



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

17th January 2021

Welcome to the Surf coast Uniting Church newsletter.

All our congregations are meeting in their churches now. Great celebrations!

Airey's Inlet will meet for worship @ 9:15am with Rev Suzie

Bellbrae will meet to worship in their church @ 11:00am .with Rev Suzie

Torquay will meet to worship in their church @ 9.30am (Congregation led service with Rev Suzie on Video for sermon)

Bellbrae has been enjoying time together in worship for some weeks now. They are an accomplished congregation at music, prayer and grand morning teas. It has felt odd to be together in person, but what a joy to gather and worship with all COVID requirements in place. A place of safety and love is how I see them

Last Sunday Torquay followed Bellbrae with live worship and a viewing of Oak Tree Place. I have an office there at the front which I love and find hard to leave some nights. That is until my sister calls to come collect Stanley and have dinner. I have felt the past few weeks has brought about a lot of renewed energy to Torquay and for me, a place to belong and lay down my books and laptop.

Now this Sunday I am so looking forward to Aireys Inlet gathering once more to worship Jesus and share in Holy Communion. They are a congregation that carries many prophetic voices and brings me incredible joy and encouragement. I reflected this week on how many people serve Jesus in so many different ways and how it can become - while still joyful - tiring. And so we will enter a 3 month period of YAWNING to reset and refresh for what Jesus has instore for us this year. More information will follow once I establish some spaces, dates and times for anyone to come and sit, reflect and pray about God's call on our lives.

There will be space for silence, prayer, conversation, healing and rest. Come join me if you feel you would benefit from spiritual renewal.

Peace be with you.

Rev Suzie Castle

Minister of the Word

Epiphany

The wise men followed the star,
And found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord
when your pilgrimage is ended. (Amen)



Let us remember in our prayers this week:

those in hospital undergoing complicated procedures;
those struggling with ill health and stress;
those alone and lost;
We pray for the refugee and the leaders of our world.
May the light of Christ touch all our hearts.

Rev Suzie's worship plan

Rev. Suzie will be leading worship in Aireys Inlet followed by Bellbrae on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Then Torquay on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. As before the 5th Sundays will be organised by each congregation.

Lectionary Readings:

Epiphany 2: Jan 17th

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-6,13-18
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
John 1: 43-51

Epiphany 3: Jan 24th

Jon 3:1-5,10
Ps 62:5-12
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Save the Date: Sunday 14th February .

**Lunch & the opening of the
Oak Tree Place multi purpose
space.**

**Here's the newly marked
disabled space.**



Last Sunday Torquay returned to worship in the church with a celebration of communion and reflecting on our baptism with thanksgiving. We had our cuppa in Oaktree Place, giving everyone an opportunity to see this new building for the first time.

We currently have 4 tenants using the building already.

Remember if you wish to start a group it is there for all to use.

Contact: Tricia, Robyn or Jane

WORSHIP FOR 2 WEEKS

Sunday 17th January

Aireys 9:15am Rev Suzie

Bellbrae 11:00am Rev Suzie

Torquay 9:30am Videoed

sermon Rev Suzie .

Sunday 24th January

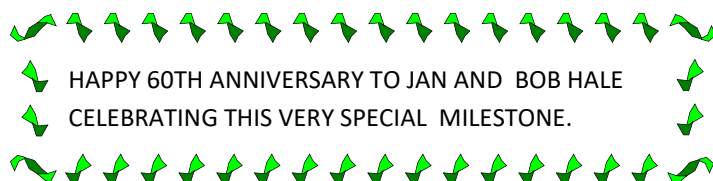
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Rev Suzie

What's happening this next week:

Sat 16th: OPShop Roster this week: 10am— Maxine, Carol and Carleen, 1pm—Joan, Lyn and Karleen



HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO JAN AND BOB HALE
CELEBRATING THIS VERY SPECIAL MILESTONE.



Here's Tricia announcing the best sausages in Torquay !!

Back at the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday with lots more space and new rules.

A successful day and great to catch up with many folk. Thanks for John and Sylvia who organised it all, and to all the crew.



"Adventures in Colour" is an art exhibition at Bellbrae Uniting Church. Open days are 10 to 4pm every Friday & Saturday in January. **Frances Griffiths** is the artist and says " It's an exhibition of work I recalled from my adventure travelling around Australia solo last year. It's about colour and the mood of colour and many interesting things I observed." There are also some interior images and a couple of special places I travelled overseas.

Come & Enjoy. Every Friday and Saturday in January. 10am to 4pm

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.

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

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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