

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.



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Due to the Lockdown of all of Victoria, normal Church services will not be allowed. However you can join in a Zoom version of the Frontier Services worship that the Torquay UC have put together. See the invite below. This address can also be found in the message of the email containing this newsletter.

Join our Zoom service: click on the link below on Sunday, May 30th at 9:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/98730622030?pwd=b3JPdU1GaE80aUk5VzQ3bWFXN0k1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 987 3062 2030 Passcode: 418989 Stay well, Stay safe. Shalom

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.

A CALL TO PRAYER 22/5/21

My name is Maxine Flakemore. I represent my congregation at Bellbrae, as part of our linked church family. I am a member of the FIF (Forward in faith) committee, an initiative formed by the Linked church council. Our task, is to explore and inspire a variety of initiatives, to support continuing full time Uniting Church ministry on the Surf Coast, into the future. I have been asked by the committee, to initiate a prayer campaign to aid us in our quest. I believe in the power of prayer and I think it is the greatest gift that we have received from God, that we sometimes initially forget to turn to.

Jesus said in, *Mathew 7 :7*

"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives and those who seek find and to whoever knocks, it will be opened."

All great Spiritual renewals throughout the history of Christianity have always been preceded by fervent prayer. Each week I will share with you an inspirational answer to prayer and I will be offering some suggestions for how we can grow in prayer together as a linked church community. Jesus gave the perfect example of how to pray in The Lord's prayer. When his disciples asked "Lord, teach us to pray?" He gave them the basic principles for prayer. It was never meant to be repeated rapidly, without thought. Each point in the prayer was given as a guide to follow and reflect (meditate) on.

To begin with

praise (Our Father, hallowed be your name)

expectation (Your kingdom come, Your Will be done.)

petition, (give us today our daily bread)

confession. (Forgive our sins)

protection (deliver us from evil)

trust

When applied in this way daily and given time, all aspects of our life are covered in the way that God wishes for us to pray. Prayer then for us becomes enriching, life giving and we are in full communion with God. I would like to encourage us all to take a few quiet minutes each day to seek contact with God regularly and as a thought comes to mind speak to God as you feel urged to. This habit can grow into continual communion with God. This is God's greatest wish for us and the reason He sent His Son, to show us the way.

Prayer request for this week is,

To give praise and thanks for our blessings and for ministry leadership and support we receive through Suzie. Our request is for this to continue and to do this we need to be able to provide enough money. To ask God for His Will in this request and to reveal to us how to proceed. Amen.

Today's Lectionary Readings

May 30: Trinity Sunday

Is 6: 1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

Preaching Roster

May 30: Trinity Sunday June 6th: Pentecost 2

No live services this week
Zoom only

Airey's Inlet 9.30am

Bellbrae: 11:00am..

Holy Communion with
Rev Suzie Castle

Torquay 9.30:
Lorraine Leitch



Linked Council with the churches have decided to make the 5th Sundays that occur during the year into Combined Services. The Surf Coast Service this week is on Zoom @ 9:30am and is on the theme of Frontier Services.

"We live in a society where people are more isolated, and there's less contact. Especially people who live in the bush. We are the companion who turns up out of the blue to lend an ear, give a helping hand, and be of service. It's the Australian way of giving everyone a fair go, and helping other folk. And as Australia's oldest bush charity we've been doing it for more than 100 years. "



https://frontierservices.org

Please consider donating to this cause.

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

FUTURE events

DINE OUT is on again.

Monday June 14th at The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc at 12:00. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and a great chat . Call Jean on 0409969392, closer to the date.



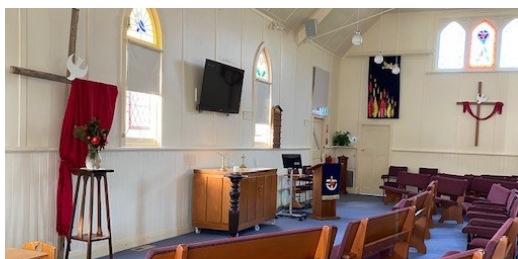
PENTECOST SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION SERVICES WERE VERY SPECIAL.

Pictured below are 3 photos of the Presbytery worship at Western Heights attended by nearly 200 people. Rev Suzie seen in this first photo. We enjoyed great music, singing, readings, personal stories and messages, lots of laughs and funny sounds as the wind and flames joined the celebration.



This was followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

This last photo is the Torquay UC decorated in Pentecost Red.



"Let's get together and chat about books. We are planning a **WINTER BOOK CLUB on Tuesday 15th June at 2.30pm at Oak Tree Place.** This will be a chance to bring a favourite book and a small plate to share over coffee and discussion. Facilitated by a bookseller and keen book sharer.



Gold Coin donation. If all goes well, we might have more! "

Patricia Genat 0419340056

BUNNINGS BBQ: Coffee and Kids have been given approval for a BBQ at Bunnings Torquay, **on June 12th, from 10 am until 4.00 pm.**

Any questions to John Peck, phone 0488 177983.

Come along and enjoy a sausage. The roster is full. Thanks to all those that signed up to help.



Bellbrae Op shop & Bookshop
Will be closed this weekend due to Lockdown
Coffee and Kids, and all OTP activities also not happening this Friday.



Uniting are always in need of all supplies. Please consider buying extra items and drop them at the Harper's house in Torquay for delivery to Uniting.



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