

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

11th October 2020

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

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Hello dear friends

Thanks be to God, this past week has had some amazing moments of unexpected blessings and opportunities for relationship building.

On Monday afternoon our Chairs and Secretaries Zoomed once again to support one another in their roles. We do this through prayer, bible study, exploration, questioning and story sharing. Then last Friday, 16 of us met at Bomboras cafe to chat and catch up. It was wonderful to see people from Bellbrae UC, a few op shop volunteers and Torquay UC. My parents. sister and niece also joined in which was a lovely surprise.

On Tuesday I popped in on 5 couples from Aireys Inlet which is always a blessing to anyone's life. On Thursday I am back at Elouera for the first time leading a worship service and visiting our members and friends who have been in lock down since April. A few months ago, Alan Harper created a resource page on our website specifically for Elouera worship and the residents have watched every service we have put online and phoned me to express how this continuing connection has been a blessing. So thank you once again to all who have participated in these services.

One of the unexpected blessings this week was my dentist gifting an Argentinian man 25% of his dental work. Dario is the chap needing a crown and deep clean that totals near to \$1900. In the past few weeks, some generous people from Aireys and Torquay

helped me raise \$625 and so I thought I'd be seeking some more donations this week. But last night a Christian friend gifted me \$1000 to be used to help any traveller in need. I still need to raise a bit more but find God is always faithful in providing in these situations.

I truly hope your week has been one of peace, joy and hope.

Peace be with you Rev Suzie Castle Minister of the Word



An invitation to all:

Aireys Inlet Uniting Church worship by Zoom - Contact Mary by email bremnerkm@gmail.com.

Bellbrae gathering by Zoom - Contact Maxine Flake-more, maxiiflake@gmail.com.

Torquay Zoom Coffee Chat - Contact Jane Skelton janeskelton2@gmail.com

We acknowledge that we meet to worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past and present. Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 19: Oct 11th Pentecost 20: Oct 18th

Exodus 32: 1-14 Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 116: 1-6, 19-23 Psalm 99
Phil 4: 1-9 1 Thes 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 1-14 Matthew 22: 15-22

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. ² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. PSALM 116: 1-2

Vale Doris Alexander: We are saddened to hear that one of our Elouera members passed away in late September after a short illness. Doris Alexander was a member at Torquay Uniting from late 2016 and joined the Beaut Beanies ladies as she was an avid knitter. After making Elouera her home several years ago, Doris enjoyed close friendships with residents and staff. Her friendship will be missed by many and the Elouera congregation who gather for weekly worship services. Rev Suzie attended a prayerful visit with Doris a few days before her passing.

Please keep Doris' family in your prayers.

A list of needed items for UNITING

- Strawberry Jam
- Tinned Vegetables (peas, corn, carrots)
- Tomato Sauce & Rice
- Cheap Cake Mixes
- Corn Flakes
- Coffee in 50 and 100gm jars

Please drop at 53 Cowrie Rd, Torquay. Many Thanks

Celebrations this week: Very Happy Birthday to June Angus, and a special thank you for the music during our digital services these past months.



Join in for a Surfcoast UC Community Catch up over coffee or tea:

Rev Suzie is going to be at Bomboras café on **Friday 9th October between 10 -11.30 am** and hopes to see you there.

Then on **Thursday 15th, Thursday 22nd and Thursday 29th October between 10am and 11.30.** There may be a change of venue for November.

Bomboras is right around the corner from Gilbert Son the Torquay Esplanade. Come when you can...



It's on!

Torquay Surfcoast UC Trading Table **Saturday 10th October** from 10am to 2pm

The Torquay church door is open on *Friday 9th October from 2pm to 4pm* for you to safely deliver your welcome contributions.

Geoff & Tricia will be on duty to receive them. Call us on 0419 340056 if needed.

- Plants—please label if possible
- Food (cakes, jams, cordials, produce etc) must be labelled and packaged. Nothing that needs refrigeration please.
- Craft of all kinds—label with materials and prices if possible

We can assist with pricing and labels when you deliver on Friday or Saturday morning. We need: clean plastic and paper bags, customers (tell your neighbours) and dry weather!

Airey's Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Road, Airey's Inlet. 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 DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm