

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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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.

From St. Luke's Church, Torquay



³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them.

ACTS 4: 32-34

Dear friends.

I wanted to thank you for the way you supported each of the Easter worship services. The feedback has been a great blessing to me and all who worked long hours to make this season very special.

From Bev and Margaret at the Elouera service, to Kate and our many helpers at the ecumenical Passover meal then to a combined Good Friday worship event and ecumenical Easter Sunday dawn service.

So many people involved in very many ways, made this time one of deep reflection and faithfulness. I hope this was a blessing to you and that time with family has been wonderful.

This week, 7 of us completed a pilot walk in the development of a local 'Camino' trek that'll be offered to any pilgrims once it's been polished for presentation. Something very special we can all look forward to.

I hope you have been able to rest this week and enjoyed time with your families. This Sunday afternoon I am making my way around to those in need of home Communion so please let me know if this is something you would like.

God bless you and keep you

Suzie



Lectionary Readings

April 11: EASTER 2

Acts 4: 32—35

Psalms 133

1 John 1: 1-2-2

John 20: 19—31

APRIL 18: Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b - 38

Preaching Roster

April 11: EASTER 2

Airey's Inlet 9.15am &
Bellbrae: 11 am with
Rev Kenneth Ralph

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle and Communion

April 18: EASTER 3

Airey's Inlet 9.15am &
Bellbrae: 11 am with
Rev Suzie Castle

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle Video Sermon



Plan your Month: Diary Dates

Monday 19th April: **Dine Out** is back at the Jan Juc Beach Hotel at 12 noon- Contact Jean Elder on 0409 969 392 to RSVP.

The last of the Lenten Studies concludes at Aireys Inlet on Thursday 15th at 2pm. You are most welcome to join us still.

SAVE THE DATE: High Tea 2.30pm Saturday 8th May @ Oak Tree Place

To celebrate Mothering Sunday, the end of Autumn and being alive to enjoy tea and cake with friends and family. Good music, good food and good coffee guaranteed. \$12.50 per person. \$15 (with champagne) Funds will support the kitchen ministry at OTP.



Combined Pentecost Worship Service:

The Uniting Churches across the Greater Geelong area will join together in a celebration service for Pentecost on **May 23rd at 3pm.**

This is a service for all ages and will be an inspiring time to allow the Holy Spirit to revitalise and empower us. There is a Combined Choir for this service so singers, call Rev Amanda Nicholas on 0413617469 to join the choir.



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) margarine, butter & cheese need to be handed to Robyn personally.



Bellbrae Opshop & Bookshop Roster:

Sat April 10th: Mary & Keith, Carleen, Joan, Lyn & Tricia
Sat April 17th: Mary & Keith, Jane, Carleen, Robyn, Ro & Tricia



ANZAC Day falls on a Sunday this year so there is no public holiday. There is no Dawn Service in Torquay this year. Sunday 25th April 2021.

For your Prayer & Support:

The withdrawal of the Anglesea congregation from the Surf Coast Linked Congregations has meant a close examination of our church finances, with a question mark over our ability to keep our minister in a full-time position.

However, at the most recent meeting of the Linked Congregations Council we agreed that the work of our congregations requires a full-time minister and we are stepping forward in faith that we will find a way to support this financially.

We have established a working party, with representatives from each congregation to look at our current situation and plan for ways of establishing a sound financial future for our churches. These people are:

Aireys Inlet: Noni Johnson, and Linda Wannan,
Bellbrae: John Adams, Maxine Flakemore
Torquay: Rosemary Thompson, Jane Skelton.

Our first meeting will be next Tuesday, 13th of April at 9.30am at the Bellbrae Church.

Chairperson: Mary Bremner

Please remember to leave space for pedestrians when you park

A Note from Ro Thompson: On May 1st I am walking the *Surf Coast Trek from Anglesea to Torquay* to raise funds for "Give Where You Live" and "Kids Plus Foundation". These are two fabulous organisations that support many families across the Geelong Region. I will be walking 25.6 km, but some others will be walking 40k's from Aireys Inlet to Torquay!

You can support these causes by going to **Surf Coast Trek** on the internet and locating the Sponsors page, then search for me at "**Ro's Surf Coast Trek**". Instructions for donating are easy to follow and a receipt will be forwarded to you. OR you can give me some cash and I will deposit it for you. Of course your general support is also most welcome to keep me training! Thanks in anticipation.



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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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