



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

15th 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

Rev. Suzie Castle will be on Leave from 2nd-16th November

Please contact church leaders if you need assistance or support.

For this week's On-line service we are blessed to have
a puppet show by Rev. Jeanne Beale
and the sermon by Rev. Linley Liersch, based on the Matthew
reading for the day.



The words below are excerpts from a commentary of the Matthew reading
written by Dirk G. Lange found on the Working Preacher website. More of these thoughts can
be found at the website below.

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx>

"Preachers are confronted by some serious questions when it comes to this parable. Many are disturbed by the



harshness of the judgment against the third slave. Is this the
type of God we worship—a God who rewards the rich and
makes them richer and condemns the poor, only making them
poorer?

In order to move beyond initial fears concerning the characteri-
zation of the master, it will be important to highlight certain
unusual elements in the parable. What is initially striking in this
parable is the superabundance of gifts. The table, so to speak, is
overflowing.

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This parable cannot or should not be used simply as an admonition for good financial practices or as a justification
for a capitalist mentality. This would be seriously misusing a profound Gospel invitation into a realm where calcula-
tion is abolished. In fact, we discover in this realm the very opposite of a materialist's approach to life:

the interest happens in giving away. Rewritten sacramentally, we could say:

We are invited to a meal where there is simple but good food and most importantly enough for everyone.

Here, we participate in the joy of our master. "



Lectionary Readings:

Pentecost 24: Nov. 15th **Christ the King Sunday: Nov 22nd**

Judges 4:1-7

Ez 34: 11-16,20-24

Psalms 123

Psalms 100

1 Thes. 5: 1-11

Eph 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 14-30

Matthew 25: 31-46

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.

News for the week:

***Some wonderful news:** John Adams from Bellbrae is finally back in Australia in quarantine in Sydney, having been stuck in the USA for the last few months. Welcome back John!

* Rev Suzie would like you to know that there is a scammer making use of her name. Please be alert to any emails that look to come from her and double check the correct email address (suzie.castle@gmail.com is correct). Do not reply. **Just delete.**

Plan your Saturday - enjoy a walk and a bargain at the Surfcoast UC Trading Table

Saturday 14th November

@ Torquay U.C. 9.30am to 12.30pm



Plants galore

Cakes – to eat, freeze or share

Produce – fresh from the garden

Lots of Christmas craft, including masks.

Call Tricia Genat with any last-minute questions 0419340056

The long range forecast looks good for 18 degrees and dry for the Trading Table . Note the new times. Your donations are all welcome on the day or at 2pm at the church on Friday 13th, OR at the Genat's home.

Christmassy items are still welcome. We hope for a crowd of Melbourne travellers, so strict COVID safe protocols will be in place with masks, sanitiser and no access to the church buildings.

DINE OUT is starting again.

Come and share a meal and a conversation with new and old friends.



Monday 30th November.

Beach Hotel at Jan Juc at 12 noon.

Contact Jean on 0409 969 392 to book your spot and confirm details. Numbers are limited because of COVID restrictions.

Join in for a Surfcoast UC Community

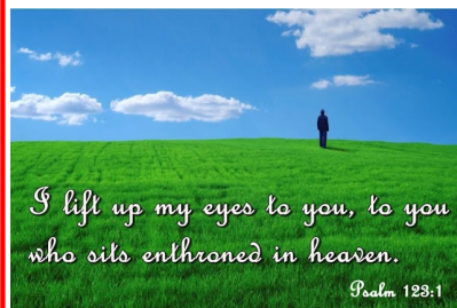
Catch up over coffee or tea,

at Bomboras café on **Thursdays**

between 10am and 11.30 .

Bomboras is right around the corner from Gilbert St on the Torquay Esplanade. All welcome... Bring a neighbour

Come when you can...



Items given to **Uniting**



During the lockdown the contributions from everyone have continued to be amazing.

Robyn and Alan Harper kindly collect and transport all our donations and have been delivering fortnightly since April and Uniting have appreciated all we give.

New things they need are: tinned pears, beetroot, 100 & 50 gram tins or jars of coffee, tinned tuna, BBQ sauce and will add Christmas items next week.

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**