



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

13th December 2020

Everyone is welcome to the Surfcoast UC service, available on our website each Sunday from 9:00am : www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Bellbrae will meet to worship in their church @ 11:00am (max 16)

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

Our last Torquay Coffee Zoom for 2020 will be Sunday 13th at 10:00am

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Dear Friends

Christmas is coming and traditions and memories unfold in households across this land.

Sometimes we add new parts to well established 'ways of doing' and they bring something more to a wonderful occasion. Sometimes the new parts sneak in and add value to what has already been. They

might even stretch us to see how Christmas traditions can be kept alive by adding new life. We could call it renewal, reimagining, even change.

Ross and Barbara Lamont's tradition was to beautifully decorate their Geelong home. To honour Barbara this Christmas, Ross has installed their Christmas Coil that for their 6 years in Aireys Inlet had not been hung. It has brought delight to his Aireys friends who have dropped by to see it and I hope it does the same for you through these photos.

This year, whatever your tradition and however you honour loved ones and create space for them in your memories, I hope the Advent of our Lord's birth gives you time to remember and give thanks for the gift that Christmas brings to the world.

The HOPE, the PEACE, the JOY, the LOVE, are yours this day and evermore.

Peace be with you.

Rev Suzie Castle
Minister of the Word



You are invited to a Christmas Day Outdoor Service at Airey's Inlet

9.30am

BYO Chair

Carols booklets are provided.



Lectionary Readings:

Advent 3: Dec. 13th

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Cor 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Advent 4: Dec 20th

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Luke 1: 46b—55 OR Psalm 89

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

Do join us: Aireys Inlet Uniting Church Worship by Zoom - Contact Mary by email bremnerkm@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.

JOIN US FOR A SURF COAST COMMUNITY LUNCH

ONE BIG TABLE

Celebrating our diverse community, in a welcoming and safe space, to share a moment together over lunch.

December 25th, 11:00 for 11:30
at the St Therese Hall
Lunch provided + gifts for children
RSVP essential at
www.OneBigTable.com.au
or call 0432548362
*This is a dry, no alcohol event.

Since 2020 has been quite the non traditional year, let's welcome a non traditional get together.
All welcome.

Volunteers & donations welcome!

Talk to Suzie if you'd like to join or support this event.

The Prayer Shawl knitters have not been able to meet during the covid-19 pandemic. Shawls that have been given during this time were made before the lockdown or by individuals.

We hope to begin knitting again as a group in February 2021.

If any one wishes to come along to knit together you are most welcome. I will forward details of when and where early in the new year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Merry Christmas.
Marilyn Wendt 0427750369

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Mark 13: 35 to 37

Our Bellbrae OpShop still needs a few more volunteers

The OpShop opens only on Saturdays from 10.00am till 4.00pm throughout December and January.

If you could spare a Saturday, please ring or text Helen Gaylard on [0438639609](tel:0438639609).

A short simple induction regarding COVID processes and some paperwork is required.

Carleen has let the newsletter know that one of the regular sorters for the Op-Shop arrived with a sign, just in case her fellow volunteers did not recognise her after so long apart! Well done Judith and all the sorters for this active ministry.



Second Sunday of Advent



Bringing peace to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The coronavirus has reached the world's largest refugee camp and widespread misinformation about the virus is making it harder for doctors to contain the virus. Act for Peace's local partner is working with doctors, community workers and religious leaders to dispel myths and teach people how to stop the spread. Your Christmas Bowl gift will help give refugees around the world the long-term support they need. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

A Personal Note:

My daughter, Megan, worked creating safe housing for the Rohingya refugees in 2017/8. They are a peace loving & hard working people undergoing persecution and loss of homeland and work. Your support for this year's Christmas Bowl will help many families.

Donate on-line or cash to your treasurer.

Thank you, Tricia Genat

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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: Torquay and Airey's Inlet 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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