

# 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](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)



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

*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).*

This week I wanted to add something in for the young and young at heart amongst us. I am always amazed by the way children come to faith and accept readily that God is for them. Here are some of the ways children interact with Jesus. The grammar and spelling is theirs. It comes from their dear little minds through their sweet little hands.

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**Dear God, thank you for the baby brother. But what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce**



Kids say the funniest things and well they should be able to live a life of wonder, joy and fun. Not all children get to have a life like that when your biggest concern is needing your own bedroom. As we get older we learn to pray for things and people beyond ourselves and that which affects only our lives. Please pray for India in this time of deep crisis. COVID19 is a plague upon the nation that is devastating families, communities and the health care system. And could you please add into your prayers the response and medical teams as well as the funeral industry overwhelmed by the massive physical and emotional task they face every day.

Peace be with you  
Rev Suzie Castle  
Minister of the Word

**Worship at Elouera Aged Care May 6th at 2:15pm.** Volunteers to help the residents with song books and join in the worship always welcome.

## Lectionary Readings

### May 2: Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

### May 9 : Easter 6

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15: 9-17

## Preaching Roster

### May 2: Easter 5

**Airey's Inlet 9.30am & Bellbrae: 11 am** with Rev Suzie Castle- Holy Communion  
**Torquay 9.30:** Michele Hardy

### May 9: Easter 6

**Airey's Inlet 9.30am & Bellbrae: 11 am** with Jean Murray  
**Torquay 9.30:** Rev Suzie Castle— Holy Communion



## Plan your Month: Diary Dates

### Bright & Beautiful High Tea

*Music, coffee, cake, strawberries & savouries*

Oak Tree Place, 25 Anderson Street, Torquay

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm**

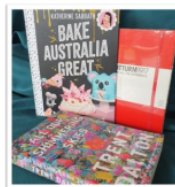
Tickets: \$12.50 or \$15 (with sparkling wine) per person  
Proceeds to UNITING family services & our kitchen ministry.

FOR TICKETS: Phone or text Tricia Genat: 0419 340056 email: [patricia-amgenat@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.amgenat@gmail.com)

OR click [here](#) at

<https://surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au/event/bright-and-beautiful-high-tea/>

Your entry price includes a ticket in our **Lucky Door Prizes** – chocolates, new books for leisure or interest, a puzzle to enjoy, specialty tea, sparkling wine, heat pack for back comfort, brandied cumquats and Maggie Beer's famous burnt fig jam. Additional tickets \$2.



### 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.

**DINE OUT** is continuing every month on the second Monday. The next one is on **May 10th** at the Jan Juc Beach Hotel at 12 noon.

Call Jean Elder on 0409969392 to RSVP.

All very welcome



**A special Happy Birthday greeting to Rob Boxshall.**



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

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

**Sat May 8th:** Jane, Karlene and Carleen...Doreen, Ro and Anna

**This Op Shop** is a very important outreach to the community of the Surf Coast. As well as supporting the ministry here, the monies have helped many local community groups and children overseas.

Currently it is open only on Saturdays but plans are in place to open on Friday afternoon soon. However more volunteers are needed to help this ministry continue to serve God's kingdom.

If you can help please contact Bev on 0419221514



### BACK ON TRACK



It's been a year like no other and we all have a story to tell. Join us for some nurturing, self-care, resilience or whatever you need to get back on track after Covid-19.

**TUESDAYS 10AM-12PM  
STARTS TUESDAY MAY 4**

Enrol at [www.torquaycommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.torquaycommunityhouse.org.au)

**East Geelong UC** are in the process of thinking about what it means to employ admin assistance but at present need someone who can volunteer to assist creating the weekly powerpoint.

If anyone can make an offer to volunteer an hour or two in a week to create the ppt until they establish admin support, please contact Rev Amanda Nicholas on email: [Amanda.Nicholas@ppw.victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Amanda.Nicholas@ppw.victas.uca.org.au)

**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

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