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Services can be found online at above website.

This week Worship service times are:

Airey's Inlet at 9.30am Bellbrae at 11.00am and Torquay at 9.30am



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.

WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED by Howard Thurman, 1985



When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and the princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among people,

To make music in the heart.

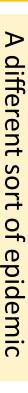
Let the work of Christmas begin! Let's begin it together!



Howard Thurman was an American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements of the twentieth century

Welcome to the new year. We give thanks for the blessings received in 2021, for Rev Suzie and her leadership, for the cheerful congregation members who volunteer for all the tasks needed for a healthy church, who care for the Opshop and book-room, each other and our wider community.







Summer is worshipping together at the

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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In a world that often feels divided, you've Christmas Bowl come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love and light – to people in urgent need around the world. By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl *

Thank You 1. We have raised a total of \$1332 so far for our Act for Peace Christmas Bowl appeal. It's not too late to add your donation. 2. And thank you from UNITING for your many Christmas Card purchases which supports their valuable work.

Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu,

When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

> I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile, then I realised its worth.

A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Lectionary Readings

January 9: EPIPHANY January 2: CHRISTMAS 2

Isaiah 60:1-6 Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 72:1-12 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Ephesians 1:3-14





Our Bellbrae Opshop and Book Shop opens again.



Friday 7th January from 1pm to 4pm Saturday 8th January from 10am to 4pm





Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time to be on the roster. We would



like to open for the public holiday on Wednesday 26th January and need a few more helpers. Please email Helen



(helen.c.g@bigpond.com) to add your name to the list. Full training provided!





To do notes:

Drop in at Torquay Bunnings—or send your neighbours there on Saturday 15th January, to buy a sausage for fundraising for our community activities.

Swing by the Opshop & Book-Room at Bellbrae on Friday or Saturday 7th and 8th January to say hello and pick up a bargain.

Let your church leader know you are happy to be added to the rosters for our Sunday Services.

Let Rev. Suzie know any prayer points that are needed for friends, family, neighbours or yourself.

Enjoy the PODCAST from Rev Sharon Hollis as she starts to explore life and faith with the interesting & inspiring people she meets on her travels.

Click the link below to listen to the Episodes or go to https:// anchor.fm/dwelling/

Book your Booster shot for the COVID vaccine. Check with your doctor or Barwon Health.



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 Friday & Saturday