

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Airey's Inlet, Bellbrae and Torquay.

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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 present, and emerging. Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Lectionary Readings

Sept 12th 2021

Pent 16

Prv 1:20-33

Ps 19

Jas 3:1-12

Mk 8:27-38

Our OPSHOP is Open again.

Friday 10th PM:

Lyn, Carol & Val

Saturday 11th AM:

Bev, Karleen & Carleen

Saturday 11th PM:

Tricia, Geoff & Jane



Worship will continue
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Dear Friends,

We enter this week focusing on how we spend our **time** with God and each other. The main focus is the reason we do this, what is the drive behind continuing to live out our love of Jesus? We find this in our own identity and each others. We are children of God spending our time living out Kingdom life, both inherited and still to be completed.

There once was an excellent young violinist who loved his music and enjoyed playing before small groups of people in the homes of friends. He was deathly afraid of large crowds, so he avoided giving concerts. The thought of giving a public performance in a concert hall absolutely terrified him. He received criticism for his failure to comply with accepted protocols from the greater musical establishment. You see, excellent musicians were supposed to give public concerts in packed concert halls. In time, the criticism grew so intense that the young violinist relented; even though it scared him terribly, he agreed to give one major concert. When the night arrived the hall was packed and people were excited to hear this prodigy. So were the critics, who filled the first three rows, pad and pen ready, eager to rake him over the coals. The young violinist came onto the stage and sat alone on a stool. He put his violin under his chin and played for an hour and a half. No music in front of him, no orchestra behind him, no breaks-just an hour and a half of absolutely beautiful violin music.

After ten minutes or so, many critics put down their pads and listened, like the rest. They too were enraptured by the music of this young virtuoso. After the performance, the crowd rose to its feet and began applauding wildly and they wouldn't stop. But the young violinist didn't acknowledge the applause. He just peered out into the audience as if he were looking for something- or someone. Finally he found what he was looking for. Relief came over his face, and he began to acknowledge the cheers.

After the concert, the critics met the young violinist backstage. "It was just as everyone had anticipated," they said. "You were wonderful. But one question: Why did it take you so long to acknowledge the applause of the audience?"

The young violinist took a deep breath and answered, "You know I was really afraid of playing here. Yet this was something I knew I needed to do. Tonight, just before I came on stage, I received word that my master teacher was to be in the audience. Throughout the concert, I tried to look for him, but I could never find him. I was so eager to spot him that I couldn't hear the applause. I just had to know what he thought of my playing. That was all that mattered. Finally, I found him high in the balcony. He was standing and applauding, with a big smile on his face. After seeing him, I was finally able to relax. I said to myself, 'If the master is pleased with what I have done, then everything else is okay.'"

Matthew 25:21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

This passage is incredibly encouraging to us all. For you see, we are not asked to do anything that is impossible, but take delight in that which we do to honour our Lord Jesus. Spend time using what you have been given to glorify God.

Peace be with you

Rev Suzie Castle

Minister of the Word



Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Services

12 September: TIME/Joyful Living: The Giving Tree

Here are some of the tags for the giving tree. Remember to fill yours in too with a favourite ministry God has given you. You can drop them into the Harpers or hang onto them until we meet again.



19 September: TALENTS and Gift Giving: Café Church

26 September: TALENTS and 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 INLET followed by Lunch.
(Feed Me Torquay to cater)

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We can do it!

The Surf Coast Linked Congregations need approximately \$160,000 each year to keep up all our wonderful programs of service and witness and cover our minister's stipend. We can do this, but it depends on how badly we want it.

Our income is made up of a 70% share of the takings from the op shop, the profit on the rent from Oak Tree Place, fundraising and, when needed, draws on our investment. **But the bulk of the income comes from our giving – we estimate that our annual giving needs to be at least \$120,000.**

Please remember this when you think about pledging your giving to the church, because we all need to dig a bit deeper.

To make your pledge, complete the form that came in your kit and either post it to the Torquay Church post box, addressed The Treasurer, PO Box 536, TORQUAY, 3228 . (If posting is a problem you can also drop your pledge into the Harper's letterbox, 53 Cowrie Rd, Torquay., or you can scan it and email to robyn.harper@bigpond.com)

You may identify yourself or be anonymous **but you must record your congregation on the form.**

Please remember that giving by bank transfer is the preferred method – details on this news sheet. Remember the code for your congregation when you set up the bank transfer

If you have already increased your giving, please record the new amount on the pledge form and post it, with a note that this has already been put in place, so that the amount can be recorded for your congregation.

From the Forward in Faith team.



Happy Birthday to Robin Purdey.

DineOut is BACK! All are welcome to come for lunch at The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc on Monday 13th at 12 noon. We are restricted to only 10, so please call **Jean Elder** to let her know if you are attending. Mobile: 0409 969 392

As we look forward again to more freedoms in Regional Victoria as of Friday morning, let us still hold all those living under stricter and more painful situations in our prayers, wherever they are in this beautiful but struggling world. We pray for the people of Afghanistan and Myanmar.



CALLING ALL KNITTERS: In the last weeks of September our Stewardship services will focus on Talents. The knitting of the 20 x 20cm squares for rugs for Uniting are part of this ministry. Thank you to all those already knitting squares for us. We have a stash of wool for those who need more and will collect the completed squares when you call.

Lorraine at Beut Beanies has kindly offered to join these squares to make into rugs. Please phone Robyn on 0407 829 926 for collection or more wool. Many thanks

Come a join in a **Coffee at Bomboras** on the Esplanade in Torquay on Thursdays at 10:00am. It's a great opportunity to say Hi to the folks we haven't seen in some time.

Uniting are in need of 425gm tins of Tuna and small packages of Laundry soap powder (eg 500gm or less) . Please drop into the Harpers' as usual.



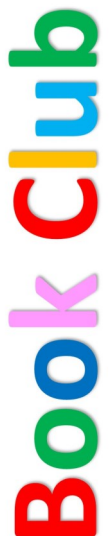
Join us for a **SPRING BOOK CLUB** Tuesday 14th Sept. at 2.30 to 4pm @ Oak Tree Place
Bring a favourite NON FICTION book. Share coffee & cake and then explore our books.
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Gold Coin donation

It's also the AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR celebration!



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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,

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

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