



# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

6th September 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, Sunday

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

Torquay Coffee Zoom at 10:00am

All welcome to all services

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**Thank you**, dear friends, for your well wishes on moving to my new home. It has taken longer than I expected but I am now happily unpacking treasures I haven't seen for some time. Last night I uncovered the red anodised apple which I believe was made in Australia in the 1960's. It was a timely find given the message this week begins with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden tempted by a piece of fruit that led to the Fall. It also reminds me of the sweetness community brings to the lives of others when some nourishment and hospitality are needed.

During the first COVID lockdown I developed a Facebook page that invited local people to host an overseas guest. The guests are migrant workers caught up in the pandemic job loss fallout. None of the over 100 workers located in Lorne have been entitled to Jobkeeper and have struggled to find work for months. They have been living off any money they earned over the summer period, but that has since dried up. The Coast Surfing concept grew out of the need to find safe places for these young adults to live.

Families, couples and single people have opened warm homes and hearts to many who had no way of planning for the crippling COVID fallout. Brooke Murphy has coordinated, housed and fed hundreds of stranded people throughout the ordeal. I have visited our Lorne folk with Surf Coast Feed Me's Brooke and delivered meals and fresh food to the beach foreshore collection point and a few homes. Between Brooke and myself we have placed about 12 travellers with hosts as well as independent housing.

This has been with further help from Marissa of Fresh Water Creek Farm holiday stays.

The ongoing story has more chapters so I'll update you with more next week. I am very grateful to Jesus for the opportunities he has created to build strong community ties and friendships over these challenging months of COVID lock down.

God continues to bless us in different ways



Peace be with you  
**Rev Suzie Castle**  
Minister of the Word

**Thank you** to all who donated to **Frontier Services** or bought their Christmas Cards. Every bit helps our country neighbours. It's not too late to donate. Deposit into your home church bank account & add "Frontier Services" in the comment line.



Bernie and Ros Long also say **Thank You** for the surprise box of food, meals and vegetables they received this week. They have both been unwell and this gift and visit was a very welcome boost. They are on the mend now.



*Welcome to  
Spring*

## An invitation to all :

**Aireys Inlet Uniting Church worship by Zoom** Contact Mary by email [bremnerkm@gmail.com](mailto:bremnerkm@gmail.com).

**Bellbrae gathering by Zoom** . Contact Maxine Flake-more, [maxiiflake@gmail.com](mailto:maxiiflake@gmail.com) .

**Torquay Zoom Coffee Chat..** Contact Jane Skelton @ [janekelton2@gmail.com](mailto:janekelton2@gmail.com)

## Lectionary Readings:

### Pentecost 14: Sept 6th

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

### Pentecost 15: Sept 13th

Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

### SPRING CLEAN SALES on the BELLBRAE OP SHOP FB site

Suzie has begun to add items for sale on the Bellbrae OP-shop facebook site and has over 300 followers and sold \$85 worth of goods. Please let Suzie know if you have any goods or furniture to sell after your spring clean!

Search for "Bellbrae Op Shop and Book Room" on facebook to like the page and follow all the action...



Our Link Council Treasurer, Robin Dennis will be retiring from this position in December 2020. Please pray and think carefully about a replacement for Robin. Do you know anyone, even from another community, who may be able to assist us in this trusted role?

If so, please contact Ro Thompson.



*Happy Birthday* to these lovely people over this fortnight:

Marg Hirth, Heather Dennis, Jenny Hergstrom, Barb Purnell and Anè Grobler

Our Multi Purpose Building in Torquay is moving along well with new windows and flooring going in this next week. As mentioned, we are looking for a name suggestion. There is some doubt whether we can call it after a person or place, and the lovely oak tree in the backyard is the reason for the 'oak' based names.

The short list is: (with 2 new additions)

Uniting Church Meeting Place

Acorn Place

Anderson House or Anderson Place (may not be allowed)

Oak Tree Place

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**NEW:** Koinonia (from the Greek meaning fellowship)

**NEW:** Uniting Church Sanctuary

Email to Ro Thompson or the newsletter with your comments and choices.



### Torquay UC Trading Table

**Saturday 26th September 10 to 2**

**(COVID restrictions permitting)**

On the Church lawns. All craft, home cooked items & plants will be accepted. Please label everything and have a price label as well.

If you are able to assist on the day with goods or behind the counter, please email to [coastalcookingandtrading@gmail.com](mailto:coastalcookingandtrading@gmail.com) or phone or text Tricia Genat on 0419340056.

Our aim: to say hello to our neighbours and each other and proceeds to aid the MultiPurpose building and our outreach programs.

Donations of food and toiletries are being collected for

**UNITING.**

**Please note only Coffee in jars of 50 or 100g.**

**No large jars.**

**Please drop at 53 Cowrie Rd, Torquay. Many Thanks**

**The PPW Presbytery Ministry Team is hosting a FREE Presbytery wide trivia night on Saturday Sept 5 from 7pm – 9.30pm on Zoom.**

You can register through this trybooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BLETS>

If you are thinking of organising your own team then do that first before registering as it will ask you to list the other people in your team. It will be helpful for you (or a member of your team) to have downloaded the game platform called Kahoot beforehand. You can do this from google or you can play online on the night.

**Yes, there will be prizes.** Blessings—The Ministry Team



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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: 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

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