



Surfcoast Uniting Churches

21st February 2021

Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.
Sermons can still be view on the surfcoastuca.org.au website.
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Suzie will be on holiday from Monday March 1st returning Sunday March 15th

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.

Thoughts for the Second Week of Lent.

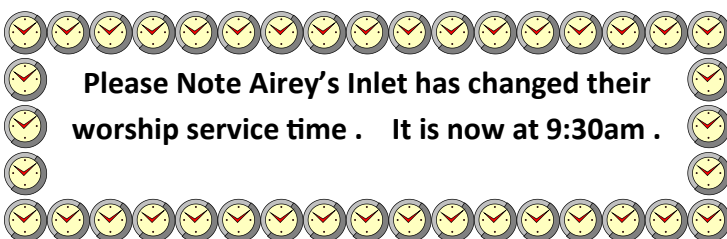
Conflict.

A conflict is a clash of interest. The basis of conflict may vary, but it is always a part of society. Basis of conflict may be personal, racial, class, caste, political and international. Conflict is accepted by most people today, whether it be a simple issue, such as complaining about poor service, bad language, poor quality, umpires decisions, excessive cost, casting a slur, or insult against another person, because of some characteristic which varies from what is normally accepted, or at the other extreme, conflict between nations, where tens of thousands of people may be killed, or whole cities destroyed.

In virtually all cases, conflict results from someone or some people being dissatisfied with what they have experienced, with their expectations not being met, or unjust rules or regulations. Not happy!

The great danger is that the bad feelings resulting from conflict will develop into anger, and perhaps even planned or unintended acts of violence, including domestic violence, causing injury or even death. The Christian attitude must be to forgive any act of conflict, to turn the other cheek, to not retaliate!

What in your life causes conflict?



Please Note Airey's Inlet has changed their worship service time . It is now at 9:30am .



**Time for prayer and reflection @
Torquay UC , Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
Come along for some Deep Stillness.**

Worship services on the Surf Coast.

Sunday 21st February: Lent 1

Aireys 9:30am : Rev Suzie Castle

Bellbrae 11:00am : Rev Suzie Castle

Torquay 9:30am : Video service

Rev Suzie Castle

Sunday 28th February: Lent 2

Aireys 9:30am : Rev Suzie Castle

Bellbrae 11:00am : Rev Suzie Castle

Torquay 9:30am : Video service

Rev Suzie Castle

Lectionary Readings

Feb 21st:

Gn 9: 8-17

Ps 25: 1-10

1 Pt 31: 18-22

Mk 1 (-15

Feb 28th:

Gn 17: 1-7,15-16

Ps 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mk 8 31-38 or 9: 2-9

Bellbrae News

Bellbrae's AGM for election of office bearers will be held this Sunday February 21st, following worship.

The Bellbrae Congregation and their Musical Band will be attending the Opening Service of Oak Tree Place on Sunday February 28th : There will not be a service at Bellbrae that Sunday. A Joyful opportunity to worship together.

We had a lively start to Torquay Coffee and Kids for 2021.

Joan, Suzie and Heather welcomed 14 mums, 1 dad and 20 children on Friday last week. Needless to say they were in a somewhat state of shock at the response and run off their feet.

Suzie and Joan made up 12 plates of fruit to start with, but they had to keep revising those and Heather kept greeting those continuing to arrive and getting out more chairs for children and adults as the morning continued (and getting image release forms signed.)!

Quite a number of new families joined in response to the word being circulated through friendship groups. Parents enjoyed catching up with each other and introducing their friends. Everyone loved our new facility. A **Fantastic Start**



Summer Trading Table - Saturday 6th

March from 9.30 to 12.30

On the Torquay Church Lawns- FOOD, SOME PLANTS, GARDEN PRODUCE, CRAFT

I know it's a busy few weeks ahead – so put a note in your diary for some biscuit, chutney, jam, sausage roll and cake making for the first week of March.

Produce can be delivered on Friday 5th March at 2pm. Or bring on the day. Please label ingredients and pack cakes & biscuits for safe sales.

All your contributions gratefully received

Call or email Tricia Genat with queries: 0419340056 or

patriciamgenat@gmail.com

Torquay and Bellbrae Lenten Study Group

will commence this coming Thursday at 10:00am in Oak Tree Place.

Come along and take this special time of Lent to reflect on what it means to you and the world. Led by Rev Suzie.



knit.one.give.one

This community of knitters is spreading the warmth. If you would like to knit some of the items below, they are given to vulnerable people in the community. They are so grateful to all knitters for providing such a variety of lovely knitted products for them to distribute. The range of sizes and items allows them to spread the love far and wide.

They are looking for baby matinee jackets, booties and adult scarves. Some of our members (like Tricia) might be happy to knit but don't attend a group. Tricia will be happy to take any completed garments and drop them off. Call or email Tricia Genat with queries: 0419340056 or patriciamgenat@gmail.com

Regular Surf Coast Church Activities

MONDAY

Dineout

3rd Monday of month 12:00 noon@ The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc
All welcome . Call Jean on 0409969392

TUESDAY

Time for Prayer. 10:00am Torquay

Prayer Shawl Knitters;
2:00-4:00pm ..weekly in Anglesea church

Beaut Beanies:

10:30am in Torquay Church Foyer weekly

WED THURSDAY

Bomboras Coffee Ministry
10:00am.. Café on esplanade. Torquay on **LAST Thursday of the month.**

Worship at Elouera ,1st Thursday of Month , at 2:15pm

FRIDAY

Coffee & Kids

9:30-11:00am
In Oak Tree Place

SATURDAY

Op Shop at Bellbrae from 10:00-4:00pm

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN ALL YOUR GROUPS START AGAIN

OAK TREE PLACE OPENING

- ◆ Anyone wishing to contribute to food for the **Oak Tree Place Opening** please contact Sylvia Peck.
- ◆ People are required to help set up the hall for the morning tea / opening. Please see Sylvia Peck for this too..
- ◆ Please remember to RSVP ,as soon as possible , to oaktreplacerentals@gmail.com , or call Jane, Tricia or Robyn, so we can have an idea of numbers for seating and refreshment needs.
- ◆ A great day to Celebrate together.



TORQUAY UNITING CHURCH

ELECTION OF LEADERS (to be members of Church Council)

Nominations can be made from Sunday 21 February and should be placed in the box in the foyer of the church before morning worship on **Sunday 7 March**. Nominees will be announced at the service on Sunday March 7 and voting will occur at the AGM immediately after worship on **Sunday 21 March**. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else as we need more Leaders.

Voting will take place at a Congregational Annual General Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday 21 March.

The congregation has previously approved that there are up to 16 Leaders. The Council also includes our Minister, Rev Suzie Castle.

These four Leaders have been elected to the end of the years shown:

Robyn Harper	2021
John Peck	2021
Rosemary Thompson	2021
Heather Dennis	2022

These four Leaders have been elected (or co-opted) to the end of 2020, and are eligible to be elected:

Trish Genat (co-opted)
Margaret Hirth
Robert Packett
Jane Skelton

The regulations of the Uniting Church require that:

- all those who are nominated
- all those who nominate
- all those who vote in the election

must be Communicant members of the Torquay Uniting Church.

Who Am I ????

Answers to last weeks "Who am I are?"

Alan Harper and Cheryl Peel

This weeks Who am I

I was born in Geelong. I have worshipped 6 years at Bellbrae.

I Can't eat Pumpkin.

TORQUAY CONGREGATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held after worship on Sunday March 21, 2021.

Business will include the election of the Congregation Chair, Secretary and Representative to Presbytery, and the approval of Annual Reports. (Reports should reach Val Clarke by February 28).

Thanks Val Clarke, Congregation Secretary.

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm