

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.



ANZAC DAY
Let us remember

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.

I have had the privilege of meeting a few ANZACs in my life. Mostly through nursing but one in particular through Ministry. He asked me to write a poem based on his own thoughts and those of his dear mum's heartbreak at losing a son to war.

War

Time and history have shown us much
A past of violence and greed
We never appear to have enough
Man always seems to need
There has always been huge tolls on life
violence, disease and war
but we continue to make the same mistake
past lessons readily ignored
If I had my time again
and could work from wisdom learnt
then I will take a different approach
to avoid the pain and hurt
I'd shield my child and shun the masters
The ones that give call to arms
The ones that sacrifice young lives
And bring irreversible harm
For the sanity of all mothers
Question if land and money is worth it
isn't it enough to know God must grieve
for the mistakes we have to admit
For the loss of life of those we love

The unmeasurable price they've paid
I must question these men in charge
And ask where their child lays
Is it in a warm and comfortable bed
Where they know no sorrow or hurt
Or are they buried deep in the ground
Below a blanket of dirt
I never dreamed you'd take my boy
To die on a field of war
You placed a gun in his hands
Subjected him to evil and gore
The greatest fight you should've had
Was against a mother's heart
I should've shackled him to my breast
So nothing would keep us apart
The greatest force war should ever reckon
Is meeting the love a mum has inside
Her dream of growing old at peace
With her son still at her side But here we are in loss
and grief
My life my heart beset
My son went to fight your fight
Now I live with regret

Peace Be With You, Rev Suzie Castle.

Lectionary Readings

April 25: Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10: 11-18

May 2: Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

Preaching Roster

April 25: Easter 4

Airey's Inlet 9.30am &
Bellbrae: 11 am with
Rev Suzie Video Sermon

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle

May 2: Easter 5

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Bellbrae: 11 am with
Rev Suzie Castle ..Cafe
Church

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle Video Sermon



Plan your Month: Diary Dates



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

Online ([CLICK HERE](#))

Call Tricia Genat on 0419 340056

OR on our Surf Coast Uniting Church website

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/event/bright-and-beautiful-high-tea/

For Torquay members – Please contact Robyn Harper if you need new envelopes for your planned giving. Remember any one can **direct debit**, which is a no-worry way of remembering to contribute in the ministry of the Surf Coast Churches. Direct debit forms are available on the Synod website. [Direct-Offering-Form-U-Ethical-copy.pdf \(uethical.com\)](#)

A FIRENIGHT was held last Friday night at Oak Tree Place Garden..



Thanks to everyone who made this night a success. We had sausages, sauce, fire, marshmallows and lots of games.

It was lovely to have 2 new young people attend.

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. **THANK YOU!**

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 @ The Keith Humble Centre**

62 Aphrasia St, Newtown VIC 3220 .

Hosted by Dr Peter Miller of Geelong College

This is a service for all ages and will be an inspiring time to allow the Holy Spirit to revitalise and empower.

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

23rd May
3 pm

Come and join with all the Uniting Churches in a service of celebration

COMBINED
PENTECOST SERVICE

Great music,
Inspirational input,
Afternoon Tea &
Fellowship

@Western Heights
UCA

Dear friends.

As of Monday 26th April, the use of QR codes when you enter some businesses or churches will be obligatory. No more handwritten registrations are accepted.

If you do not have a mobile phone to use at church—we can connect you with a buddy at the door to assist.

For those of you with mobile phones please download the Service Victoria QR code app from the Apple or Google Store as it is the quickest way to log in. There are many QR code posters throughout the church to use.



Thank you everyone for helping us comply with this new process.



YOUTH BOWLING
NIGHT-OUT.

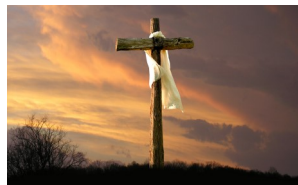
WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL
2021: 6pm-8pm

OZ Tenpin Geelong bowling

49 REYNOLDS RD, BELMONT 3216.

\$10 for the game

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
RSVP: 0448415656



Bellbrae Op shop & Bookshop Roster: Remind your friends to drop in and browse...

Sat April 24th: Karlene, Val , Carleen , ... Bev, Sam and Robert

Sat May 1st: Tricia, Geoff and Carleen... Anita, Tricia

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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