

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

21st March 2021

Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.

All our sermons can be viewed at [www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)



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**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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

## Thoughts for the Sixth Week of Lent.

How to be a *Good Global Neighbour*...

Over the past five weeks of Lent, we have followed the Uniting World doctrine of "How to be Good Global Neighbour". These studies have covered the subjects of, Poverty, Conflict, Inequality, Violence and Climate Change, all of which are major factors in enabling us to be good neighbours in the world.

**Uniting World** are very active, in some of the poorest countries in the world, particularly in Africa, and the Pacific Islands, and give us good opportunities to understand the great problems found in many of these countries, and to contribute our funds to assist Uniting World in their work. It is very hard for us, living in a land of plenty, to understand many of the long term problems originating from the extreme poverty experienced by so many. It is for us to understand that physical, monetary, and spiritual, help and guidance can begin to turn the tide and give people hope for the future. This we can do, via Uniting World. We can all be *good global neighbours*!



## Plan Ahead for Easter sharing:

**Thursday 1st April—Everyone** is invited to join the **Passover Meal** this year at Oak Tree Place, 25 Anderson Street, Torquay at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

\$15 per person, pay at the door with cash or credit card. Please email or text Robyn Harper or with your RSVP and any diet requirements. Our numbers are COVID restricted so an *RSVP is essential—thank you*.

[Robyn.harper@bigpond.com](mailto:Robyn.harper@bigpond.com) OR 0407 829 926. DEADLINE: Monday 29th March

**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.

**Sunday 23rd May: Combined Pentecost Worship Service:** The Uniting Churches across the Greater Geelong area are joining together in a celebration service for Pentecost on May 23rd at 3pm.

This will be a service for all ages and an inspiring time to allow the Holy Spirit to revitalise and empower us all. More details about choir and food sharing next week...



Create in me a pure heart,  
O God, and renew a steadfast  
spirit within me.  
Psalm 51:10

## Lectionary Readings

### March 21st: Lent 5

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51: 1-12

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20—33

### March 28 : Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philemon 2: 1-11

Mark 11: 1-11

OR John 12: 12-16

## Preaching Roster

### March 21st: Lent 5

**Airey's Inlet & Bellbrae:**  
Rev Suzie Castle with  
Communion

**Torquay:** Rev Narelle  
Collas.

### March 28th: Palm Sunday

**Airey's Inlet & Bellbrae:**  
Video sermon

**Torquay:** Rev Suzie Castle



## 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 Freedom". All are welcome to come and join the discussion.

At Torquay: "Who is my Neighbour". Please join us—no experience necessary

### The Geelong Progressive Christianity Discussion Group Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 -3.30pm

In 2021 the group is meeting at the Waurin Ponds Library Meeting Room (next to Leisurelink). This month we will discuss John ShelbySpong's 'The Crucifixion: An Interpretive Portrait'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqZykuxtQM>.

All welcome in person or via zoom. Please preview the video prior to the meeting. Contact [heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com) for zoom details.

### 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).



Most items to be left at the Harpers front door (53 Cowrie) But—margarine, butter & cheese need to be handed to Robyn personally.

### Bellbrae Opshop & Bookshop Roster:

Sat.20th: Carol. Bev, Carleen, Joan, Lyn B & Helen G

Sat.27th: Cheryl P, Karlene, Carleen, Suzie, Sam, Jane, and Robert.

An invitation from **Orchestra Geelong Inc.** to their 2021 Concert Series

All concerts start at 3pm

Cost: \$25 or \$20 Concession, children under 17 are Free

Musical Director: Mark Sheill



LEGENDS: Sunday 21st March

A WALK IN THE WOODS: Sunday 20th June

RUSSIAN RHAPSODY: Sunday 5th December

Contact [committee@orchestrageelong.org.au](mailto:committee@orchestrageelong.org.au) for tickets or go to Trybooking.com.

MAY

COMBINED  
PENTECOST SERVICE

23rd  
3pm

SAVE THE DATE

### Happy Birthday

to Bernie Long,  
Valma Griffiths  
and Elizabeth  
Genee who turns 3 this week.  
**REMEMBER PANCAKES  
TODAY (Friday) AT AIREYS  
10am to 4pm .**



The Geelong Commandery of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, invites you to a **TRIVIA AFTERNOON**

on Sunday 18th April from 1.30pm to 3.30pm,  
Christ Church Hall, Moorabool Street. Geelong  
\$20 per ticket (includes delicious afternoon tea)

**All proceeds raised will support the work of  
Cottage by the Sea**

Contact: Gayle Dougall 0429 679 549 or our  
own Ro Thompson 0408 319 385



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm

A letter from Rev.Suzie: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear friends.

I had a wonderful holiday and on return, headed into a week of the wondrous ministries our members are involved in here at the coast. The Monday meeting with Robyn to plan Easter services was creative and life giving. Passover meal to be held on Maundy Thursday night is moving ahead nicely. We will need RSVP's for catering and COVID reasons, so if you are attending please contact Robyn as soon as you can.

Ross Lamont from Aireys dropped off a bookcase for my office that he chose from the stock at his Men's Shed. It's the perfect size and Ross chose well. Beaut Beanies is a lovely group to attend with the many enjoying each other's company. The latest project that has captured my heart is that of the "fiddle sleeves" (see picture below).

Claire Crameri and Lorraine Wyatt saw this new project when visiting Red Cross. Claire has taken on production of the fiddle sleeves that are for aged care residents whose fingers are always searching for something tactile to 'fiddle' with. Such a great idea and no doubt will be a great blessing to the recipients.

*Lent Event* bible study and *Experiences of Jesus* bible study held on Thursday morning and afternoon, has offered people different leadership opportunities. I give thanks to Maxine, John, Phyllis and Ross for leading these sessions while I was on holidays.

Bible studies help us to grow in Jesus and each other as it steers our understanding of God, Church and creation using biblical texts, passages from the Uniting Church Basis of Union and story. And because it's a wondrous story we have all linked into and link together because of, we need to share it.

Friday night youth from across two Presbyteries gather online to participate together in a Trivia night. The aim is connection to other Christians as well as learning about general knowledge and Jesus. I believe many will share pizza for dinner. Which is just as tasty as the pancakes served up a few hours before. What a wondrous week filled up by wondrous people. Great to be back amongst you all.

Peace be with you,  
**Rev Suzie Castle**. Minister of the Word



Creative "Fiddle Sleeves" as crafted by Beaut Beanies at their regular Tuesday meetings at Torquay. You are welcome to join them anytime with these or your own projects.