

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.
11.00am 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 the Minister's Desk.

I believe the Mother's Day afternoon tea blessed us greatly. The place was full of happy faces and laughter. A few people there had never been to a church event and feedback about our supporting others was well received. The food was delicious and hospitality spot on. Thank you to our incredibly polite and well turned out wait staff Tricia, Geoff, Margaret, Val and Rosemary.



God is doing extraordinary things in this place and blesses us daily. I imagine most of us know that whether we are listening for Jesus's guidance or continuing stepping out our pilgrim journey, Jesus is quite often found in the unexpected.

This week I am letting a few things go. No longer meeting monthly at Bomboras as we did before church buildings could reopen. We are going well with sharing together at morning tea after worship. I'm no longer having Saturday off as it interferes with the direction of our youth ministry, Presbytery meetings and worship service tidy up.

A few things starting up. Days off will be Wednesday and Thursday from May 19. Prophetic Art will be held at Bellbrae's Cafe Church this Sunday for the first time. Looking forward to adding our own flavour to the creative concept. Bellbrae congregation is filled with wonderful writers, artists and musicians, so it's sure to be a time of worship that permits everyone's individual expression of the Word alongside an encouraging community.

My Study leave week of June 7 is a review of Mark's Gospel.

Starting up: Aireys Inlet congregation is starting up a monthly pub lunch. More details to follow via Mary as we work out the details. Faith, food and friendship is hugely important to our pilgrim journey. So this new outing is a wonderful idea. --

Have a wonderful week where I hope Jesus presents unexpected opportunities to connect, pray and love.

Peace be with you.

Rev Suzie Castle

Minister of the Word.

Lectionary Readings

May 16: Easter 7

Acts 1: 15-17,21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

May 16: Easter 7

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

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle Video sermon

Preaching Roster

May 23: Pentecost

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

Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie
Castle—



Plan your Month: Diary Dates

Combined Pentecost Worship Service

When: May 23rd - 3pm
Where: Western Heights Uniting Church
Who: All the Uniting Churches in the region
What: Worship; great Music, inspirational speakers, quiet meditation allowing the Spirit to speak to us, fun activities for all ages, Mission Expo.
Why: We love to gather as one people of God, as the body of Christ in this region.
We want to worship our amazing, creative God, three in one.

Register through this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BRFDA>

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS ON AT WESTERN HEIGHTS UC,

31 Douglass St. Herne Hill

Due to Covid restrictions we need to have people register for the service the link is included in the notice. See above.

Volunteers are needed to assist Sylvia Peck in contributing to the afternoon tea for 50 in the shared Pentecost Service afternoon tea.

Mixed sandwiches, different slices and savoury scones are required. A sign up sheet will be at Torquay UC this Sunday or contact Sylvia at jspecky@bigpond.com.

This Sunday 11am @ Bellbrae Uniting Church. You can draw, write, read. BYO table easel.

Format of Art Cafe Church

PRAYER

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONGS

BIBLE PASSAGE Psalm 84:1-6

PREPARING CREATIVE SPACE

ART SPACE (at least 35 mins)

SPACE TO SHARE

SINGING O Breath of Life

Torquay Duty Roster....

The roster until the end of June has just been sent out to all Torquay folk. If you can help at all on the next roster beginning in July please see Robyn Harper. More hands make lighter work.



UnitingCare Australia *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

Many thanks to the bakers and helpers for our highly successful **High Tea at Oak Tree Place** on 8th May. We had people travel from all over the Bellarine to attend, as well as members of our community groups like Coffee & Kids and Beaut Beanies.

We made a profit of \$650 and hope to have another one next year.



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

Sat May 15th: Val, Bev, Carleen—Joan, Lyn, Helen

Sat May 22nd: Cheryl, Karlene, Carlene—Sam, Suzie, Tricia

Volunteers needed:

Please consider contacting Bev on



helping by 0419221514

A Pile of clothes has been left in the Activities Room in Oak Tree Place. If you know anything about this can you speak to Robyn or Jane. They look like Op shop material??

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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