

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.

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 all our
services online—including the
combined service held last week.



Rev Suzie Castle is away on 2 weeks leave until Monday 22nd November.

Please contact your Church Council leaders for any specific queries.

Airey's Inlet: Keith Bremner 0427 701 275

Bellbrae: Maxine Flakemore 0422 632 809

Torquay: Jane Skelton 0400 190 580

Worship Services: Sunday 14th November

Airey's Inlet @ 9.30 am & Bellbrae @11am with Brian Shaw

Torquay: 9.30am with Rev Kenneth Ralph

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



The lovely UNITING
Christmas Cards are
available to order
NOW

And Uniting still need groceries
especially in small packets and also
toiletries and personal items. Please
See Robyn Harper for Cards and /or
to deliver goods.

THANK YOU

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Preaching Plan notes for our Surfcoast Churches:

Thank you to Rev Kenneth Ralph, Chris Macher and Brian Shaw who will lead our services during Rev Suzie's holiday break.

Sunday 14th November is the last of the Pentecost Series in our Lectionary.

Sunday 21st November is a Café Church

Sunday 28th November starts our Advent Series.

Sunday 19th December will be an evening service at Torquay with a shared meal afterwards.

Friday 24th December will be a Christmas Eve Service at 11pm @ Bellbrae.

We welcome everyone to share in these joyful services.

Thank you to all the bakers, sewers, crafters, knitters, table helpers, garden propagators, letter box droppers general hands and wonderful artists. Our Trading Table & Art Show was a great success with several hundred people from the wider community coming through Oak Tree Place purchasing and chatting. We banked over \$1800 for the common purse.

Congratulations to Michael & friends from Bellbrae for their strong statement supporting all actions to reduce our local climate impact during the week of COP26.



EXTRA Learning to Log into...



1. Nurture & Spiritual Guidance of Children on Nov 24th at 5pm. Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent. Parkville.
2. The Basis of Union at 50: It's Present and Future. November 27th at 10am. Hosted by Pilgrim Theological College and chaired by Rev Sharon Hollis

For all these and more courses to build our understanding, check the new website at www.victas.uca.org.au

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

NOTICEBOARD & DIARY DATES:

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 (ONO). Contact Alan Harper to bargain, click and collect. 0417 563 260

Vaccination Certificates: On Tuesday 16th at 10am, Tricia will be in Oak Tree Place foyer with a laminating machine warmed up. If you would like an additional copy of your certificate or one in purse/wallet size. Drop in. Free to all AND privacy guaranteed.

Thursday Coffee: is still happening at each week—from 10am in Oak Tree Place foyer. Rev Suzie joins us when she can.

Maintenance work is happening in all our buildings during the warmer months, gutters cleaned, walls washed and painted, door handles replaced, safety measure checked. Thank you to all workers & planners

WANTED: a Christmas Tree and decorations for Oak Tree Place. Is there an extra languishing in your shed? Please call Tricia to arrange pick up. (0419 340056)

Vale. We were sad to farewell Alex Duncan this week. He passed away peacefully at St John of God Hospital in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Our thoughts, hugs and prayers are with Cheryl, daughter Fiona, son Alexander and all their families. Fiona arrived from Norway earlier this week in time to see her Dad.



Luke 17:20

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

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