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## **A CALL TO PRAYER Week 10: Tenacity in Praying**

*Two frogs fell into a can of cream, or so it has been told.  
The sides of the can were shiny and steep, the cream was deep and cold."*

*Oh, what's the use" said number one. "It's plain no help is around.  
Goodbye my friend, goodbye sad world." And weeping still, he drowned.*

*But number two, of sterner stuff, dog paddled in surprise.  
The while he licked his creamy lips and blinked his creamy eyes.*

*"I'll swim at least a while," he thought, or so it has been said.*

*It really wouldn't help the world if one more frog were dead.*

*An hour or more he kicked and swam, not once he stopped to mutter.*

*Then hopped out from the Island he had made, of fresh, churned, butter. (Author unknown)*

We are all back in Lockdown #6. for 7 days from 8pm Thursday 5th August.

Please join us for a Surfcoast Uniting Online service available on the web-site from early Sunday morning.

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Stay well, stay hopeful, and please be vaccinated.

In the early 1990's I heard **Heather O'Connor** speak on environmental issues. She was the first woman appointed by the Whitlam government in the 1970's as an advisor on women's affairs. Heather had resigned from the position after a short while, stating that she could not advise on women's issues when she was chauffeur driven everywhere and never saw a supermarket!

Recently returned from Europe, Heather was upset about the permanent affect that the Chernobyl nuclear accident had had on the European food chain. Before it was too late, she wanted to urge Australians, to start protecting the unique environment that we have here. Heather felt that the way to do this would be to travel around Australia speaking and inspiring smaller groups of influential people such as kindergarten mums, to teach their children.

Heather's words totally inspired me and I have since tried to put these words into practise in my own life. ***"If we thought about change on a global level we would give up because of the enormity of the task. However, if we realised that each one of us has a unique sphere of interest to act locally and if we all did that, change can happen. "***

***This brings me to prayer.*** God has given us the means to create a change for good, wherever we are placed in this world at any time. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we are not alone. His life is in us through his Holy Spirit.

**Prayer for this week. Romans 12: 1-2,**

To be Spirit filled.

To be transformed in our minds.

To seek to know what is God's will.

To always live lives in prayer and be close to God.

**Shalom & Thank you, Maxine**

### **Lectionary Readings**

**AUG 8: Pentecost 11**

2 Samuel 18:5-9,  
15,31-33

Psalm 130

Eph 4: 25-5:2

John 6: 35,41-51

### **Preaching Roster**

**Aug 8th: Pentecost 11**

**Airey's Inlet** 9.30am

**Bellbrae:** 11:00am..

**Torquay** 9.30:

**All services online**

**Aug 15th: Pentecost 12**

**Airey's Inlet** 9.30am

**& Bellbrae:** 11:00am.

**Torquay** 9.30:

### **OPSHOP Service Roster (we hope!)**

**Fri 13th:** Sam, Tricia & Suzie

**Sat 14th: AM:** Jane, Karleen, Carleen

**PM:** Helen, & TBA

Stewardship Celebrations start soon.....



Join us for a **SPRING BOOK CLUB** Tuesday 14th Sept. at 2.30 to 4pm @ Oak Tree Place  
Bring a favourite NON FICTION book. Share coffee & cake and then explore our books.

2.30 to 4pm  
Gold Coin donation

It's also the AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR celebration!



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Book Club

Watch out next week for a calendar of dates for our Stewardship Campaign which kicks off on Sunday 29th August and continues for 10 wonderful weeks to include singing, shared food, shared prayer & worship.

Congratulations to the congregations at Airey's Inlet & Torquay for successful Simpson Foundation grants for the Family Pet Fair outreach and for upgrade to technical equipment.

"Faith is raiding the unspeakable. Grace is forgiving the undeserving. It's a kind of unfathomable magic. And despite everything, if you can somehow try to let your life be your witness to whatever it is you believe, grace will always leak through the cracks."

Julia Baird from her book *Phosphorescence*



Are you a Facebook user? Please join our Church pages to broaden our reach and encourage the activities. BELLBRAE OPSHOP & Book Room, SURF COAST UNITING CHURCH, & COFFEE & KIDS Playspace. Spread the good news...



10 gentle meditations on Prayer are available for your private study and inspiration. As shared by Maxine Flakemore.

A free booklet can be delivered to you- just ask Rev Suzie or email, call or text the newsletter team.

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REMEMBER your donations for UNITING - Long Life food in small containers. THANK YOU



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...

### OUR NEXT COMBINED SERVICE:

Sunday 29th August @ Oak Tree Place and led by Bellbrae musicians & Congregation it will be a Celebration of Ministry: Time, Talents, Creation & Treasure. Followed by a shared LUNCH.



Plan ahead for the **Family Pet Fair** at Aireys Inlet on Saturday 16th October. Please let Rev Suzie know if you would like to be involved. All pets and their humans very welcome! There will be blessings, games, face painting and goods to purchase.

An on-line workshop "**Aligning your Finances with your Faith**" is available *free* by registering at TRYBOOKING.com, with code: BPHPL. The workshop covers practical banking, superannuation, and investments within a Christian context and is led by Quaker, Sue Ennis and UCA's Jamie Thom. Suitable for all, no matter what size your bank balance.

**Dates:** Thurs 12th August. At 7.30pm.



**Sacred Edge Festival** is a wonderful Christian Arts celebration at Queenscliff Sep 5-7. You are invited to attend as a paid guest, and also as a volunteer

Register your interest to volunteer with Margot at [sacrededge@iinet.net.au](mailto:sacrededge@iinet.net.au).

For tickets and information go to the website:

**Festival info here** <https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/sacrededge-festival/>

### Getting Together...

1. Dine Out Lunch is on **THIS 9th Aug** at Beach Hotel, Jan 12.30. Call Jean Elder to register 969 392. Please come & join us welcome

2. Back To Bombora's for **Thursday Coffee (or Tea) 10am** while

Cancelled due to Lockdown #6

**Monday**

Juc at 10am

for chat and lunch. All

**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

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