



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

5th July 2020

Worship together is available via video services on our website each Sunday from 9:00am

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Bellbrae is Live on Zoom at 11.00am

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

Minister: Rev. Suzie Castle

Suzie is currently on sick leave until 6th August while she recuperates so please contact your congregation leader with any queries

What is Freedom?

What most often stops me from achieving freedom is my tendency to be caught up in fears and expectations about what I 'ought' or 'should' be. My usual automatic responses tie me down and inhibit me from exploring new areas of growth. I ask and pray for a greater sense of inner freedom and that I might reach the fresh and new and challenging possibilities that God wishes me to realise.

Amen

from www.sacredspace.ie

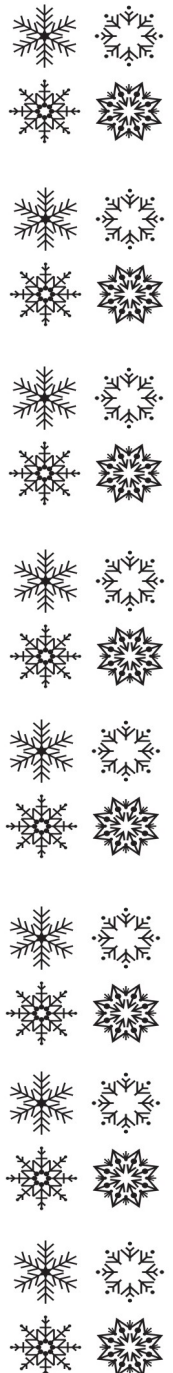
Come to me, all you who are
weary & burdened,
& I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Thank you to Rev Deacon Jeanne Beale
who will bring us the sermon this week.

Catch the service at

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Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 5 July 5th

Genesis 24: 34-38,42-49,58-67

Psalms 45: 10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

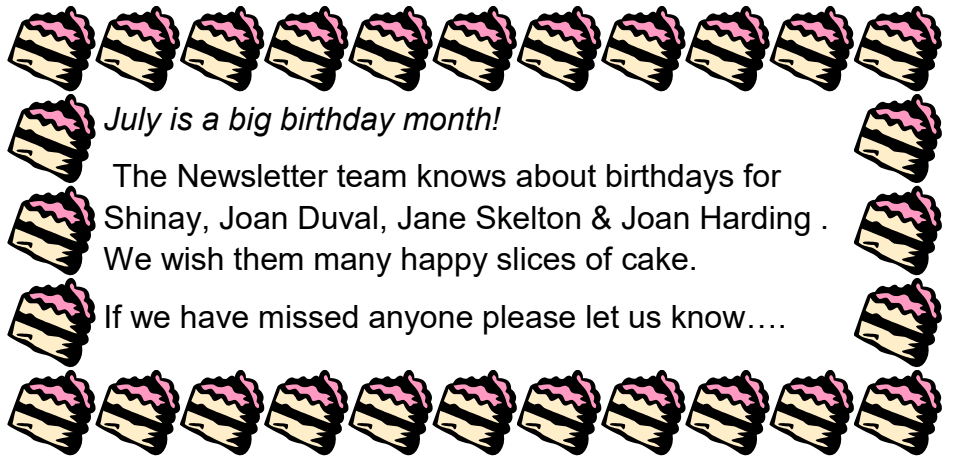
Pentecost 6 July 12th

Genesis 25: 19-34

Psalms 119: 105—112

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23



July is a big birthday month!

The Newsletter team knows about birthdays for Shinay, Joan Duval, Jane Skelton & Joan Harding . We wish them many happy slices of cake.

If we have missed anyone please let us know....

Donations of food and toiletries are still being collected for UNITING. They need soups and liquid soap (not cakes), laundry powder, toothpaste and toothbrushes. No tinned spaghetti or baked beans at this stage but tinned vegetables will be very welcome, thank you. Please deliver to Robyn & Alan Harper at 53 Cowrie Road, Torquay.



More Birthday News: last month we celebrated 43 years as a UNITING Church

At union, our understanding of “being one” was focused on the coming together of three Churches to become one Church, with the birth of the Uniting Church on June 22, 1977. We took on the name Unit-*ing*, because we saw this coming together as one, as an ongoing call for our life. Our hope and wish into the future was to be a Church that was constantly seeking greater union with other churches.



Ecumenism lies at the core of our identity as a Church (<https://victas.uca.org.au/>)



At present the **Beaut Beanies** knitting group will suspend their Tuesday gatherings to comply with the latest Victorian number restrictions but they will keep knitting until they ...

*Meet to knit again
Some sunny day...*

Q: Why didn't they play cards in the Ark?

A: Because Noah was always standing on the deck!



Giving away the fruits of our labours:

The Newsletter Team has heard many good news stories this week of sharing food, time, produce, knitting and sewing in this additional time of lockdown. A BIG thank you to everyone for your generosity of spirit in trying times. Stay well and stay busy and stay connected.



Roma has sent in a photo of her recent collection of rugs for providing warmth and comfort.

Great work Roma, thank you.

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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: some of 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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