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Our churches are closed this week to stay safe during this Covid outbreak

Past services can be found online at this website: www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

You are encouraged to enjoy a Uniting Church service on 9th January at either

St Davids: <https://vimeo.com/event/543893> (from 10am on Sunday)

St Michaels: YouTube site : <https://youtu.be/1hLPagmDbG0> .



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.



Finding some inspiration for the new year...

It's a new dawn, It's a new day, It's a new life for me. And I'm feeling good...

Nina Simone. Feeling Good. 1965

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves. William Shakespeare. Julius Caesar. 1623

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. Martin Luther King. 1929-1968

There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth, not going all the way and not starting.

Gautama Buddha. 940BC

*Listen, I wish I could tell you it gets better. But, it doesn't get better, **You** get better.*

Joan Rivers. 1923-2014

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Summer is worshipping together at the Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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Our churches are closed for the next two weeks but we can still worship and take care of each other.

Details of local Uniting worship services on our front page.



Summer Book Club: Tentative Date is Tuesday 1st February 2.30pm at Oak Tree Place. Topic is 'Africa'. Books about Africa, or written by African authors. Gold coin entry. All welcome. Coffee & cake too.

Lectionary Readings

January 9: EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-12
Ephesians 3: 1-12

January 16: EPIPHANY 2

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11



Our Bellbrae Opshop and Book Shop is closed for two weeks. We hope to open again on Friday 21st January.



Thank you to all our volunteers, we hope you stay safe and well for the re-opening.



Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,
You are a light that shines in the darkest times,
Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

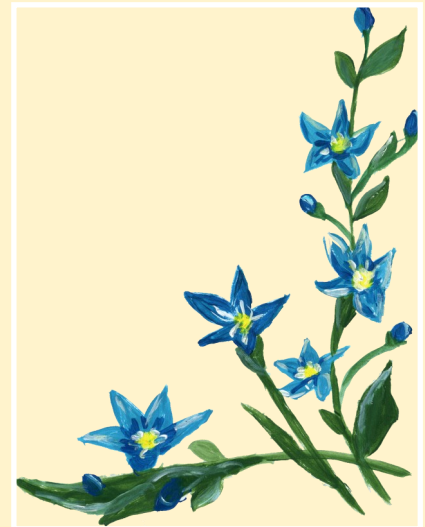
You comfort us in times of fear,
May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,
May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,
May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life, We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,
May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.
Amen.

Linda Jones, from Prayers for COP26



Our Torquay Singers and Organist played and sang beautifully before the service on Christmas Day



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

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