



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

7th February 2021

Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.

Lots of information from Lectionary readings, preaching plan plus lots of the news from our three congregations on the Surfcoast.

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We acknowledge that we meet to worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past and present, and emerging. Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Lent Event is happening again.

"Live simply, so that others may simply live."

Mahatma Gandhi

The 40-day season of Lent is an opportunity to disrupt our everyday routines by living more simply, taking up a spiritual discipline or being more intentional about our lives and habits. 'Fasting' is a common discipline for Lent, going without something for 40 days. But more powerful than fasting from chocolate or Netflix etc, is choosing to fast from *indifference* to others and to the challenges facing our world: poverty, conflict, inequality, violence, a changing climate...

Lent Event is 40 days of living more simply, learning from our global neighbours and choosing to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others. Take up a Lent Event challenge in 2020 and be part of a movement to end poverty and injustice in our world.

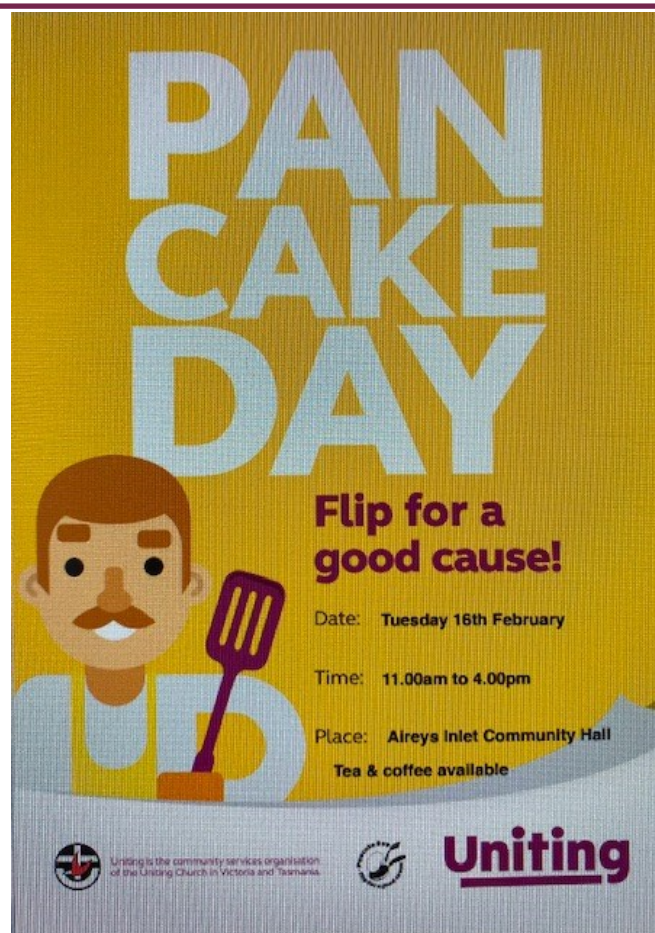
Prayer points:

We remember the people of Myanmar, where Military rule has taken control again imprisoning Aung San Suu Kyi and many other leaders.

We pray for those who suffer from racist attacks, for those abused and cruelly treated.

We pray for those among us beginning new treatments for illnesses.

May your light and peace surround us all.



Worship services on the Surf Coast.

Sunday 7th February : Epiphany 5

Aireys 9:15am: Rev Suzie. HC

Bellbrae 11:00am :Rev Suzie. HC

Torquay 9:30am : Rev Deacon Jeanne Beale

Sunday 14th February: Transfiguration of Jesus

Aireys 9:15am : Rev Kenneth Ralph

Bellbrae 11:00am : Rev Kenneth Ralph

Torquay 9:30am :Rev Suzie Castle

Lectionary Readings

Feb 7th

Is 40: 21-31

Ps 147: 1-11, 20c

1 Cor 9: 16-23

Mk 1: 29-39

Feb 14th:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Ps 50: 1-6

2 Cor 4: 3-6

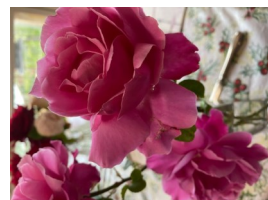
Mk 9:2-9



Congratulations to **Joan and Bruce Davies** on their 60th wedding anniversary last week on Jan 28th. We hope you had a great celebration with family and friends.

Ros & Bernie Long have grown this beautiful rose. What a terrific colour.

ALSO Congratulations to Bernie for 60 years as a Minister celebrated in January.



Happy Birthday to Sylvia Peck who celebrated her birthday on February 1st.

Who am I ?? See if you can guess who this is by the clues given... The answer is revealed next week along with a new Who am I ?

LAST WEEK: I was born in Brisbane, and have worshipped at Bellbrae since 2003.

I met my husband at PTA in Brisbane and our friendship grew at Camp Stacey, Cunningham Gap. **Answer = Bev Hooper**

THIS WEEK: Who am I ? I was born in Camperdown Vic.

I have been at Torquay Uniting about 5 years.

I was the first person to shoot a perfect score at the Birregurra Rifle range. This was an interclub event between Beeac and Birregurra. I used a 303 rifle and the event was over 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Regular Surf Coast Church Activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Dineout: Feb 15th 3rd Monday of month 12:00 noon@ The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc All welcome . Call Jean on 0409969392</p>	<p>Time for Prayer. Tuesdays 10:00am Torquay</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Knitters; Feb 16th 2:00-4:00pm ..weekly in Anglesea church See notice</p>		<p>Bomboras Coffee Ministry 10:00am.. Café on esplanade. Torquay.</p>	<p>Coffee & Kids@ Feb 12th 9:30-11:00am In Oak Tree Place</p>
				SATURDAY
<p>PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN ALL YOUR GROUPS START AGAIN</p>	<p>Beaut Beanies: Feb 2nd 10:30am in Torquay Church Foyer weekly</p>		<p>Worship at Elouera ,1st Thursday of Month , at 2:15pm</p>	<p>Op Shop at Bellbrae from 10:00-4:00pm</p>



Term one - 2021

After the restrictions of 2020, U3A is ready to begin classes and activities for term one on February 8th, albeit under COVID-safe rules. Twenty-four classes are on offer with two Occasional Lectures and many classes already have waiting lists but there are still some spaces available.

On Thursdays from 1pm Jean Bohuslav will be offering Mindfulness in OTP, *Philosophy & Medication* course. Because of COVID restrictions this class is now closed but check later in the term when some of these restrictions may ease and numbers can increase.

If you are interested in other courses, please go to: [Courses & Activities – U3A SurfCoast](#) or call for further information - Phone: 0435 374 139 or email: info@u3asurfcoast.org.au

Many things are happening on the Coast.

The Prayer Shawl Knitters

will commence meeting for 2021 at the Anglesea Uniting Church on Tuesday February 16 from 2 to 4pm.

All are welcome to come to yarn and yarn. Knitting yarn and talking yarn topic provided – 'Turning judgement into curiosity'. Marilyn

Beaut Beanies started on Tuesday 2nd February at 10.30 am in the foyer of our Torquay church. They would love to welcome new members – anyone interested in joining a like-minded group of knitters and crochet people. They knit beanies, scarves, rugs and these are given to charities. They also knit prem baby beanies to give to local hospitals, plus these **Texture Sleeves** for people with dementia to touch and experience different surfaces. If anyone is interested then please just come on Tuesdays. Claire is contact 0417 602 071.



- ◆ All crockery and cutlery has now been washed and placed in the Oak Tree Place Kitchen ready for use for the Opening and on Maunday Thursday for our Surf Coast **Passover Meal**. The first meal in this great space. Thanks to the great helpers.
- ◆ Alan has been busy erecting the child safety fence between Torquay Church and Oak Tree Place and the builders are back finishing off a few small jobs. Looking Great..
- ◆ Anyone wishing to contribute to food for the Oak Tree Place Opening please contact Sylvia Peck.

The Torquay Bridge club had its first face-to-face game in Oak Tree Place. They all love the great space. They are running lessons for anyone interested in learning.

Contact Kym on 0434689598.



Time for prayer and reflection @ Torquay UC , Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Come along for some Deep Stillness.

Worship at Elouera will be recommencing with all helpers able to attend.

The first Thursday of the month at 2:15pm .

The Bomboras Coffee Ministry will start up again too on the last Thursday of each month ,10:00-11:30am, Bomboras café on the Esplanade.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day is on February 16th, at Aireys Inlet Hall. Come and enjoy the delicious pancakes made with love



by the Airey's congregation. There will be car pooling going from the Torquay church so let Tricia, Jane, Ro or Robyn know if you need a ride.

February Trading Table

We are planning a Summer Trading Table for

Saturday 6th March on the Torquay Church lawns from 10am to 12.30pm.

All proceeds to our Surfcoast Churches outreach and service programs.

Your contributions of the following will be gratefully received:

CAKES all sizes shapes and flavours, Biscuits, Slices, Scones, Sausage Rolls, Produce from your garden. NB: all food must have content labels please.

No additional plants or craft this time, unless by prior arrangement.

Contact Tricia on 0419 340056 or patriciamgenat@gmail.com for any queries at all.

A reminder to Airey's folk that their Airey's Inlet Church Council Meeting is this Friday 5th February at 1:00pm in the church.

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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