

# 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

## Lectionary Readings

Sept 26th 2021

Pent 8

Est 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22

Ps 124

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 9:38-50

**Our OPSHOP is closed  
this weekend**

The service this week is  
online at  
[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)  
Use your phone  
camera and the QR  
code above to get to



on-line services.  
And our Zoom service  
can be found  
[HERE](#)

## Uniting

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.

*Dear Friends,*

This Sunday you will find **worship both online as well as a Zoom service**. The two formats offer different ways to engage. The Online service will engage everyone, including children. The Zoom service will include an opportunity for our three congregations to share in breakout rooms with members from your own congregation.

Last Sunday was themed GIFT GIVING and let me thank you all for participating in the talents survey during Café Church. I hope it was helpful identifying the gifts you may have.

That said, we need to remember that what you came up with was your own self-perception and there may be some talents you haven't identified due to humility. Not many of us think too often about what we are good at and it can be daunting coming up with something we don't think about. More often, we get on with the tasks at hand and find this is how we practice our talents or even develop others we don't even consider.

For example, nobody is born with the gift of chairing a meeting or knitting squares for a blanket. Yet over time we learn through being taught or mentored.

So, this Sunday we are affirming the talents of our friends and receiving acknowledgement and affirmation for the gifts we may not see in ourselves. It's an important follow up and a great way to bring the two weeks focusing on talents to a close.

So have the graph page of your survey form with you for our GIFT LIVING Sunday.

Also here's an invitation to those knitting squares for the Uniting blanket(s) which will be knitted together for the October 31<sup>st</sup> combined service at Aireys Inlet. Please bring your knitting to the Zoom service! It will be great to see who has been creating different squares to make a complete blanket ( or two!).

I hope it was helpful identifying the things you are gifted for. If you found the survey useful here's a link to another based on the Enneagram, which is often used to help identify personality traits. As with any questionnaire, results may be subject to personal reflection. If you would like to discuss any of the findings, please give me a call.

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Peace be with you,

**Rev Suzie Castle**

Minister of the Word

*Music*  
Is the prayer the heart sings

## Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Service

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:  
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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### On behalf of Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine

We are very pleased to announce that we will conduct a new training program for volunteers in October over 4 Friday mornings.

Naturally numbers are limited so we are asking you to register by replying to Pauline Nunan [paulinenunan@gmail.com](mailto:paulinenunan@gmail.com) with your name, address, and phone number by the end of this week, Friday September 24.

Our volunteers assist both ill people and their carers by providing them with 'good neighbour' support. No medical background is needed.

To become a volunteer the training program is essential and all sessions must be attended. They will be conducted in the **Uniting Church Hall at Queenscliff**. Masks must be worn.

The dates are the first 4 Fridays in October -

**1 October - 10am to 12.30, 8 October - 9.30am to 12.30**

**15 October - 9.30am to 12.30, 22 October - 9.30am to 12.30**

The first session is an introduction that will allow you to decide if this is for you. All details of requirements will be provided then but, before volunteering, you will need to be fully vaccinated and obtain both a Working with Children's Check and a National Police Check. We look forward to hearing from you if you are interested to become a Compassionate Hearts volunteer.

Warm regards Pauline Nunan Chairperson

Happy Birthday to Ros Long and Heather Jackman  
and any others not mentioned here



**Remember to return your pledges** to Robyn Harper either by post to PO Box 536. Torquay : or by email : or drop it into the Harper's letter box. Every week more and more pledges are being returned to help us in our Stewardship for fulltime ministry in our Surf Coast .

**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, Bellbrae

### Week 3. **We can do it!**

We all know and love the Bellbrae Bric a Brac and Bookroom (or the Op Shop for short) but how many of us realise what a wonderful contributor this project is to our church finances.

In 2019 (or last "normal" year) the op shop forwarded \$17,196 to the Linked Congregations Council, which was 60% of its profits. The remainder, they distributed to worthy local causes and charities.

In response to our Forward In Faith's stewardship program, the Bellbrae congregation have generously offered to increase the contribution to 70% of the shop's profits and this has been gratefully accepted by the Linked Congregations Council.

So you can see that the Op Shop contribution makes up a very significant portion of our income and our financial viability depends on being able to maintain this into the future. It would be even better if we can increase the Op Shop earnings.

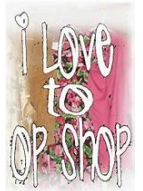
However, it takes a hard-working team of volunteers, who give selflessly of their time to keep the shop running. This includes sorting the donations, washing and ironing clothes, keeping the shops clean and tidy, taking away rubbish, collecting and banking the money, drawing up the roster of volunteers and filling the gaps when people can't do their turn.

We have been talking in past week's about contributing financially to keep our churches' work going, but we can also think about using our time and our talents. One way to increase the shop takings is to be open more hours, but this will only be possible with extra volunteers.

Of course, we don't just love the shop for the money it makes - it also plays a role in our care for God's creation. By recycling clothes and household items we are reducing the carbon emissions resulting from manufacturing and helping to keep goods and textile waste out of landfill. The shop is also a wonderful mission centre for our church community.

The op shop team would love to hear from any new volunteers. If you are already a volunteer, perhaps you could think of a friend who you could invite to join the team - it's a great way to involve people who are not currently church members. If working in the shop's not your thing, perhaps you could volunteer on sorting day.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24: 1.*



From the Forward in Faith team.

Our help is in the name  
of the LORD, the Maker  
of heaven and earth.  
**Psalm 124:8**



### **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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