

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.

Lectionary Readings

Oct 10th: Pent 20

Jb 23:1-9,16-17

Ps 22:1-15

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 10:17-31

Our OPSHOP is open

Friday 8th OCT:

Cheryl P, Valerie G,

Geoff G

Saturday 9th Oct:

AM: Bev H, Carleen T

PM: Robyn H, Fran G,

Tricia G



Our services are once again resuming in our Church buildings.

And can be found online at

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Use your phone camera and the QR code above to access online



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'. **Uniting**

Week 6 of our Stewardship program... Careful Living, our gardens

Aireys Inlet 9:30am; Bellbrae 11:00amWorship teams and quest speakers

Torquay 9:30am...Rev Suzie CastleHoly Communion

Dear Friends , Here is a Devotion from The Green Bible Devotional

Galatians 5:22-26

Imagine what the earth would be like if we all practised these fruits of the Spirit. Because we are created by God, because all of humanity was imbued with God's Spirit at creation, because we are all called to live as God's people in the world, we are to bear these fruits.

When we do, it becomes impossible to do damage to our brothers and sisters around the world. We cannot be people of peace while creating strife for others. We cannot be people of self-control when we are only thinking of our own interests. When we seek to be people who live out the fruit of the Spirit we simply cannot do anything but live as God intended.

PRAYER

Gracious God, tend to us so that we might produce your good fruit. Turn over the hardened soil of our hearts and bring back the rich ground in which your Spirit can thrive. Help us to live as your people always. Amen



Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Service

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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TORQUAY: At our church council meeting on Tuesday we were reflecting on the use of the **piano in the church**. It has not been used in a long while now we own the keyboard. We are considering selling it but before we do this would ask if anyone has an objection to this. The organ will remain as it used by one of our congregation who loves playing it.

The Torquay Church Choir are recommencing singing on Thursday evenings at 5pm in preparation for Christmas services. Everyone who loves to sing is welcome.

AIREYS INLET Church council meeting will be held on **Friday 15th October at St Aidan's Church**

We can do it!

Congratulations everyone. We have a good number of giving pledges in and, so far, have \$61,944 promised to keep up our ministry on the Surf Coast. This is over half way towards reaching our target of \$120,000. That's good, but we still have a long way to go. If you haven't already made your pledge, you have until the end of the month to get it in, but the earlier the better. For your guidance, we need our overall giving to average \$30.00 per person a week.

We have the figures to date for each congregation and this will be shared at your services on Sunday.

Our thoughts are also turning to the people who like our church to be there for them at Easter and Christmas or when there's a christening, wedding or funeral in the family. We believe many of these people would like to be given the opportunity to contribute financially towards keeping us going. Please discuss in your congregations how you think this could be approached in your community.

From the Forward in Faith team.

Happy Birthday to Ro Thompson and June Angus this week. If you would like your birthday acknowledged in the newsletter, please send your details to the Newsletter email.. See below.

Happy birthday to all who have had one this
YEAR!



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To celebrate the season and enjoy selling some art, food and craft, we plan to have a Christmas Themed Trading Table & ART Show on Saturday XX November in the church garden and OAK Tree Place. Your help with food and craft to sell would be great.

Call or email Tricia Genat to chat or query. M: 0419 340056
E: patriciamgenat@gmail.com.

**Could it possibly be nearly
Christmas Again?
How Wonderful...**

The Surf Coast Uniting Churches (Coffee and Kids) will be holding a BBQ at Bunnings Torquay,

on Saturday October 23rd. We urgently require volunteers to run the BBQ, from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm, and from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm (3 hour shifts). Everything will be supplied, just bring yourselves! Please advise John Peck, by Sunday October 10th, if you are able to help!

As a result of our previous Bunnings BBQ having to be cancelled (COVID-19), Bunnings generously donated gift vouchers for \$350.00 to Coffee and Kids. These have subsequently been purchased, and money donated!

Regards John Peck

A Reminder to all Surf Coast UC folk to send their Tag with thoughts to Robyn Harper, then Suzie will create a cloud tree with them all.. You can just send the words to Robyn by email, or give her a call.

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

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



No matter whether you have or earn a little or a lot, your financial actions make a difference.

The ARRCC Divestment Group thank you for your interest, after the SCUC Worship Services 03 and 10 October, in our series **Aligning your finances with your faith to protect the planet**.

Jamie Thom (UCA, SCUC & Brunswick) and Sue Ennis (Quaker, MEL) (*) are running another introductory 90 minute session on **BANKING**. On **Mon 11 Oct** and repeating it on **Thu 14 Oct** (session times below).

Here is the Trybooking registration link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPHPL>

There is also a Facebook post at <https://fb.me/e/4rlkKhOcl>.

A participant who recently attended the session on **Banking** said:

"I was not aware which banks were funding fossil fuel companies."

Participants will be from across Australia. Session times are:

Mon 11 Oct Melbourne/Sydney time 12 noon and

Thu 14 Oct Melbourne/Sydney time 7.30pm

(*) Members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change Divestment Group <https://www.arrcc.org.au/>

"I can thoroughly recommend these practical sessions". Linda Wannan (UCA SCUC & Brunswick)



Let Christmas wishes support those in need.



1 Bauble

Sentiment: Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year



2 Nativity

Sentiment: May peace, joy and happiness be yours at Christmas
"The kings were overwhelmed with joy" Matthew 2:10



3 Joy

Sentiment: May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year

Your purchase helps people in crisis this Christmas.

Call us
1800 668 426

Visit
unitingvictas.org.au



4 Tree

Sentiment: Wishing you every happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year



5 Kookaburra

Sentiment: May you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year



6 Mixed pack (Peace and Dove)

5 cards of each design
Peace sentiment: May the spirit of peace and goodwill be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming year
Dove sentiment: Wishing you peace, joy and hope this Christmas and throughout the New Year

Christmas cards can also be ordered online at unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



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Anyone wishing to order Uniting Christmas cards can contact Robyn Harper who will send in a bulk order.

Pray for Australian Roman Catholic Church Plenary Council 3rd—10th October



2021: UCA President Rev Sharon Hollis has shared a letter requesting congregations to join in prayer for God's Wisdom and openness to be with all the Roman Catholic bishops and lay leaders. Congregations and presbytery could gift as symbol of prayerful solidarity by sending a candle, card, video prayer to your local Roman Catholic congregations or Dioceses.

Let us pray: Creator God, in your great love you have given us the gift of your Spirit. As the Roman Catholic Church in Australia enters this time of discernment, we pray that your Spirit would guide and encourage those involved in the Plenary Council. May we all stand together as we seek to be your people on the way of Jesus. We pray this through Christ Our Redeemer. **Amen.** [Rev. John Hughes]