



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

24th 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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**Pentecost Sunday
Next week: Let
us celebrate by
wearing some-
thing Red to all
our Zoom
services.**

Lectionary readings

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

Pentecost: May 31st Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34 1 Cor 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21 John 20: 19-23

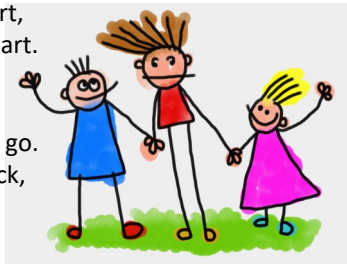
Gran – In the time of Covid-19 (For my grandchildren, 2020) by Val Clarke

Twenty twenty was a very strange year,
As Coronavirus the world came to fear.
In Wuhan in China the epidemic began,
Then round the globe it rapidly ran.

Country by country the world was locked down,
Bans were placed on visits to town.
Social distance orders were badly framed,
To physical distance they should be renamed.

Young children and oldies must stay apart,
'Twas enough to break an ageing Gran's heart.
With people remaining some feet apart,
Hand shaking and hugs became a lost art.

The petrol prices were unusually low,
At a time when there was nowhere to go.
Shopping transferred from brick to click,
In efforts to slow the numbers of sick.



Schools were closed, children stayed home,
Into the streets they no longer could roam.
Education then moved from school online,
For older students this was just fine.

For restless young children just starting prep,
This strange innovation was a massive step.
For a sporting match, fans just had to wait,
In city and country, there was a closed gate.

Orchestras too had a compulsory recess,
Their date of return was anyone's guess.
The news only talked of Covid nineteen,
Other events in the world, no longer seen.

Grans are the group that is least affected,
By our age and experience we are protected.
For creative adjustment there's plenty of room,
No need for the news to be doom and gloom.

It desperately needs a positive tale,
The Oldies might send one in the mail.
Gran has survived so many crises by now,
She draws on her accumulated know how.

With monthly pensions rolling in still,
No need to worry at the grocery till.
Her childhood spent talking face-to-face
When life moved along at a slower pace.

So staying at home, is hardly new,
There are so so many things to do.
Books to read. Cupboards to clear.
Telephone chats for her daily cheer.

In the Great Bear Hunt Gran chose to partake,
Putting bears out each morning for little kids' sake.
She's having fun learning new skills,
Overcoming obstacles brings new thrills.

For a Facetime chat to a child each week
Training in IT she did eagerly seek.
She's come to terms with Zoom and Skype,
Facetime, conferencing, and all that hype.

With so few people allowed in a room,
For coffee, she meets her friends on Zoom.
Bridge is now Gran's major past time,
With the cards and the table going online.

But with iphones linked for a friendly chat,
Should the last bid have been this or that?
With ten thousand steps or more in a day,
She is keeping cabin fever at bay.

A call or two to an isolated friend,
Fits easily sometime before day's end.
Cooking for one can become a bore,
But one stays home – that's the law.

Seeing Covid-19 as a problem to solve,
Soon overcome with old fashioned resolve.



The COOKBOOK PROJECT

Surf coast UC Cookbook Update: We now have over 40 recipes, a few duplications and still need more dessert and snack recipes. My sister, Marjory Gardner, who is an illustrator has kindly offered some line drawings for the pages. Here is another tested recipe to enjoy:

Alan Harper's Famous Hedgehog Slice:

Ingredients: 1 tin of Sweetened Condensed Milk, 250 g melted butter, 2 tbsp cocoa powder (heaped) and 2 packets of Marie Biscuits.

Method: Line a swiss roll tray with baking paper. Break up the biscuits by hand into a large mixing bowl. Sift cocoa powder into cooled melted butter and stir to combine. Return saucepan to heat, add the sweetened condensed milk stirring continuously until combined. Take off heat and pour over biscuits. Mix until all biscuits completely covered. Tip onto prepared tray and press down. Cool in fridge.

Topping: Put 100gm dark and 100gm milk chopped chocolate and 50gm Cofpa into a double saucepan. Bring water to boil then simmer until chocolate & Cofpa melted. Pour over cooled slice and return to fridge. Slice, serve and enjoy.



A beautiful quilt made by Ro Thompson is this week's craft, showing the many talents our members possess.

CRAFT CORNER.

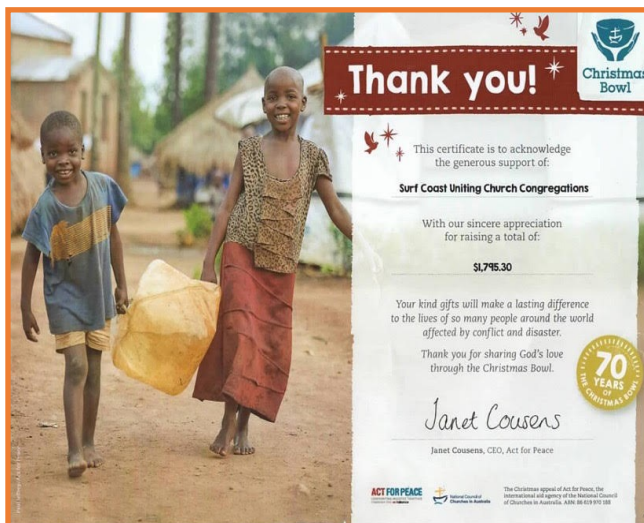
Community Messages:

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!! And the newsletters are also there to read.

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



Prayer Points for this week:

****This week has seen the relaxing of the restrictions that have been with us for a while now. We hope that those of us who are able have been able to see family and friends again. **** A happy birthday to Robin Dennis for last Sunday, and to any others among us celebrating in the current conditions.

****Let us also remember in our prayers those that have been ill in our congregation and pray for their speedy recovery.**

****We pray for all the churches in the Surf Coast area, as we process the recommendations from the Presbytery on their consultation with us all.**

****We pray for Suzie as she enjoys her vacation and hope that this rest will revitalise her.**

****We pray for those that govern and make decisions that will affect all our lives.**

****We pray for those who struggle with no work, mental illness, loneliness, and grief.**

****We pray for the people of Vanuatu after the devastating cyclone in April, for those in Refugee camps around the world, for the Ingenious people in our world.**

****Lord, you know when we are crying, when we reach out and seek your love. Embrace us, strengthen us, make your light shine in our hearts. May your love live in us and through us. Amen**

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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

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

Weekly offerings can be made via direct debit or credit to this account :

BSB: 083-929 and Account Number 93-009-8403

Please add notes to identify congregation: Aireys Inlet:3231 AI/ Bellbrae:3228 BB/ Torquay:3228 TQ

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

Your Church Offering...A big Thank You to all our regular givers. Your offering is helping keep all our bills paid each week. These include Suzie's stipend and our energy and cleaning bills. You can contribute in person at any NAB bank, or through online banking.

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Contact your local congregation Treasurer for information about using our new account OR direct debit OR to drop off your offering envelope.

Aireys Inlet: Noni Johnson / Marilyn Wendt

Bellbrae: John Stephens

Torquay: Robyn Harper

Please note this banking information will be at the bottom of all following newsletters for your convenience.

Dear Members of the Uniting Church Surf Coast Congregations.

The Presbytery of Port Phillip West undertook a Review of our Surf Coast Linked Congregations earlier this year. Rev Paul Stephens and Lorraine Leitch consulted with all congregations and we thank them for their diligence and respect for all those consulted. The following recommendations were made by the Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery and have been received by the SCLCC. We will work towards following up these recommendations, with the assistance of Rev Deacon Jeanne Beale, in relation to items 2, 2.1 and 3. The other items will be progressed by Presbytery.

Please keep your leaders in your prayers as we work through these recommendations.

Rosemary Thompson, Chairperson, SCLC

PRC Recommendations

- 1: The PRC Chairperson – Bruce Missen, contacted each of the chair of the linked congregations, the chair of Anglesea and Reverend Suzie to determine what is required from the entities in terms of opportunities for pastoral care and healing as we seek to move forward at this time.
- 2: That the Presbytery formally recommend to the congregations, following consultation with Suzie Castle, that Suzie remain in a reshaped placement involving Torquay, Bellbrae and Aireys Inlet Congregations with new Terms of Placement agreed to by the three Congregations and that this arrangement be reviewed by the end of 2021. Whilst the Chairperson has communicated this verbally, a timeline for meetings is uncertain due to the current Covid-19 limitations. Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale has been asked by PRC to work with the congregations and Rev. Suzie on this and the actions relating to Recommendation 3.
- 2.1: That financial documents be received from all parties showing their capacity to move forward financially independent from one another.
- 3: The PRC supports the decision that the Torquay, Bellbrae and Aireys Inlet Congregations with Presbytery support be asked to develop a mission and ministry plan to clarify future directions. Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale will also work with the congregations and Rev. Suzie on this task.
- 4: That an Associated Minister (Reg. 3.1.3 n (ii)) who is preferably a minister in placement be appointed to the Anglesea Congregation to ensure appropriate Presbytery oversight and that the Congregation with Presbytery support be asked to develop a mission and ministry plan to clarify its future directions. A Position Description has been written for the Associated Minister position and is currently being circulated to gauge interest. Rev. Narelle Collas and Bruce Missen will consult with Anglesea before an appointment is made by PRC. Determining the Presbytery representative and the process for the ministry and mission plan will follow appointment of the Associated Minister.
- 5: That while allowing for a level of independence for the Anglesea Congregation that this arrangement with the associated minister be reviewed by the end of 2020.
- 6: That the PRC acknowledges the need to have clarity around issues relating to placements etc and in response to feedback given from this consultation team it seeks to look at its internal processes in coming months critically reviewing processes used around the approval of placement profiles and equipping JNCs especially in situations of multi-congregation arrangements given the feedback received by this review team.
- 7: That over the next 18 months the Presbytery facilitates a process which reviews the models for mission and ministry within the region taking cognisance of the changing nature of the communities in which the four current Surf Coast congregations are situated and including consideration of mission and ministry in the Grovedale-Torquay corridor, in Moriac, in the Barrabool Hills and in Lorne. PRC knows that this is an issue that extends beyond just this community and will be looking more broadly at the long-term implications in terms of mission and ministry opportunities in this region of the presbytery.

Please know that these responses have been carefully thought and prayed through from the presbytery PRC and ministry team. As you journey towards finding a place of healing and understanding of who you are now as you move forward know that as a presbytery, we are praying for you as you seek to continue to do God's will in your local context.

Yours in Christ's Service, on Behalf of the PRC,
Rev Amanda Nicholas PPW PRC Secretary