

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Airey's Inlet, Bellbrae and Torquay.

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au



We acknowledge that we meet to worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past present, and emerging. Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Greetings friends as we once again stay at home to reduce the spread of COVID19 infections.

This coming Sunday we begin our stewardship program that has been built by the FIF team. Before or on Saturday you will receive a brown paper bag with an explanation of the next two months, and filled with different items we will use during our weekly services.

This Sunday our worship service will be on our webpage at 9am www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

There is also **LIVE Zoom at 11:00am** so we can all join together in worship, hear our guest speaker Jonathon Cornford and, if you choose, join in the water cleansing activity. Here's the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97667805808?pwd=akNzS3VET3N4TUU0ek8yYWhocG1ZZz09>

If you decide you'd like to be involved in the water cleansing, please have a bowl of water, soap and towel with you when you join the Zoom link. We are hand washing so no other preparation is needed.

We are a resourceful and resilient church and ready to continue gathering, listening and worshipping, but If you are in need of a chat, please call.



Peace be with you
Rev Suzie Castle

Minister of the Word m: 0412 023 197

An update on life here at the Surf Coast Uniting Churches.

A lot has happened in and through our congregations in the past few years as we continue to plan and worship, witness and serve in the way of Christ.

Our commitment to the wider Surf Coast area grows stronger through the outreaches we have in place. Our theme for the stewardship program is *LIVING and GIVING in the life of CHRIST* as working together helps share the load of ministry and mission across the Surf Coast. We have 7 objectives under the theme of LIVING and GIVING, entitled: Joyfully Living, Joyfully Giving; Gift Giving, Gift Living; Careful Living; Generous Giving and Generous Living. The objectives can be found in the stewardship bag that is being delivered later this week to your door.

On each Sunday over the next 2 months, the information shared will be the same for all three churches, while upholding the diverse worship styles through the Surf Coast Uniting Churches. Holy Communion will be served on established weeks and music selected with the local musicians.

I ask each of you to include the Forward in Faith team and the stewardship program in your prayers. I give thanks to almighty God for the wisdom, prayers, time and experience each of these members have brought to the table. These members from each congregation are Mary Bremner, Noni Johnson, Linda Wannan Edgar, John Adams, Maxine Flakemore. Robyn Harper and Jane Skelton.

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Lectionary Readings

AUG 29: Pentecost 14

Song of Songs 2: 8-13

Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-

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Worship will continue for the
Surfcoast Uniting Churches online at
www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au
Click [HERE](#) to enter

And on **Zoom** at 11am

Our OPSHOP is

Closed

Here's a reminder of some of our outreach activities:

Aireys Inlet

Morning tea baskets to Aireys Inlet Primary School Prayer Shawl Ministry
Pancake Day for Uniting
Family Pet Fair
Ecumenical Community Bible Study
Christmas Community Carols
Bellbrae Op Shop volunteering
Speaker dinner events
Welcoming new residents to Aireys Inlet & Fairhaven /Lunch & Chat for local community members



Bellbrae

Surf Coast Arts Trail and Art Exhibitions
Bellbrae Op Shop & Book Room
Pastoral support for Op Shop visitors and volunteers
Giving love beyond ourselves
Living out ecojustice through recycling.
Financial support for many local groups - CFA/School library/Uniting/Koala Sanctuary



Torquay

Dine Out every month/Elouera Aged Care worship and pastoral care
Coffee & Kids playgroup & support for young parents
Youth group
Seasonal - Book Club & the Surf Coast Arts Trail
Bellbrae Op Shop support
Thursday Coffee catch-up at Bomboras
Collecting food for Uniting/Frontier Services /Biggest Morning Tea celebration & donations

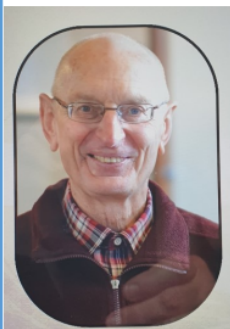


We have begun planning combined services on the months with 5 Sundays. Congregations take it in turns hosting the services (when COVID19 doesn't lock us down). Every month a small team of leaders take Holy Communion into the homes of those unable to travel to worship. We also participate in the annual World Day of Prayer sharing hosting with other Churches in the area. The prayer shawl, scarf and lap rug ministry has warmed many people in our church community, as well as beyond, as they receive a tangible reminder of God's love for them through the prayerful compassionate people who create knitted hugs.

JOHN 5: 24. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.



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



Vale to Rob Boxshall this week. Our thoughts are with Bev and the family as they farewell this kind, thoughtful, gentle man. It was our honour to know him and his lovely tenor voice. Rob was a founding member of the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra, a well loved teacher and lover of music in all forms. He was passionate about equality, a committed Christian and family man. Peace be with you.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS: UNITING needs rugs and blankets, so if you can knit a square, the Beaut Beanies group will sew them together and make warm coverings for those who need them. 20cm squares are needed—use 8ply wool, any colour, and 4mm (8) needles (adjust for your knit style). Cast on 40 stitches and cast off at **20cm**. Must be done by Completion Date: 31 October.



Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Services

29th August: 11am A CELEBRATION of Ministry led by Bellbrae on ZOOM and our webpage. See front page for all links.
5 September: TIME/Joyful Giving: The Giving Plate
12 September: TIME/Joyful Living: The Giving Tree
19 September: TALENTS/Gift Giving: Café Church
26 September: TALENTS/Gift Living: Prayer & Music
3 October: TENDING CREATION: Careful Giving
10 October: TENDING CREATION: Careful Living. Gardens
16 October: TENDING CREATION: Family Pet Fair @ Aireys Inlet
17 October: TREASURE: Generous Giving
24 October: TREASURE: Generous Living
31 October: Celebration : COMBINED WORSHIP @ AIREYS IN-LET followed by Lunch. (Feed Me Torquay to cater)

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

Weekly offerings can be made via direct debit or credit to:

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm