

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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

## A CALL TO PRAYER : POWER IN PRAYER

Paul advised the early Christians at Thessalonica to pray specifically. **1Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18**

***“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances.”***

A wonderful recipe to follow. **Do we ever think to give thanks when things go wrong?**

**This week I'm going to introduce David Brainerd. 1718- 1747.**

I read his diary many years ago. At the time I was on a real quest to learn more about prayer and I wanted to ensure that I was praying in the right way. I asked other older Christians I met at church, “How do you pray?” This question was often greeted with embarrassment. People seemed uncomfortable to talk about prayer. If I mentioned to pray about an issue, I was often told, “You pray then!”

David Brainerd became a missionary to the Native Americans, particularly the Delaware tribe.

He'd suffered illness all his life and died at 29 of Tuberculosis. He has inspired many evangelists since, including John Wesley.

To have the conviction and courage to go out into the unknown of the American wilderness in the 1700s and preach the gospel to people considered hostile savages, must have seemed an impossible and dangerous task. In prayer, David had become convicted that this was what God was calling him to do. Prayer influenced everything he did. He knew how weak he was physically and suffered tremendously but knew that he was not going alone.

Amazingly the Natives listened. Within one year he was tending to a congregation of 130 and growing. His story has come to us today through his diary.

I would like to suggest prayer points for this week to consider and pray upon.

***“To give thanks for the innovative work that is being achieved by the FIF committee.***

***To ask God to continue to guide us clearly into His will for our future direction.***

***To ask His help in teaching us to be more aware of the power of what we can achieve as we learn more about prayer.***

***To ask for His protection upon the committee members as they step forward in faith.”***

Maxine

### Today's Lectionary Readings

June 20: Pentecost 4	June 27: Pentecost 5
1 Samuel 17:	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 :
Psalms 9: 9-20 OR 133	Psalms 130
2 Cor. 6: 1-13	2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5: 21-43

### Preaching Roster

June 20th: Pentecost 4	June 27th: Pentecost 5
<b>Airey's Inlet</b> 9.30am Rev Suzie Castle	<b>Airey's Inlet</b> 9.30am & <b>Bellbrae</b> : 11:00am.. Rev Suzie Video Sermon
<b>Bellbrae</b> : 11:00am.. <b>Torquay</b> 9.30: Rev Suzie Video Sermon	<b>Torquay</b> 9.30: Rev Suzie (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

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

### Sharing Food & Fellowship

**AT AIREYS INLET:** Join a lunch group at the Airey's Pub at midday on **Friday 2nd July**.

Ring Mary to confirm 0427 701 275.



On the news last Friday was an urgent call for funds to support the **Jirralinga Animal & Bird sanctuary at Barwon Heads**.

The sanctuary receives no government funding and relies on entrance fees and donations to buy animal feed. Since Covid there have been no tourists and the sanctuary has not been able to be open. The animals however still need to be fed. The Bellbrae congregation decided on Sunday to approve a donation to **Jirralinga** to help them continue to be able to support and care for local wildlife.

Add **Jirralinga** into your planning for a day out once restrictions are lifted. @ 200 Taits Road, Barwon Heads.



### 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.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS THIS WEEK:** Long Life Milk (Full Cream), Cornflakes, muesli and sugar.



### 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!



### Corinthians 6: 1-10 (The Living Bible)

As God's partners we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. <sup>2</sup>For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you.

On the day of salvation, I helped you."

Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

<sup>3</sup>We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. <sup>4</sup>In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. <sup>5</sup>We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food. <sup>6</sup>We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us,<sup>[c]</sup> and by our sincere love. <sup>7</sup>We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. <sup>8</sup>We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. <sup>9</sup>We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. <sup>10</sup>Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

### OP SHOP News

**Our Bellbrae OPSHOP & Bookshop is OPEN AGAIN**

**Friday 18th 1pm to 4pm: Geoff, Jane, Tricia**

**Saturday 19th: AM: Val, Fran, Carleen**

**Saturday 19th PM: Robert P, Marg & Tricia**

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

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

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

Sunday 30th January @ Torquay—TBA

Please note: Rev Suzie will be taking Monday & Tuesday as her ordinary leave days as from the end of June.

### BREAKING NEWS:

Changes to restrictions come into play for Victoria as from midnight tonight (Thursday 17th June). You will find an attachment to this newsletter from the Uniting Church providing highlights of the changes. What hasn't changed is the requirement to register via QR code wherever you are. Please carry your mask at all times, and ALWAYS register your attendance. Thanks.

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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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