



# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

16th August 2020

Join in our Surf coast service, available on our website each Sunday from 9:00am @

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

Plus.....Bellbrae is Live on Zoom at 11.00am

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

Torquay Coffee Zoom at 10:00am

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Prayers shared in recent weeks as our world continues to battle , to survive and to recover.....

Psalm 119: 105-109  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN MELBOURNE LOCKDOWN AREAS**

O Lord  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
As the week begins,  
we gather before you  
holding a lamp to our feet  
seeing a light to our path.

In this light,  
we see people in lockdown areas in Melbourne,  
people are feeling trapped in tall buildings,  
many others are afflicted.  
May your light shine in the darkness,  
Strengthen them during the isolation.

We pray for Victoria government,  
placing a fence of protection,  
so the virus will have its boundaries.  
O Lord, Maker of all lives,  
help us see the ordinances in your righteous,  
Give our state leaders wisdom and strength,  
Keep each citizen in safety and hope.

We pray for local communities,  
As they feel the pain of this virus.  
For many, their weeks are filled with unwanted news.  
For some, their days are filled with unwanted thoughts.  
Free the people from the mental dip,  
Help us to reach out to them  
with words and gestures in kindness.

O Lord  
Your word is a lamp to my feet,  
and a light to my path.

(WRITTEN BY REV DR JI ZHANG)

## A prayer for the people of Lebanon

Merciful God,  
be with the people of Lebanon today.  
Comfort all who are distressed and anxious,  
protect the emergency services,  
restore the injured to health,  
and abide with all who mourn,  
for the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## VALE NANCY NORMAN

The death of Nancy Norman has brought many memories of her care for people in need. In 2002 Nancy and her husband Michael Norman AM fostered a Uniting Church Social Justice group that looked for ways to support asylum seekers being harshly detained offshore and on the mainland. The Normans' home became their regular meeting place over a shared meal. Money was raised to provide art classes for children in Port Hedland detention and there were collections of groceries and clothing delivered to the newly formed Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray.

Hearing of a new national group called Rural Australians for Refugees, the Normans and their friends decided to call a public meeting to gauge support for their cause. It was attended by 75 people and on December 2, 2002 Surf Coast RAR was born. It initially included people from local churches and the community as well as people from Ocean Grove and Queenscliff. The group continued to grow and this led to the Surf Coast Shire being declared a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2004. By 2014, Surf Coast RAR had an email list of 500 supporters and had raised \$74,000 for asylum seekers and refugees.

Rest in peace, Nancy Norman. Your gentle leadership, compassion, and hospitality will be long remembered.

From Jan Hale

## Lectionary Readings:

**Pentecost 11: August 16th Pentecost 12: August 23rd**

Genesis 45 : 1-15

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 133

Psalms 124

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 15: (10-2-) 21-28

Matthew 16: 13-20

## SAVE THE DATE:

Torquay Church is planning to have an open Trading Table on the church lawn on **Saturday 26th September from 10am to 2pm** - restrictions allowing!

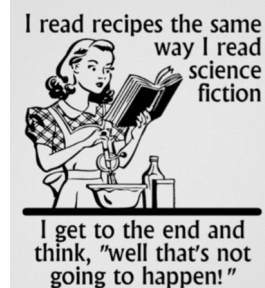
The table will have cakes, jams, chutneys, seedlings, plants, knitted and crafted goods for sale. Coffee & Tea and scones may be available pending restriction allowance. All proceeds will go toward the new multi-purpose centre and its programs

Pencil the date in now. If you have goods to donate to the Table, details will be provided in the next few weeks.

Our first print run of the **Coastal Cookbook** is almost sold out, but we will be printing again – and correcting the few errors that slipped in.

In the meantime, you can always purchase a PDF version – all up to date and easy to read as you cook with your tablet in the kitchen.

**Print Cookbook: \$15 & PDF version \$10.** Please email the newsletter or Robyn Harper or Tricia Genat for delivery. All payment via cash or to the TUC Bank Account – please note COOKBOOK in the comments line when paying to the bank account. Details are at the bottom of Newsletter back page.



## The Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group – Zoom Discussion Thursday 20th August at 4.00pm

The Geelong Region Progressive Christian Group (nondenominational) is currently meeting fortnightly on Zoom. Our next discussion will focus on the Sundays at St Michael's service conducted on August 9<sup>th</sup> by Rev Dr Margaret Mayman on the topic – Walking on Water: Fear of Falling/Failing. A YouTube link and a pdf of the Order of Service will be emailed to participants for prior study. New participants most welcome.

To register to join this zoom discussion please email Geoff Naylor on [drgeoff.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:drgeoff.naylor@gmail.com) or call 0409740539.

Masks with ties made by Roma are still available. Now that they are compulsory, people may need a few spares for themselves, family, friends and neighbours.

The Masks are \$2.00 each with all funds going to the Church.  
Contact Robyn Harper to order on 0407829926.



**Airey's Inlet** St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Road, Airey's Inlet. [aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com)

**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: our churches are currently closed for worship 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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to: [newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm

## Lionhearted John Peck calls it a day

BY KLAUS NANNSTAD

LIONS Clubs International's motto is "we serve", and over the past three decades few have served the Torquay community as wholeheartedly as John Peck.

Mr Peck retired from Torquay Lions Club after being a member for 35 years, and fondly remembers simply joining the club in 1980 for fellowship.

One evening there was a knock on the door and it was a guy collecting for the Lions Club. He invited me to join and I thought, "yes, that would be a good chance to meet people".

"I was in Ageds for a few years, became a president at one stage, then when you're in Ageds when you're 40 you are expected. But by then I was known by several members of the Lions Club and they said, 'why don't you come to the Lions Club?'"

Mr Peck did just that and soon became an integral member of the club.

"I sort of went up through the ranks, I did all the vice president jobs, secretary, treasurer, and finally president."

Mr Peck eventually had his contribution recognised with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest award Lions Clubs International offers.

Torquay Lions Club president Bill Ferguson described Mr Peck as always being eager to help.

"When a job was there to be done, John was usually one of the first Lions to volunteer."

These were not always small jobs either. Mr Peck helped build the Elephant Walk Playground, ran the Lions Youth of the Year award for five years and was a key member of the Lions Village Project team, which oversaw the construction of the award-winning Torquay Lions Village in Kooragang Place.

Mr Peck said contributing to the latter was one of his proudest memories from his time at the club.

"The Lions Village was a highlight. I was responsible for the village centre and worked with the architects and the builders to get what we wanted."

While the community has benefited greatly from Mr Peck's commitment to the Torquay Lions Club, he said he got a lot out of his time at the club.

"I guess it's the sort of warm feeling you get from being members of an active group and helping the community."

"We've donated something like \$50,000 a year to the local community, which gives us all quite a lot of satisfaction."



Mr Ferguson said while Mr Peck may be formally leaving the club, he would always be a welcome guest.

"We will miss him from the Club, but we hope to see him and Sylvia back at our dinners, whenever the current coronavirus restrictions are lifted."

John and Sylvia Peck with John's well-worn Lions shirt, which the club will retain as a memento of his decades of service.

**CONGRATULATIONS to John Peck on 35 dedicated years of service to this community.**  
A lovely photo and article in the Surf Coast Times this week.