

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.

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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.



This week has been **National Reconciliation Week**.

This started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the Int. Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by all of Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched the first NRW. In 2000, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of NRW, to show their support for reconciliation.

"When we have power over our destiny, our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country" Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Message from the Minister's Desk

We face a tough reading this Sunday with **Mark 3:20-35**. There is mental instability accusations, claims of demonic possession, crumbling kingdoms and divided households and a declaration of who is family to Jesus.

I think today's gospel reading is saying that our human family, for all its virtues, is limited. I imagine all of us have, at some stage, tried navigating through the pain caused by family. No doubt some have dealt with division, disagreement, or perhaps exclusion.

Which is incredibly sad, because everyone I have ever met, simply wants to fit in, to belong to something bigger than themselves.

So how great is it that this is what Jesus has done in today's gospel reading. He is forming a new family composed of those who had difficulty fitting in with their human families. He is accepting the outcast, the lonely and the shunned. He is breaking down barriers between strangers and telling them they are now related to each other through their relationship to him. Being part of his family is so easy; all you need to do is follow Jesus.

I hope you have done well through this week's lockdown. Any separation from family and friends is difficult, even distressing.

I hope that the God who loves you, brings comfort to your mind and joy within your heart in those times of isolation.

Peace be with you.

Rev Suzie Castle
Minister of the Word

PLEASE NOTE:

New COVID restrictions apply as from midnight on Thursday 3rd June for all of us living in regional Victoria.

We **MUST** wear masks indoors.

We **MUST** use the QR code to register when we enter the Church building or Oak Tree Place. (Someone can assist you with this)

We **MUST** abide by the number restrictions within our buildings—these are clearly signed.

You can meet family or friends in groups of up to 10 **OUTDOORS** only. No visitors at home apart from family living with you or carers.

[Coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for all details

Today's Lectionary Readings

June 6: Pentecost 2	June 13: Pentecost 3
1 Samuel 8:4-11 etc	1 Samuel 17 :
Psalms 138	Psalms 20
2 Cor. 4: 13 to 5:1	2 Cor 6:1-13
Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4: 35-41

Preaching Roster

June 6th: Pentecost 2	June 13th: Pentecost 3
Airey's Inlet 9.30am	Airey's Inlet 9.30am
Bellbrae : 11:00am..	& Bellbrae : 11:00am..
Holy Communion with Rev Suzie Castle	with Brian Shaw
Torquay 9.30:	Torquay 9.30:
Lorraine Leitch	With Michelle Hardy
	(Communion now on 27th)





Weekly offerings can be made via direct debit or credit to the congregation account :

BSB: 083-929 and Account Number 93-009-8403

Account Name: **Surfcoast Uniting Church**

Please identify your congregation in the notes area:

Aireys Inlet:3231AI, Bellbrae:3228BB or
Torquay:3228TQ

THIS YEAR I WANT
TO BE MORE LIKE
JESUS:

- Hang out with sinners.
- Upset religious people.
- Tell stories that make people think.
- Choose unpopular friends
- Be kind, loving and merciful.
- Take naps on boats.

**Please Wear
a Face Mask**



Help Stop the Spread

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." MARK 3

Do you need assistance with the facts about the COVID vaccination or how to get one? Getting vaccinated helps you and your community stay safe. Contact Rev Suzie to chat about this issue.



Some ideas for extra winter knitting projects...

KOGO needs : (www.kogo.org.au)

- Adult blankets (approximately 1.6m x 1.2m)
- fingerless gloves
- scarves
- newborn cardigans (not jumpers)
- also knits in Indigenous colours of red, yellow, black. We would love to distribute these items for the NAIDOC Week celebrations from 4-11 July 2021



AND at COMMON GRACE (www.commongrace.org.au) they need scarves knitted in colours to represent climate change for presentation to political leaders on 21st June and beyond. Talk to Robin Purdey from the Torquay Congregation for more information.

Uniting are always in need of all supplies...

Next time you shop, *please* consider buying extra items and drop them at the Harper's house in Torquay or the basket in your church foyer .



FUTURE events: PUT THEM IN THE DIARY...

Sharing Food & Fellowship

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.



AND at AIREYS INLET: Join a lunch group at the Airey's Pub at midday on **Friday 2nd July**. (June event is cancelled due to COVID restrictions). Ring Mary to confirm 0427 701 275.



"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! " Call Trish Genat for further details 0419340056

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

Any questions to John Peck: 0488 177983.

Come along, enjoy a sausage and support the workers. Our roster is now full—many thanks to all those that signed up to help.



Surfcoast Linked Council and our churches are delighted to plan **Combined Services** on the 5th Sunday each quarter

Put the dates in your Diary now...

Sunday 30th May: @ TORQUAY.—Frontier Services (ZOOM)

Sunday 29th August @ Bellbrae—Celebration of Ministry/Talents, Time & Tithing

Sunday 31st October @ Airey's Inlet—Celebration of Ministry

Sunday 30th January @ Torquay— TBA

OP SHOP News: Our Bellbrae OPSHOP & Bookshop is closed this weekend due to uncertain COVID restrictions.

Did you know that In the past year, recycling from charitable institutions like our Bellbrae OPSHOP has diverted over 1 million tonnes of waste from landfill. That's about 39kg per person per year. **Well done!**

If you'd like to join this great effort and help with sorting or selling, email Helen Gaylard on helen.c.g@bigpond.com

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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 (CLOSED THIS WEEK)

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