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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.

Dear Everyone,

At the end of August, we begin our Surfcoast stewardship program which will include praising God, celebrating each other, sharing our talents and giving thanks for our faith and God's faithfulness to us.

That's our life really. Praising God, loving others and sharing what we have. These three aspects of the Christian faith are what drew me to the Church because they made sense of life. Romantic idea maybe, but that's what I see over and over again in our congregations. People earnestly praising, loving and serving. These three aspects of Church warm our hearts and build us up in our Christ community so we are strengthened to serve, or tend to our families, friends and the community around us. You all make wonderful disciples and bless many through your relentless pursuit of justice and words of encouragement, humility and joy.

As a group, you bless me!

The interesting discovery I made early in returning to regular Church, was the grief so many live with every day. Grief because of the death of loved ones, death of grand dreams, lost friendships, lost time, missed opportunities to be seen and heard, missed opportunities to achieve goals or be in a different head and heart space by a certain age. I discovered that grief, regret and loss have a significant impact on our thinking and being and sometimes our faith in Jesus. These other three aspects of being a human being, changes things for us and how we see other people, even beloved family members. Our sore or aching hearts can take a hold of us and turn us in a different direction to that of following God's will. Especially if you have been injured or harmed by another person or experience. How does anyone ever shift the heaviness of hurt and hopelessness from grief, regret and loss?

We all have different ways of emptying the *junk* that fills up our beautiful hearts and heads. But I also discovered how this *junk* doesn't always need to direct us. We can offer the grief or regret and loss to Jesus, to enable us to move toward healing and peace. This Sunday at Aireys Inlet and Bellbrae we are offering the opportunity to symbolically let go of the junk filling up hearts. We do this through a *hand washing* ceremony that you are invited to join if you choose. The same will be offered at Torquay the following week. May your week ahead be one of praise and love and sharing. **Or**, receiving praise and love from another – because you see, to accept love and sharing from someone, is an act of grace, an opportunity for others to minister.

And have a blessed day Olive on your 100th birthday knowing you have blessed so many over your lifetime.

God bless, Suzie



Lectionary Readings

AUG 15: Pentecost 12

1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14

Psalms 111

Eph 5:15-20

John 6: 51-58

Preaching Roster

Aug 15: Pentecost 12

Airey's Inlet 9.30am
& Bellbrae: 11:00am.

Torquay 9.30:

Aug 22: Pentecost 13

Airey's Inlet 9.30am
Bellbrae: 11:00am..

Torquay 9.30:

All services online

OPSHOP Service Roster

Fri 13th: Sam, Tricia & Suzie

Sat 14th: AM: Martin, Karleen, Carleen

PM: Helen, Robyn H, Lyn.

Fri 20th: Carol M & TBA

Sat 21st: AM: Val, Fran & Carleen

PM: Ro, Suzie & Tricia

Happy Birthday Wishes to Olive Mawson and Rev Suzie this week. Olive turns one hundred!



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.

Take the National Reading Survey

The Australia Reads team is encouraging all readers to complete the National Reading Survey. This survey explores how Australians read, borrow and buy books and how this has changed in the past year.



Uniting Church in Australia President, Rev. Sharon Hollis, is encouraging all UCA members to join in prayer this week ahead for all those affected by the pandemic and COVID19.

God of mercy and compassion,
We pray for the world as across the globe we face the challenges of COVID.
We give you thanks for those who care for the sick,
And for those who work on limiting the spread of the disease, and those who develop and administer our vaccines.
We remember before you all those affected by COVID,
Comfort those who mourn the death of a loved one,
Heal those who have COVID-19 or suffer the long-term effects of having had COVID.
Sustain those who work in health care, testing and vaccination.
Encourage those who are supporting education remotely,
Console those who must stay at home,
And bless and protect those whose work is essential for our wellbeing.
We long for a world where access to health care and vaccines are shared equitably
Strengthen the efforts of those who work to end COVID for all.
And fill us with a desire to work for justice and care for all. AMEN

Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Services

29th August: A CELEBRATION of Ministry at Oak Tree Place and followed by Lunch

5 September: TIME: The Giving Plate (Father's Day)

12 September: TIME: The Giving Tree

19 September: TALENTS: Café Church

26 September: TALENTS: Prayer

3 October: TENDING CREATION:

10 October: TENDING CREATION: (Garden Theme)

16 October: TENDING CREATION: Family Pet Fair @ Aireys Inlet

17 October: TREASURE:

24 October: TREASURE:

31 October: Celebration : COMBINED WORSHIP @ AIREYS INLET followed by Lunch. (Feed Me Torquay to cater)

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

Spread the good news...



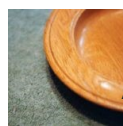
REMEMBER your donations for UNITING - Long Life food in small containers. Small items of toiletries are always needed.
.....**THANK YOU**

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.

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

Airey's Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Road, Airey's Inlet. 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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