



# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

22nd November 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 & chat times

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Hello Friends,

This Sunday is Christ the King, which means we are at the end of our Church calendar year. And what a year we have had. Never could I have imagined we would be worshipping online and on Zoom. But we have, and we are, and many of you have made it possible. Shout out to the Harper's for all they have done to ensure we keep journeying along together in worship and relationship. It's been an unusual year for us all.



This week, when making plans for Advent and Christmas services, the Unusual theme kept coming up. So I'm pleased to say that we will continue to move through this unusual year into an unusual Christmas. Plans are unfolding for online Christmas tree decorations, plays and carols. I extend an invitation to you to participate in Advent candle lighting each week. I extend a further invitation to you to involve your family members in lighting an Advent candle. Alan or myself can even video it for our worship services and you will have a wonderful recorded memory of our new year. Nothing will stop Hope, Peace, Love and Joy entering the world this Christmas as the Christmas story reminds us of the lengths God will go to be with us.

Peace be with you

Rev Suzie Castle....Minister of the Word.



## Lectionary Readings:

<b>Christ the King Sunday: Nov 22nd</b>	<b>Advent 1: Nov 29th</b>
Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalms 100	Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19
Eph 1: 15-23	1 Cor 1: 3-9
Matthew 25: 31-46	Mark 1: 1-8

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 [janeskelton2@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).

**Bellbrae OP SHOP and BOOK SHOP** will be opening every Saturday commencing on Saturday November 28th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm

All Covid requirements, set out by Uniting, are being adhered to to protect both volunteers and visitors.

PLUS, Bellbrae are running an OUTSIDE general stall this Saturday too.

Please support the work of the OP shop whenever and however you are able.

*Val Clark has shared this information for all the garden lovers.*

**THE NGVWA PRESENTS VIRTUAL GARDEN DAY: ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS 11AM, THU 26 NOV 2020** — The NGVWA's first ever Virtual Garden Day brings you plant and design inspiration from some of Victoria's most admired gardens. Advance bookings only. Tickets available to purchase until 2pm, Wednesday 25 November. All proceeds from this virtual program support art acquisition at the NGV. **Online bookings required \$30 (no GST) [ngv.melbourne/ngwvirtualgardenday2020](http://ngv.melbourne/ngwvirtualgardenday2020) Online video will be available to watch from 11am, Thu 26 Nov 2020.** Enquiries 03 8662 1573, 10am–5pm, Monday to Friday.

During lockdown the **Airey's Inlet Prayer Shawl** group have been very busy and have given 9 beautiful Prayer shawls to some of the Elouera residents.

A very special gift.

Another successful morning at the **Torquay Trading table** last Saturday saw us raise over \$1200 for the Oak Tree Place programs and resources. Many thanks to Tricia and Geoff, who did another great job, and to all the other helpers on the day, and to all who came and purchased.

We are planning on selling some of the leftover crafts on the Cowrie Market online site too. Stayed tuned for more info on that.

**Happy birthday** to those celebrating this coming week and especially to Geoff Genat who will reach the wonderful young age of 70 on November 22nd....

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**



**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.

**If you have been turned away before, probably due to the numbers outside exceeding the limits, please don't be put off...come again. when you can...**

**UNITING** are now organising the Christmas Hamper Program as well as working with the Geelong Advertiser and the Adopt a Family program to assist families with gifts and food.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH DONATIONS OF -**

Staple foods such as pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, tuna, long life milk and cereal.

Christmas treats such as puddings and cakes, custard, tinned ham, sweets and chocolates, juices and drinks are bonus items we offer if available.

Grocery gift cards for purchase of food which is in short stock.

**Donations can be delivered to the Harpers,  
or to our Grovedale office at 272 Torquay Rd  
by Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**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

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