



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

19th 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**



**A Litany based on John 1:1-14
by John Speers Oct 1, 2013**

In the beginning was the Word...

**It all started with an act of di-
vine self expression.**

And the word was God...

**It all comes from the centre of
God.**

And the Word was God...

God is our source.

He was in the beginning with God.

**In Christ we encounter God's primal expression, God's
first word.**

All things came into being through him.

In Christ we encounter the divine, creative impulse.

And without him not one thing came into being.

In Christ we encounter our connection to the source.

What has come into being in Him was life,

The energy of life is from God.

And the life was the light of all people.

The energy of life in us is God's incarnate presence.

May we live as though we know it.

Amen.

Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 7: July 19th

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Pentecost 8: July 26th

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45b

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

A big thank you to

Robert and Annette Packett and
Cheryl Duncan who will lead us in
this week's online service.

Donations of food and toiletries are still being collected for
UNITING They need soups and liquid soap, laundry
powder, toothpaste and toothbrushes.
Please deliver to Robyn & Alan Harper at 53 Cowrie Road,

A Pray Scarf was presented to Bill McKenzie
by the Prayer Shawl group this week.
Blessings sent in a beautiful cosy way.



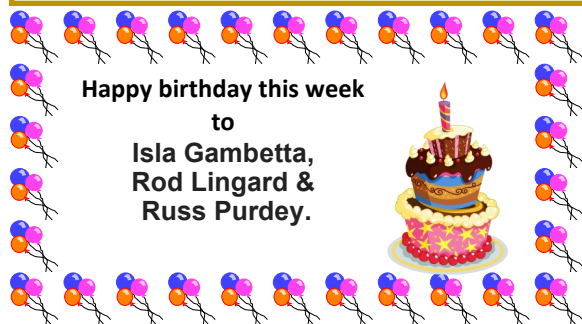
Roma Julian has made facemasks for anyone interested. They are \$2.00 each with all funds going to the Church.

Contact Robyn Harper to order on 0407829926.

The Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group Zoom Meeting Thursday 23rd July 4.00pm.

The Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group (nondenominational) is currently meeting fortnightly on Zoom. Our next meeting is on 23rd July: and our discussion will be led by Rev Neil Tolliday on the topic - **Learning about 'The Season of Creation'**, initiatives incorporating eco-theology into the church calendar.

To register to join this zoom discussion please email Geoff Naylor on drgeoff.naylor@gmail.com or call 0409740539. All welcome.



On a day trip to Ballan, we discovered they have a **Winter Knit festival** brightening up the main street. The colourful crafts bring joy into a chilly winter's day.



After a Council discussion it was decided to post this message to our Coffee and Kids group on the FaceBook page. Any church member is welcome to follow this page "Coffee & Kids Playspace".

"We hope that you are all navigating the Covid 19 restrictions without too much trauma.

We haven't resumed church services yet, but we are posting a Sunday Church Service each week via YouTube on our website:

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au. We have also been having a weekly Coffee & Chat meeting to catch up with church members.

We were looking forward to re-opening Coffee and Kids in Term 3 when we were expecting restrictions on meetings to increase to 50 people. However it now seems very unlikely that that will happen on July 13th.

We thought we'd like to touch base with you all and let you know that we have been thinking of you. We'll get back to you when the restrictions do ease. Unfortunately Joan Duval has had a health hiccup so we won't be able to be able to offer Coffee & Kids on Fridays for the time being. We are excited that our building at 25 Anderson Street is progressing well. The roof is now on and the extension looks very spacious, overlooking the oak tree and the garden. It will be the new home of Coffee & Kids when it is finished later in the year.

Please let me know if you think it might be worthwhile to have a short Zoom catch up for us all to say hello.

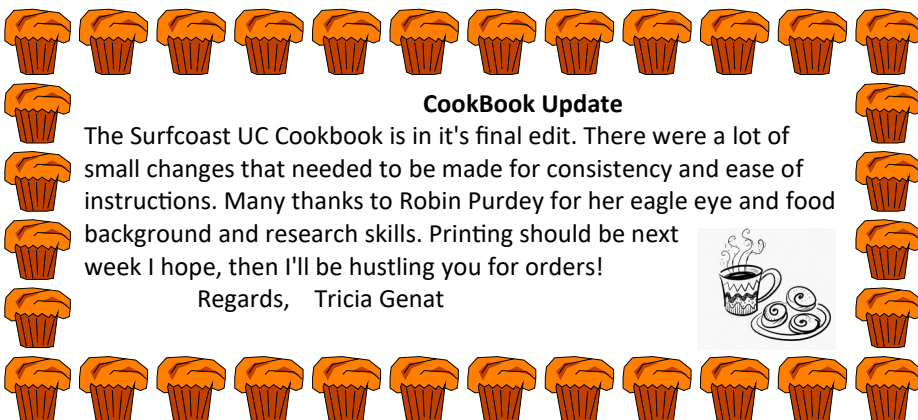
Stay safe

Heather and friends from Coffee & Kids



Here's the latest in the build. Roof on the back now and looking pretty good.

The 2 chimneys will be taken down soon too.



CookBook Update

The Surfcoast UC Cookbook is in its final edit. There were a lot of small changes that needed to be made for consistency and ease of instructions. Many thanks to Robin Purdey for her eagle eye and food background and research skills. Printing should be next week I hope, then I'll be hustling you for orders!

Regards, Tricia Genat



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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

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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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