

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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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).*

Our services are back in our Church buildings.

And can be found online at  
[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://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 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 21st November: Christ the King

Airey's Inlet @ 9.30 am

Bellbrae @11am

Torquay: Café style Church at 9.30am

**Lectionary Readings**  
**21st Nov : Christ the King**

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Psalms 132: 1-12 (13-18)

Rev 1: 4b—8

John 18: 33-37

**Our OPSHOP is open**

**Friday 19th Nov:**

PM: Noelene, Joan, Lyn

**Saturday 20th Nov:**

AM: Helen, Doreen, Carleen

PM: Ro, Marg D, Rev Suzie

## A Meditation for Windy Weather

### Presence

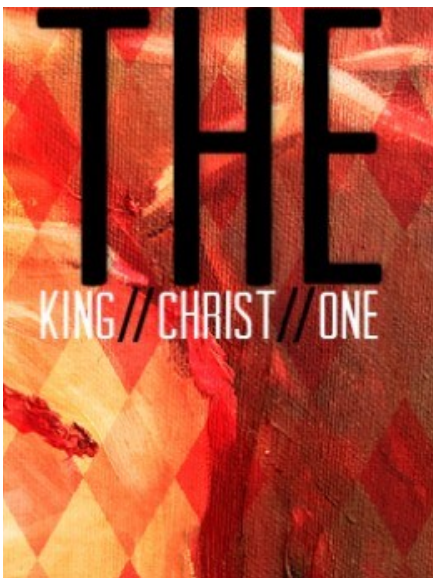
Lord, you are always there  
waiting for me.  
May I never be too busy to  
find time to spend in your presence.

### Freedom

I need to close out the noise, to rise above the noise;  
The noise that interrupts, that separates,  
The noise that isolates.  
I need to listen to God again.

### Consciousness

Help me Lord to be more conscious of your presence.  
Teach me to recognise your presence in others.  
Fill my heart with gratitude for the times Your love has been  
shown to me through the care of others.



### Preaching Plan notes for our Surfcoast Churches:

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

**Sunday 21st November** is Christ the King and 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.

**Uniting** are now collecting food donations for their give away Christmas Hampers.

Clients are offered a hamper if they present for Emergency relief. This helps them during the busy and more costly time of Christmas. Those with children are also offered Christmas gifts.

We can help by donating suitable food options, which the clients are able select for themselves. Toys or monetary donations are also accepted at the Uniting office in Grovedale at the Albert Renshaw building at the rear of the church property.

The following food donations are helpful: Christmas treats including lollies, chocolates, savoury biscuits, jellies, custards, spreads, puddings etc. Plus staple foods: Pasta sauce in a jar, 425g tuna, tinned fruit and long-life milk, plus the usual staples (tea, coffee, sugar etc).



**You are invited to the Aireys Inlet Community Carols**

**Sunday 5th December at 7.30pm**

**Aireys Inlet Community Hall**



Entry by donation. You are welcome to bring a present to place under the empty tree for families in need.

Do support this wonderful initiative.

### Grant Opportunities for all our Churches

The Forward in Faith team identified our ability to apply for grants for special needs and church projects, as one way of supporting our finances.

To assist this process, we have carefully prepared a document that summarises the opportunities available to us in the community and through the Presbytery and Synod. This has been forwarded to each Church Council secretary.

We encourage each of you to familiarise yourselves with it, and keep this source of finance in mind when planning your church activities.

The document will need to be revised regularly, so if you are aware of any new opportunities not listed, please let the Linked Council Secretary know of them.

*From the Forward in Faith team.*

**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

**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. **NOTE: on Monday 22nd** at Torquay, scaffolding and roofers will be in attendance. Please park and walk around the buildings carefully.

Queenscliff Uniting Church is pleased to invite you to an Open Garden Day  
**Saturday 4 December**  
**10am - 5pm.**

FIVE very different Gardens in Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff will open to the public, sharing their beauty and bounty with great hospitality.

There will also be Plant & Produce stalls, Devonshire Teas, Wine & Nibbles, Bird Watching, Raffles, and more!

Cost: \$8 per garden, \$30 for all five gardens.



Tickets available now <https://www.trybooking.com/BTPCQ>

Tickets will also be available to purchase at the garden gates on the day.

Please note, to ensure the Open Garden hosts' privacy we are waiting until later this month to publicise the addresses and other specific information for the day. Ticket holders will receive this information directly via email. In addition, we will add the information to the ticket purchase page, and also on our website events page <https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/events/>

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

JOHN 18: 33-37

### **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