

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.

For your Prayer & the Support of our Surf Coast Congregations and Ministries

The first meeting of the Working group to look into the **Management of the resources of the Surf Coast Congregations to achieve God's Mission in our communities with the Rev Suzie Castle remaining in a full time position of ministry** was held on Tuesday 13th April.

We have given this group a catchy name **"Forward in Faith" (FIF)** which speaks of the commitment this group has to ensure we can continue to support full time ministry in the Surf Coast and share God's love within our area and beyond.

We have begun by naming 5 ways in which this can be achieved.

1. Stewardship... which is suggested to occur in the months of August and September.
2. Review the Financial structure of the SCLC and churches.
3. Op shop possibilities.
4. Fundraising
5. Grants

The minimum current cost for a minister as per publication from the UCA Synod of Vic/Tas is \$108,015.30

With an average increase of 1.75% annually.

To grow and not worry about finances we need to be creative and work together to increase our funds.

This group will now go and investigate the possibilities and meet again in 2 weeks. We hope to have this finalised by October 2021.

Please prayerfully consider your financial giving and if you choose to change it at this time or leave a bequest please speak to your treasurer.

We pray that through our generous hearts and faithfulness we will succeed in this endeavour and grow our churches.

THE FIF Group

Planned Giving envelopes are now ready for pick up from Robyn Harper. Please remember you can **direct debit**, which is a no worry way of remembering to contribute in the ministry of the Surf Coast Churches.



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.**

There is a Combined Choir for this service so singers, call Rev Amanda Nicholas on 0413617469 to join the choir.

COMBINED CHOIR PENTECOST SERVICE MAY 23RD

Rehearsals for 6 weeks only
Tuesday nights or Sunday afternoons

Please book through this link
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPVSP>



Lectionary Readings

APRIL 18: Easter 3	April 25: Easter 4
Acts 3: 12-19	Acts 4: 5-12
Psalms 4	Psalms 23
1 John 3: 1-7	1 John 3:16-24
Luke 24: 36b - 38	John 10: 11-18

Preaching Roster

April 18: EASTER 3	April 25: EASTER 4
Airey's Inlet 9.15am & Bellbrae : 11 am with Rev Suzie Castle ..Cafe Church	Airey's Inlet 9.15am & Bellbrae : 11 am with Rev Suzie Video Sermon
Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie Castle Video Sermon	Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie Castle



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.

Bright & Beautiful High Tea

To celebrate mothers, families, being alive and Autumn

Music, coffee, cake, strawberries & savouries



Oak Tree Place, 25 Anderson Street, Torquay

Saturday 8th May at 2.30pm

Tickets: \$12.50 or \$15 (with sparkling wine) per person

Children welcome \$10 (we suggest over 10 year olds)

Proceeds to UNITING family services & our kitchen ministry.

Book a seat today as places are COVID limited.

Phone or text: 0419340056

Online@

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surfcoast-uc-bright-beautiful-high-tea-tickets-150365993735>

or on the Surf Coast website.

FIRE NIGHT
THIS FRIDAY NIGHT 16TH APRIL @ 6:00PM



SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FIRE SIDE COOKING
HOT CHOCOLATE
GAMES
CAMPFIRE STORIES

CONTACT
SUZIE.CASTLE@GMAIL.COM

COME ALONG TO
OAK TREE PLACE
26 ANDERSON STREET TORQUAY
\$5 FOR THE NIGHT OF FOOD,
DRINK, FIRE AND FUN.
BYO
FRIENDS
FOLKS
CHAIR
YOURSELF!

Bomboras Coffee Morning : Thursday 22nd April at 10:00am , on the Torquay Esplanade. All welcome to come for coffee and chat.

The Geelong Christianity Discussion Group –Thursday 22nd April 1.30 -3.30pm

In 2021 the group is meeting at the Waurin Ponds Library Meeting Room (next to Leisurelink). In April our topic will be “Friendship between religious groups’ ; looking at three short articles .

1. Father Dave Smith’s ‘How Christians and Muslims Can be Friends, <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/religionandethicsreport/father-dave-smith-on-how-christians-and-muslims-can-be-friends/12989028#:~:text=Dave%20Smith%20is%20an%20Anglican%20priest%20in%20inner,a%20book,%20Christians%20and%20Muslims%20Can%20Be%20Friends>. (7 mins)

2. Sikh Volunteers Australia <https://www.sikhvolunteersaustralia.org/2020/12/25/australia-womens-weekly-food-for-the-soul/>

3. Fuad Nahdi - British Muslim journalist and interfaith leader

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2014/nov/18/christians-muslims-co-existed-general-synod-religions-allies>

New members most welcome in person or via zoom. Please preview the material prior to the meeting. New zoom participants please contact heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com for zoom details

Bellbrae Op shop & Bookshop Roster:

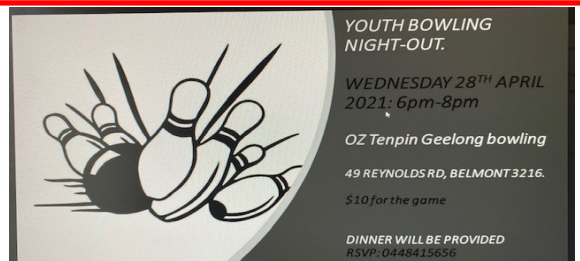
Sat April 17th: Mary & Keith, Jane, Carleen, Robyn, Ro & Tricia

Sat April 24th: Karlene, Val , Carleen , Robyn, Ro and Tricia

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.



YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT-OUT.

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2021: 6pm-8pm

OZ Tenpin Geelong bowling

49 REYNOLDS RD, BELMONT 3216.

\$10 for the game

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
RSVP: 0448415656

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