



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

1st November 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

Minister: Rev. Suzie Castle. Suzie will be on Leave from November 2-16

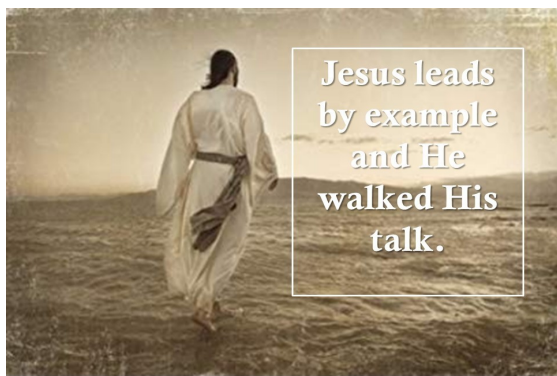
Please contact a Council Council member if you require information.

Minister's Desk

I've been reading through the Psalms this week marvelling at the trust, faith and adoration the Psalmist had for God. Got me thinking about our current situation and the thought going into opening the church back up for worship gathering. I know there are obstacles before us and safety is paramount, but I long for the day we are together again praising, singing and learning more about our Lord Jesus. So this week I needed to sit with my thinking and I wanted to offer to you how I have done this as a way of an invitation to do the same should you need. What follows might read like 'new age spiritualism', but it does remind us to regularly indulge in the spiritual side of our faith as it can get lost in the everyday of doing life.

Find a comfortable chair to rest in. Sit silently with yourself, your 'I am', sensing God's light in your heart. Imagine that light radiating out from your heart and touching all of the people with whom you come in contact. When you look at those around you in God's light, take a moment to really see what is going on for them. Perhaps the light will show up an area of need in their lives which you can relate to. It could be that there may be a sense of mirroring which may enable you to walk together with your neighbours more empathically. Is there perhaps a way of viewing those we serve as our teachers and giving thanks for the opportunity to learn from them as well as offering support to them? As you live each day aware of the people who are touched by the light radiating from your heart, keep in mind that 'God has sent us nothing but angels'.

Peace be with you , Suzie



Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 22: Nov. 1st

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7,33-37

1 Thes 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Pentecost 23: Nov 8th

Jos 24:1-3a,14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Thes. 4: 13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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.

Linda Wannan, a swallow attending the Airey's church has sent through some information for interested knitters. Linda and her husband hope to be permanent local residents in 2021.

"KOGO <https://www.kogo.org.au/> is a Victoria-based organisation that arranges completion (in the case of blanket squares), packing (eg baby layettes) and distribution of knitted and crochet items to people in need. Collection points for our donations are at Lincraft stores. My craft group 'Olive Pesto' at Brunswick UC has been associated with KOGO for over 5 years, as we are confident the products our group makes (together during non-COVID times, socially-distanced currently) are beautifully finished, packaged and distributed appropriately by KOGO.



There is ALWAYS a need for your yarn-craft items. "

Psalm 107:1-7

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, ³those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. ⁴Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. ⁵They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. ⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

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

Rev Suzie will be at Bomboras café on **Thursday 29th October, between 10am and 11.30.** Our coffee mornings continue each Thursday in November at the same venue—Bomboras café .

Bomboras is right around the corner from Gilbert St on the Torquay Esplanade.



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: Happy birthday or anniversary to those celebrating this week.

And a thankful cheer that restrictions are being lifted in Melbourne and that after a very hard time for many we can soon be more together again.

It's on again!

Saturday 14th November

Coastal Trading Table

@ Torquay U.C. 9.30am to 12.30pm

Plants

Cakes

Produce

Craft

**Your donations of cakes and produce are very welcome.
(No more plants or craft thank you unless by special arrangement)**

Remember to alert your neighbours and friends. You may use the A4 poster which is attached to this weeks newsletter email.

A reminder that if anyone would like to order **Uniting Christmas cards**, they can phone Robyn Harper on (0407 829 926) or fill in order form which can be found online and drop in her locked letterbox. Money on delivery. The cards are beautiful!



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

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