

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Welcome to the Surf Coast Uniting Church newsletter.



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(Note: Rev Suzie is on 2 weeks Study leave)

*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).*

## A CALL to PRAYER

*by Maxine Flakemore*

My personal experience of an answer to prayer.

I would like to share with you a brief history of my spiritual journey.

As a child, due to my family circumstances I was an intermittent church attender. As a teenager I made a choice to attend church regularly. I was inspired by the difference in behaviour towards patients that I noticed in the nurses who were Christian. It wasn't until 1990 that I experienced a real awakening that led me into a personal relationship with Jesus.

In 1996 I experienced an incident that changed my whole awareness of the power of prayer and my relationship with God. My thoughts on prayer and belief once were, 'Well that's all good for some but I don't think you need to believe to that extent.'

As my contribution to the annual church fundraising fete, held in Torquay I was providing massages. About three days prior to the fete, I started to feel quite unsettled and was unable to sleep. Whilst driving into Torquay on the morning of the fete I experienced an overwhelming feeling of dread. It was so powerful that I started to pray out loud as I drove along. All I could think of was to ask God for protection for my whole family.

About two hours later there was a knock on the door of where I was massaging. I was surprised to see a Christian lady from our area standing there. I didn't know her well and hadn't seen her for a couple of years. I remember her words quite clearly. "I don't want you to be worried. Your son has had an accident but he's all right. When you see the car, you'll realise that he was protected."

At the age of 19, he was driving too fast in an older model car on a gravel road. His car had overturned and he was left hanging upside down, covered in glass with the car absolutely wrecked, around him. He was totally unharmed. As he said, he felt like he was in a cocoon. What blew me away was, that where the accident happened was the section of road where I was praying out loud as I drove into Torquay. He had overturned on the only clear section of that road, between two power poles on one side and a row of trees on the other!

This is what has influenced my absolute belief in the power of prayer.

I would like to encourage us this week to continue praying, as of last week and to praise and give thanks for God's protection of us all hereabouts where we enjoy peace and freedom. For future direction in our ministry to each other and to others. For forgiveness for where we have not acted in the way that He would wish for us. For His provision for our needs at this time and for those we wish to help.

Prior to the early church:

Luke 24: 53 "The disciples were continually in the temple praising and blessing God."

### Today's Lectionary Readings

**June 13: Pentecost 3**     **June 20: Pentecost 4**

1 Samuel 17 :	1 Samuel 17:
Psalms 20	Psalms 9: 9-20 OR 133
2 Cor 6:1-13	2 Cor. 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35-41	Mark 4:35-41

### Preaching Roster

**June 13th: Pentecost 3**     **June 20th: Pentecost 4**

<b>Airey's Inlet</b> 9.30am	<b>Airey's Inlet</b> 9.30am
<b>&amp; Bellbrae:</b> 11:00am..	<b>Bellbrae:</b> 11:00am..
with Brian Shaw	<b>Torquay</b> 9.30: TBC
<b>Torquay</b> 9.30:	
With Michele Hardy	(Rev. Suzie is on study
(Communion now on 27th)	leave)





**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

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.



**Please Wear a Face Mask**



**Help Stop the Spread**

**Thanks for our Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

It's been some time since we shared news of the prayer shawl ministry that was started up by Marilyn from Aireys UC. Last week we presented Liz Barkla with a beautiful shawl to bring her comfort and peace as she and husband



Frank, waded through a major health setback. Please pray for Frank as he is being cared for in hospital, and for Liz as she waits in that time of not knowing what is next for Frank and herself.

Peace be with you.  
**Rev Suzie Castle**

*Some ideas for extra winter knitting projects...*

KOGO needs : ([www.kogo.org.au](http://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](http://www.commongrace.org.au)) they need scarves knitted in colours to represent climate change for presentation to political leaders on 21st June and beyond.

**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. Many thanks for the lovely quilts and baby hoods created by Roma this month.



**FUTURE events: PUT THEM IN THE DIARY...**

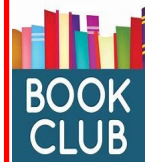
**Sharing Food & Fellowship**

**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.



**YES, It's on...**

**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 /text Trish Genat for further details 0419340056

**Two Opportunities for Giving:**

1. Frontier Services appreciates your donations at this time of year—please put cash in the open plate labelled Frontier Services and this will be passed on. Or donate on line at <https://frontierservices.org/>
2. At Torquay the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for Cancer Council will be run after church on Sunday 20th and 27th. Enjoy cake with your cash donation!

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 OPEN AGAIN this long weekend!**

Friday from 12.30—Sam, Carol & Tricia

Saturday AM—Cheryl P, Karleen, Carleen,

Saturday PM—Fran, Jane & Suzie

Monday AM—Ro, Mary & Keith

Monday PM—Fran, Geoff & Tricia

**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 (CLOSED THIS WEEK)

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