcome one by one and leave the money on the table. Call Carleen on 0415 173 794



Photo of the Torquay church building progress taken in May.

Looking good!

Today we are sharing this as a prayer for our world.. It speaks of the quiet of the morning, the beauty of the world and nature and the life that surrounds us and the Hope we have for tomorrow.



MY MORNING WALK by Ro Thompson

My walk from The Wave starts in the dark. There are still stars if it is clear. I don't need to see where each step is going. The path is a pale gold and puddles reflect so I can dodge them easily. It is quiet and all I can hear is my own footsteps and the waves – either a constant roar or sometimes individual waves breaking on the beach below. I feel the cold air on my hands and face, and sometimes it is drizzling, but I am warm under my layers. At the top of the rise I can see the endless sea and the sky to the east gradually lightening. There are lights in the distance of towns, ships and the winking light of Cape Schank if it is clear. Occasional joggers, cyclists or walkers pass and we exchange greetings. At the Steps car park I hear the sound of wax on boards. Down towards Bird Rock where the sunrise is imminent. There is always someone with a coffee to see the sun come up. I turn and head back, by which time the morning has come. Now I hear birds waking. The harsh call of wattle birds laying claim to blossoming trees, the gentle call of Wrens, Rosellas with their chiming calls, New Holland Honeyeaters, Shrike thrushes and a chorus of Magpies greeting the morning as I get back to The Wave. On to Bells Beach to the constant beat of my footfalls. The car park always has surfers checking out the waves, preparing for a session, or already returning. The Bells headland is bathed in morning light, sometimes pink, sometimes yellow. The waves are different every day. I turn back. There are more people on the track by now and some I see for a second time on their return. Back to the car and the day is underway.

The radio tells me the Covid statistics for the day. Maybe we are flattening the curve.



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

Torquay: Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay

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

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