

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

Oct 24th: Pentecost 22

JOB 42:1-6,10-17

PSALM 34:1-8,19-22

HEBREWS 7:23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Our OPSHOP is open

Friday 22nd OCT:

Carol, Joan & Lyn

Saturday 23rd Oct:

AM: Maxine, Doreen, Carleen

PM: Cheryl M, Fran, Robert

Our services are back in
our Church buildings.

And can be found online
at

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Use your phone
camera and the QR
code below to access
our service online.



The lovely
UNITING
Christmas

Cards are available to
order NOW

And Uniting still need
425gm tins of Tuna and
small packages of Laundry
soap powder & toiletries.

See Robyn Harper for
Cards or to deliver goods.

THANK
YOU



Week 8 of our Stewardship program: TREASURE: Generous Living

Aireys Inlet 9:30am & Bellbrae 11:00am with Rev Linley Liersch

Torquay 9:30am with Rev Suzie Castle

From the Ministers Desk...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we come to the end of our stewardship program. It's been a wonderful experience of moving together with faith and hope. We are stronger for the experience, and the commitment and involvement from members has been rewarding. Reminds me of Romans 12:13: *Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.* We have seen this through morning tea delivery to the front line workers at the Spring Creek Reserve pop up testing centre and Torquay Community Health Centre. Elouera has received 4 prayer shawls from Aireys Inlet for residents still locked down. They were delivered in the hope this act of love would bring comfort to anyone feeling distress or needing encouragement. The joy from Bellbrae has been built upon over and again through their love for each other and invitation for others to join in the op shop and book room team. They are very special people always chipping away at environmental issues by recycling, giving stock to Uniting and blanket donations to an animal welfare group.

As individuals we contribute by committing to and being involved in the mission of our congregations. We take upon ourselves the desire to understand what Jesus is doing through us. Once each of us has a good grasp on this, we cannot help but want to be part of the Spirit's movement. We are so blessed to be loved by our Lord and blessed to have each other in this mission to share Christ's life, death and resurrection with others.

This Sunday we come back together with some easing of restrictions. We have COVID Marshalls for each congregation and have almost completed the vaccination register as per Presbytery instructions. The congregations have number limitations and this will be adhered to. Some may be nervous about returning to the worship space and I encourage us all to maintain our mask wearing and distancing measures. The only way I know to allay your fears is to assure you we do comply with government requirements and we do it to keep you safe.

Just to let you know I will be on holiday 1st to 14th of November. Now restrictions have eased, I am taking my parents away for a change of scenery.

Peace Be with You.
Rev Suzie Castle.
Minister of the Word

Surfcoast UC Stewardship Calendar of Services

24 October: **TREASURE: Generous Living**

31 October: **Celebration** :11am COMBINED WORSHIP @ AIREYS & Zoom for Torquay. Lunch at both Torquay & Aireys locations.

We Can Do It!

One week to go! If you haven't sent your pledge for your giving for the work of the church, now's the time. Our Deadline is next Sunday the 31st of October. Following this, we will be preparing our budget to determine whether we can afford to keep a full-time minister. That's how important it is!

Key facts are:

- Our giving needs to average \$30 per person a week.
- The preferred method of giving is by regular direct debit to the church's account. (Details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- You must reference your congregation with your pledge and use the notation for your congregation when setting up the bank transfer.
- If you've mislaid your pledge form or didn't receive one, see your congregation treasurer.
- Post your pledge to The Treasurer, PO Box 536 TORQUAY OR leave in the Harpers' letter box at 53 Cowrie Road,

Looking forward to seeing you all for our celebration on Sunday the 31st.

From the FIF team

For Sale: the Piano from Torquay Uniting is no longer needed. It is an ALEX STEINBACH with 3 pedals and in very good order. \$1500. Contact Alan Harper to click and collect. 0417 563 260

Thank you to all the knitters, sewers and crocheters for these completed rugs to be donated to UNITING after our service on the 31st Oct. Three rugs are now complete and 2 more will be made with additional squares. Great Job!



A BIG Thank you from Sylvia Peck to those at Torquay who contributed to the care baskets delivered to the staff at the testing stations in Spring Creek & Torquay. They were all delighted and pleased.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

Christmas Themed Trading Table & Art Show

Torquay UC Lawns and Oak Tree Place on Saturday 6th November

TRADING TABLE: 10am to 12.30pm

ART SHOW: 10am to 4pm

(assuming all Covid restrictions allow)

Tables include craft, home baked and home made goods and garden produce .
(Please Deliver to TUC Friday 5th @ 2pm)



We need a few more volunteers to be on duty at the Art Show and the Trading Tables (Craft & Food) as well as cooking and crafting. Many thanks in advance.



Contact: Tricia for Trading Goods (0419340056)
& Robyn for the Art Show (0407829926)

Remembering:

Australia is not a country defined by fear and greed. Love is stronger than fear. Kindness is stronger than greed.

This declaration stands beside the SIEV X Memorial in Weston Park in Canberra. The Memorial is a line of 300 decorated poles curving across 400 metres of lakeside down to Lake Burley Griffin. Each pole commemorates a child or an adult who drowned in the sinking of the SIEV X on October 19, 2001. Over 350 asylum seekers died in that disaster. Mainly women or children, desperate to be reunited with husbands & fathers living in Australia but with no rights to family reunion. The Memorial was created by more than 1,000 artists from across Australia. Most of them were young school students but churches, community groups and individuals are also represented including Surf Coast Rural Australians for Refugees and Surf Coast Uniting Church.

The full story can be found on www.sievxmemorial.com

From the Mailbox:

Dear Newsletter staff, I had the privilege of 'thinking outside the box' recently when preparing goodies for the Forward in Faith Giving plate. I used a couple of the 'free range' eggs given to us by previous giving plate holders, to make bird seed ornaments. The recipients, such as this beautiful King Parrot, were reported to enjoy their tasty treats! Blessings, Christa Carey



Feeling Peckish? The Torquay *Coffee & Kids* group is running the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle from 10 to 4 this Saturday. COME ON IN, buy a sausage and say hello.

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