

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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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

SURFCOAST SERVICES each week: 9.30am at Airey's Inlet & Torquay. 11am at Bellbrae

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 Fourth Week of Lent.

Violence.

Reports of violence are commonplace today, in the media, and in our communities. It can take many forms, both physical and psychological, and is intended to cause hurt, whether it be injury, death, or psychological harm to an individual, a group, an entire nation, or to property. Violence may result from disagreements, vindictiveness, or mental instability. In its extreme forms can result in wars, involving millions of people, with many thousands of deaths and destruction of entire cities.

At another extreme, cyber bullying is now rife in our community, particularly amongst individual children, and adults, for reasons which are often unclear, but which can cause immense harm to the victim.

Throughout history, it can be seen that religion has been responsible for more wars and more deaths and destruction, than any other source, although as Christians we are taught to love one another, and not retaliate, and to help those who are in trouble, whoever they may be. Often very difficult!



Plan Ahead for Easter sharing:

Thursday 1st April—Shared Passover meal at Oak Tree Place (we need a few more volunteers to cook our butterfly lambs please.) More details next week.

Friday 2nd April—Good Friday Services. (Torquay 9.30am. Bellbrae & Airey's Inlet tbc)

Afterwards Hot Cross Buns to share at the Genats 8 Gogoll Crescent, Torquay, All welcome BYO buns

Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday. Services as usual.

I am present Lord,

*As I sit here, the beating
of my heart,
the ebb and flow of my
breathing,
the movements of my
mind
are all signs of God's on-
going creation of me.*

*I pause for a moment,
and become aware
of this presence of God
within me*

Lectionary Readings

| March 7th: Lent 3 | March 14th: Lent 4 |
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| Exodus 20: 1-17 | Numbers 21: 4-9 |
| Psalms 19 | Psalms 107: 1-3,17-22 |
| 1 Cor 1: 18-25 | Ephesians 2: 1-10 |
| John 2: 13-22 | John 3: 14-21 |

Preaching Roster

| March 7th: Lent 3 | March 14th: Lent 4 |
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| At Airey's Inlet and Bellbrae: Lorraine Leach (no Communion) | At Airey's Inlet and Bellbrae: Michele Hardy |
| Torquay: Worship Team Robert Packett | Torquay: Communion & Rev. Kenneth Ralph |

Plan your Week: Diary Dates

Torquay and Aireys Inlet Lenten Study Group

on Thursdays at 10:00am in Oak Tree Place and at 2 pm at Aireys Inlet.

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

This week at Airey's Inlet the study is "Experiencing Healing". All are welcome to come and join the discussion.

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!



Uniting needs the following:

Tinned peas, carrots, green beans, (420gm tins), Sugar (1 kg) vegetable oil for cooking, Tomato sauce, Cornflakes, Instant coffee (150gm), tissues, Toilet rolls, toothpaste, laundry powder or liquid (small).

All these items can be left at Harpers front door (53 Cowrie) And—margarine, butter & cheese - but these need to be handed to Robyn personally.



A Note from Joan Arthur:

Thank you and Farewell to friends whose worship is at Torquay, Bellbrae & Airey's Inlet. On leaving Anglesea, I am sad to acknowledge the current situation. The strength of the union of four valued congregations was a meaningful factor in Colin's and my own commitment to Christian witness at the Surf Coast.

Thank you for the many friendships made over our long and happy years of retirement.

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 : Carleen Thoernberg (and a lovely musician!)

New & Last WHO AM I? I was born in Horsham and have worshipped at Torquay for 14 years. I was an Art teacher and still enjoy painting. **ANSWER NEXT WEEK...**

TORQUAY CONGREGATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Business : Reception of Reports, Financial Statements and Election of Chairperson, Secretary, Presbytery Representative and Election of church council members.

Also consideration of two motions:

1. From the Linked Council: That the hours of the Minister in Placement be reduced to 80% of a full time placement as a result of reduced financial resources available to the SCLCC. This will impact Rev Suzie Castle's hours as soon as this is agreed by the Presbytery of Port Phillip West Placements Committee.
2. From the Torquay Church Council: That the Torquay Uniting Church approves the serving of alcohol in Oak Tree Place only.

Trading Table at Torquay

THIS Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30. Come and catch up with friends, buy a cake, produce, plant or craft.

An invitation to

Fashions on Parade

Thursday March 11th 2021
at 1:30pm, St.Lukes Hall
Cnr Price & Pride St. Torquay

Afternoon Tea Donation \$10.00

Tickets available at

- St. Lukes Op Shop
- Or via Peg on Ph: 5261 7222
- At the door on the day

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MONDAY

Dineout

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

Sadly March DINE OUT is cancelled



TUESDAY

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. Rev Suzie attends on the LAST Thursday of the month.

Worship at Elouera ,st

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

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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