

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

28th February 2021

Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.

All our sermons can be viewed at www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

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Note: Rev. Suzie will be on holiday from Monday March 1st returning Monday 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.

Everyone is most welcome today as we worship all together and celebrate our new Oak Tree Place as a space for learning, living and playing.

9.30am: Worship & 11.00 am: Opening Ceremony & Morning Tea

You are invited to the

OAK TREE PLACE

OPENING CEREMONY

Oak Tree Place is an initiative of the Torquay Uniting Church
reaching out to our Surfcoast community.

Sunday 28th February 2021

9.30am WORSHIP
11am: Opening Ceremony
& Morning Tea

25 Anderson Street, Torquay. 3228

Due to Covid considerations your RSVP is requested:
oaktreeplacerentals@gmail.com

Thoughts for the Third Week of Lent.

Inequality.

Inequality can mean many things to many different people. Inequality can depend very much on where a person was born, and when, it can depend on physical characteristics, whether they are tall or short, fat or thin, on their DNA, what they eat, whether they are physically disabled in any of many different ways, on, on their mental abilities, and on their financial circumstances.

Inequality often refers to the unequal distribution within society of income, wealth and goods. Everyone should be able to put food on the table and have a safe, secure place to live. Australia is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, and we pride ourselves on being 'the land of the fair go', but many people would be surprised to find how large the gap is between the few who have a great deal and the many who are struggling to get by with very little. In Australia today, someone in the highest 20% of the income scale lives in a household with almost six times as much income as someone in the lowest 20% of the income scale. This will have a very major effect on where you live, what you eat, your quality of education, who you associate with, what activities you become involved in, your health, your mobility and what sort of work you do. In many ways this will perpetuate inequality, as those with the best opportunities, will generally get the best jobs, and the highest incomes.

As Christians we do what we can to help those who need it, physically, by visiting, talking to and helping those in need, or financially, by giving food to the hungry, clothes to the poor, or giving help to one or more of the many welfare organisations in this country.



Worship services on the Surf Coast.

Sunday 28th February: Lent 2

Aireys 9:30am :

Torquay & Bellbrae worship together
at 9.30 Rev Suzie Castle

11.am Oak Tree Place Opening

Sunday 7th March : Lent 3

Aireys 9:30am :

Bellbrae: 11am

Torquay: 9.30am

Lectionary Readings

February 28th:

Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16

Psalms 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mk 8 31-38 or 9: 2-9

March 7th:

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19

1 Cor 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

Plan your Week: Diary Dates

Torquay and Aireys Inlet Lenten Study Group

on Thursday at 10:00am in Oak Tree Place and at 2.30 pm at Aireys Inlet. Come along and take this special time of Lent to reflect on what it means to you and the world. Led by Rev Suzie. Full details are on a separate attachment.

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). Val Clarke, Congregation Secretary.

World Day of Prayer will be held at Torquay Christian Fellowship (2 Pimelia Way, Torquay) at 1pm on Friday 5th March. This year the focus is on Vanuatu. You are all welcome to attend.

We are excited to announce that **Tamil Welcome Feast** will be holding its first Feast for 2021 on **Saturday March 13th at 7pm in the Queenscliff Uniting Church Hall**. Gather a bunch of friends and book a table for a fun night out. Organised & presented by Tamil refugees and supported by Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees & Uniting Queenscliff. Contact Sue: 0418340155 \$40/pp Bookings Essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMFM>



PANCAKES ARE BACK! The Airey's Pancake Day is rescheduled for Friday 19th March from 10 to 4. Make a date to visit, have a delicious pancake and support this wonderful effort. Bring a couple of friends too!



Thank You to Margaret and Peter Hirth who painted & then donated this lovely bench seat for relaxing in the Oak Tree Place garden. And to those who delivered a lovely basket of goodies to the Elouera Staff.



Congratulations to Pat Belton and Bob Hale who celebrate birthdays this week. And also to Scott Andrews (son to Julie & Paul) who, with teammates, won the LMP3 class at the 24 hour Daytona this year.

Who Am I? I was born in Geelong. I have worshipped 6 years at Bellbrae and I can't eat pumpkin. **ANSWER:** John Stevens

Who Am I? I was born in Geelong. I have worshipped at Bellbrae approximately 16 years. I received a AA for an essay on the Poet Hopkins. **ANSWER NEXT WEEK**

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

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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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dineout 3rd Monday of month 12:00 noon@ The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc All welcome . Call Jean on 0409969392	Prayer Shawl Knitters; 2:00-4:00pm ..weekly in Anglesea church ----- Beaut Beanies: 10:30am in Torquay Church Foyer weekly		Bomboras Coffee Ministry 10:00am.. Café on esplanade. Torquay. Rev Suzie attends on the LAST Thursday of the month. Worship at Elouera ,1st Thursday of Month , at 2:15pm	Coffee & Kids 9:30-11:00am In Oak Tree Place SATURDAY Op Shop at Bellbrae from 10:00-4:00pm
PLEASE LET US KNOW about your local groups				

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

UNITING CARE still needs donations of food each week.
Thank You!

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

You are invited to a Lenten Bible study ...

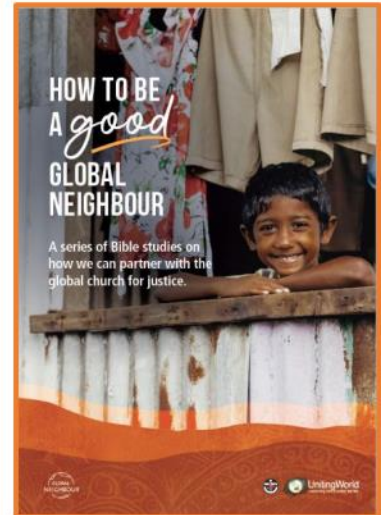
Every Thursday until Easter

1. At Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay

10am on the following Thursdays

Feb 25	Neighbouring is part of our Godly identity
Mar 4	Neighbouring requires vulnerability
Mar 11	Are we called to generosity or justice?
Mar 18	Who is my neighbour?
Mar 25	Prophets from the outside (Held at Bomboras)
Apr 1	Neighbouring is an intentional way of living
Apr 8	What does a global neighbour look like?

Note: Lent Event study can be downloaded for free here:
<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/bible-study>



2. At Aireys Inlet Uniting Church, St. Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Road

Beginning March 4 at 2pm

There are five sessions in this Lenten series 'Experiencing Jesus'.

Mar 4	Experiencing change
Mar 11	Experiencing healing
Mar 18	Experiencing freedom
Mar 25	Experiencing a second chance
April 1	Passover Meal 6pm Oak Tree Place
April 8	Experiencing real purpose.



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