

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.

A CALL TO PRAYER : Week 4 - The Welsh Revival of 1904-05 shared by Maxine Flakemore

Throughout history when God decides to move, He often chooses those least likely. He chooses those who are humble and prepared to follow Him. Then His Holy Spirit can move. He requires people yielded to Him wholeheartedly. This was the case in 1904 in Wales. He didn't choose world renowned evangelists or theologians. He chose a young miner, Evan Roberts. Evan was 24 and his friends were in their teens and early 20's. Evan had been inspired into ministry in the time leading up to the revival, by several evangelists touring the country.



Jesus chose humble fishermen to be His disciples.

Jesus said, **John 3:8** *"The wind blows where it wills and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

When The Holy Spirit moves, the greatest gift is knowing how to follow.

The revival in Wales occurred spontaneously, with no technology or newspaper advertisements to herald news. It was unpredictable. ***It began with worship and prayer and intercession for Wales.*** Wales was ready. Welsh people had simply become aware to follow the Holy Spirit and through the leading of the Spirit they already knew of Evan Robert's coming before his arrival to a meeting.

It's powerful influence spread throughout the worldwide Christian community. It was all consuming. Prayer meetings to seek God became the main attraction in Wales. All drinking and fighting ceased. Even football ceased.

Its momentum was stopped by ***criticism of its authenticity*** but it's influence inspired other ongoing revivals that still exist today.

Faith (hope) and belief are so individual. When we believe wholeheartedly in faith and pray, God hears and answers, not always in the way we expect but always in the way that is right for us.

To be prepared to wait and listen for His leading, we are then open to receive answers to prayer in a wonderful way.

Prayer points for this week are

'To continue believing in faith that God hears our need for our mission together on the Surf coast and will respond in the way that is right for us.

To guide us with His wisdom as we consider the best option for ongoing ministry funding.

To guide us in each of the linked congregations where we are placed, to choose a model that best supports our church community and mission to the wider community.'

Lectionary Readings

June 27: Pentecost 5	July 4: Pentecost 6
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 :	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9- 10
Psalms 130	Psalms 48
2 Cor 8:7-15	2 Cor. 12: 2-10
Mark 5: 21-43	Mark 6: 1-13



Preaching Roster

June 27th: Pentecost 4	July 4th: Pentecost 6
Airey's Inlet 9.30am	Airey's Inlet 9.30am
Bellbrae : 11:00am..	& Bellbrae : 11:00am.
Rev Suzie Video Sermon	Rev Suzie Castle
Torquay 9.30: Rev Suzie & Communion	Torquay 9.30: Brian Shaw to lead

A notice for the Torquay Congregation: A meeting is called for after the service on 4th July 2021 to discuss the Financial Models paper circulated by FIF (Forward in Faith) sub committee of the Surf Coast Linked Congregations Council. Models have been put forward to enhance the financial viability for the three remaining congregations. No decisions need be made, this is an opportunity for shared discussion and questions. The meeting will be chaired by Rosemary Thompson who is joined by Mary Bremner.

Please see Robyn Harper if you need a copy of the paper.

Opportunities for Giving:

At Torquay the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for Cancer Council will be run after church on Sunday 27th. Enjoy cake with your cash donation!



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



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 .

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



FUTURE events: PUT THEM IN THE DIARY...

Sharing Food & Fellowship

AT AIREYS INLET: Lunch & Chat Join a lunch group at the Airey's Pub at midday on **Friday 2nd July** Ring Mary to confirm 0427 701 275.



SURFCOAST ARTS Trail is back on for 2021 and both Torquay & Bellbrae congregations will be involved.

Venues are dotted around the Shire where artists who don't have home studios will be on hand to talk visitors through their artistic process, in the presence of their work .

Call John A at Bellbrae, or Robyn H at Torquay to volunteer.



Victorian School Holidays Start on Friday 25th June and finish on Sunday 11th July.

NAIDOC Week Starts on Sunday 4th July



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: Time, Talents, Creation & Treasure

Sunday 31st October @ Airey's Inlet—Celebration of Ministry
Sunday 30th January @ Torquay—TBA

**"I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY WHOLE BEING WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD I PUT MY HOPE. " Psalm 130:5**

OPSHOP NEWS

Our Bellbrae OPSHOP & Bookshop is OPEN this weekend:

Friday 25th 1pm to 4pm: Robyn, Cheryl, Bev

Saturday 26th: AM: Maxine, Carleen, Karleen

Saturday 26th PM: Cheryl, Sam, Ro

WANTED: Tip vouchers for the Anglesea Tip. Do you have any excess Tip Vouchers for this year? The OPSHOP is always needing to dump material which they cannot sell and would love to keep costs low by using any unused Tip Vouchers. Call Bev Hooper on 0419 221 514 to offer your vouchers. **THANKS**

At **Oak Tree Place**, we have classes in Yoga, Qigong, Bridge, Karate, Wellness & Meditation & Surfside Choir plus our church Coffee & Kids playtime. In Term 3 there will be some vacant times slots. Email oaktreeparcerentals@gmail.com to enquire re renting space.

News about our People:

Happy 14th Birthday to Shinay Grobler of Torquay



Our thoughts are with the family of Jenny Hergstrom, who passed away this week at Elouera. Jenny had been a valued member of the Torquay congregation & choir for many years.

Happy & safe travel wishes to many from our congregations this month who are chasing the sunshine or taking time with family or just enjoying some R&R.

Jane & Tricia, Barry & Geoff sent this happy snap from a chilly Mildura night.



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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

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