

# 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)

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QR code below to access all our  
services online



## Worship Services: Sunday 28th November: Advent 1

Airey's Inlet @ 9.30 am.  
Bellbrae @ 11am .  
Torquay: @ 9.30am



### CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

We begin the season of Advent and look forward once again to the coming of the Christ Child. It is also time to think about the annual Christmas Bowl appeal.

Most of you will know that the Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. More than 2000 churches from 19 denominations are involved around Australia in providing special financial support for those in need.

**Hope is the theme of the First Sunday in Advent.** In Indonesia, disasters are uprooting the livelihoods of families time and time again. With your gift to the Christmas Bowl, you'll help communities build resilient livelihoods – and reclaim their hope for the future.

Faizah and her family live in a remote village in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, which was hard hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in 2018. Since then, frequent flash floods, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic have continued to affect their crops, making it hard for Faizah to feed her four children. Thankfully, Act For Peace, in supporting a partner, Church World Service in Indonesia, is working with communities like Faizah's to help them adapt to their situation. Faizah, along with other women in her community, are learning to make organic fertiliser and pesticides to help them grow their own food. Now Faizah is turning her food scraps into fertiliser, so she can grow more vegetables to feed her family. And she is passing on her skills to other women in her village

Envelopes will be available and you are invited to make your gift at any time or to put it aside to make a special part of your offering on Christmas Day.

May we continue to generously support this appeal as we have done in the past.

### Lighting of the Advent Candle of

#### HOPE

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach  
me, for you are the God of my salva-  
tion; for you I wait all day long.  
(Psalm 25)

We light the first candle of Advent, the  
candle of hope. Jesus, light of our  
world, we hope for change in our own  
lives and in your world. We watch and  
work and wait together in hope. Amen

**First Sunday of Advent**



## Hope for families in Indonesia

Central Sulawesi was hard hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in 2018. Since then, farms which families rely on for food have been affected by floods, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic. Women are learning to make organic fertiliser and pesticides to help them grow their own food to feed their families. This Christmas Bowl, you are helping communities adapt to climate change and withstand financial hardship when disasters strike. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101

VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

### Preaching Plan notes for our Surfcoast Churches:

**Sunday 28th November** starts our Advent Series.

**Sunday 5th December** Carol service at Aireys.. See notice below

**Sunday 12th December:** Torquay Congregational Meeting.

**Sunday 19th December:** Usual services in all 3 churches

**Sunday 19th December** will be an evening Carol Service at Torquay @ 6pm followed by a shared meal.

**Friday 24th December** will be a Christmas Eve Service at 11pm @ 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 our buildings during the warmer months. **NOTE:** from Monday 22nd Nov at Torquay, scaffolding and roofers will be in attendance. Please park and walk around the buildings carefully.

## Uniting

UNITING BARWON  
EMERGENCY RELIEF

CHRISTMAS  
HAMPERS



The staff, volunteers and clients of Uniting Barwon are most appreciative of the ongoing support of local Churches and community groups for continuing to donate food and material aid during these challenging times.

The team of volunteers at both our Grovedale and Norlane offices have managed to navigate the complex working conditions due to Covid-19 which has meant that we have been available to help people facing crisis and disadvantage even throughout lockdowns.

We are now organising the *Christmas Hamper Program* as well as working with the Geelong Advertiser and the Adopt a Family program to assist families with gifts and food for Christmas.

### CAN YOU HELP WITH DONATIONS?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staple foods such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ pasta sauce</li><li>○ tinned fruit/vegetables</li><li>○ tuna</li><li>○ long life milk</li><li>○ cereals</li><li>○ coffee/tea</li></ul></li><li>• Grocery gift cards for purchase of food which is in short stock</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas treats such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ custard</li><li>○ tinned ham</li><li>○ sweets &amp; chocolates</li><li>○ juices and drinks</li><li>○ spreads &amp; jams</li></ul></li></ul> |
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Donations can be delivered to our Grovedale office at **272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale** by Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>



Thank you times a million for your help and support to families doing it tough this Christmas. We couldn't do what we do without you!



**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.

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.

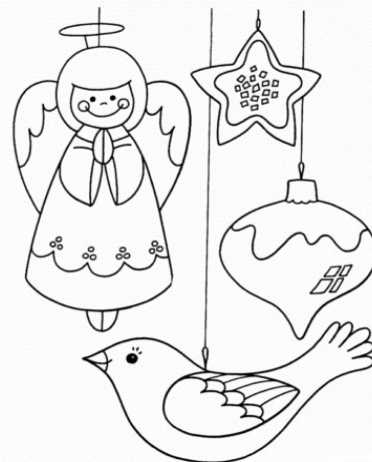


Tickets available now <https://www.trybooking.com/BTPCQ>

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/>

Over the next few weeks we will include CHRISTMAS decorations that you can print, colour and add to the Christmas Trees in your churches. Add a greeting from your family.



**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

# TORQUAY UNITING CHURCH

## ELECTION OF LEADERS & CONGREGATION SECRETARY

Nominations can be made from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November and should be placed in the box in the foyer of the church until the commencement of morning worship on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Nominees will be announced at the service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December and voting will occur at the meeting immediately after worship on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else as we need more Leaders.

The congregation has previously approved that there are up to 16 Leaders. The Council also includes our Minister, Rev Suzie Castle.

These four Leaders have been elected to the end of the years shown:

Heather Dennis	2022
Margaret Hirth	2022
Jane Skelton	2022
Tricia Genat	2023

**These five Leaders will reach the end of their period of service, or co-option and may be available for re-election.**

Rosemary Thompson	2021
Robert Packett	2021
Robyn Harper	2021
John Peck	2021
Sam Nolan	2021

The regulations of the Uniting Church require that:  
all those who are nominated  
all those who nominate  
all those who vote in the election  
must be Confirmed members of the Torquay Uniting Church.

Tricia Genat,  
Congregation Chair

## TORQUAY UNITING CHURCH **NOMINATION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL**

We hereby nominate .....  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

for the position of Church Leader.

Nominated by .....  
(PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE)

Seconded by .....  
(PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE)

I accept nomination .....to serve for a period of  
(SIGNATURE)

..... years (indicate from one to five years)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 9:30am ON SUNDAY 12 December 2021**