



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

14th June 2020

Worship together is available via video services on our website each Sunday from 9:00am
www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

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

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

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Leave days: Saturday and Wednesday

From the Minister's Desk...

Romans 5:1-5 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Peace and Hope

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Castle family celebrated my mum's 80th birthday a week ago. That's a lot of years to recount and reflect on what was achieved. In the speech I made on the night, I had to find a way to tie up those 80 years into a few minutes. So I spoke about the legacy mum has created through the family she built with my dad. You see, I'm proud of my family and what my siblings have made of their lives using the characteristics mum instilled in each of us. Mum taught us to love abundantly and have compassion for others. She developed in each of us strength and courage for tough times and hard decisions. Mum built us into adults that know our worth and the worth of others. That meant upholding the dignity of all people, particularly the people society often overlooks or fails. We are to stand up for what is right and just and stand against what is wrong and unfair. We are to be colour blind when it comes to skin and make life better for those with a disability. Mum introduced each of us to Jesus at an early age through the people who made up the Church. I have always used the word family when it comes to the Church as I understand the relationship we share is only made possible through our relationship we share with Jesus. Brothers and sisters in Christ or to quote a line from that wonderful old hymn, "I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together."

I think the Church has the same characteristics my mum instilled in her children. Every now and again it's good to remember and reflect on where we are at with our love, compassion, strength and courage. Or what it is that we value and strive to uphold in our lives that brings dignity and flourishing to another. What legacy are we creating, or leaving, that has made the Church a visible signpost that points to God as revealed in Christ. We are entering a phase of recovery as the Presbytery reps, Rev Jeanne Beale and Bruce Missen, begin working with us on the Church's future direction. If there is anything sitting on your heart I invite any of you to phone me with questions about anything. I think in order to move forward, it's important to share my story of the Linked Surf Coast UC with you. Many blessings Suzie

Peace be with you
Rev Suzie Castle
Minister of the Word



Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 2 June 14th

Genesis 18: 1-15

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35—10:8

Pentecost 3 June 21st

Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-17

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24—39

Bellbrae OPSHOP Update:

The Bellbrae Op Shop and Book Shop opened for limited access over this past long weekend and had a steady stream of visitors. There were limits of 4 people at a time in the shop and more cleaning and sorting is still happening before regular hours are available. Watch this space for opening times soon...



More warm rugs from Roma for locals needing an extra hug.



Can you guess where this big creature hides out in daytime?

The COOKBOOK PROJECT UPDATE



The Cook book is in editing mode this next few weeks and is planned for release in early July. If you have been a contributor, we are still looking for your photo to add to the acknowledgments page. *It's not too late* to put in a recipe - email to the newsletter address or post to Tricia at PO Box 898, Torquay.

Uniting Barwon Emergency Relief is OPEN

Offering many services including food and food vouchers, clothing & household items, no-interest loans and housing.

Use these telephone numbers to access local services:

GROVEDALE: 4210 1100, NORLANE: 5278 8492 & WINCHELSEA: 0419535490

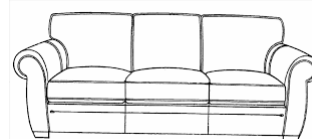


Donations of food and toiletries are still being collected for UNITING. They need liquid soap, laundry powder, soups, toothpaste and brushes. No more tinned goods at this stage thank you. Please deliver to Robyn & Alan Harper at 53 Cowrie Road, Torquay.

Rev Suzie is about to launch a *Couch Surfing* concept for 40 odd overseas workers stranded in Lorne with no jobs or money.



Suzie writes: They cannot get home due to COVID19 shutting down flights. **Feed Me Surf Coast** has been dropping food to them but they are running out of money for rent and food. *Couch Surfing* (www.couchsurfing.com) is an international home stay program that I've participated in for a few years taking in young adults who've found themselves in a bit of trouble and need a safe place to rest. As a host I offer free accommodation for travellers in exchange for a cultural experience. Mostly I have fed them as well but **Feed Me Surf Coast** can drop a weeks worth of fresh food every week if needed. So I now extend an invitation to you to participate in a home hosting, taking one or two of the travellers into your homes until they can get to their own home. These people are in a stressful situation and in need of help & hospitality. I'm calling it *Coast Surfing* and will launch a Facebook page soon. There is still much to be worked out in terms of length of stay and what assistance the travellers will offer their hosts. At this stage we've established they become part of your household so participate as such. I am compiling profiles for each of the travellers for the Facebook page which will help with making matches as well as indicate what they will bring to the hosting household. If you'd like to know more please text or call me on 0421023197.



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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 are currently closed as per COVID 19 restrictions



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

BSB: 083-929 and Account Number 93-009-8403 Please add notes in the deposit area to identify your congregation: Aireys Inlet:3231AI, Bellbrae:3228BB or Torquay:3228TQ

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