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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](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

You are encouraged to enjoy a Uniting Church service on 16th 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 and 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).*

## Presence

Jesus waits silent and unseen to come into my heart.

I will respond to His call.

He comes with His infinite power and love

May I be filled with joy in His presence.

## Freedom

God is not foreign to my freedom.

Instead the Spirit breathes life into my most intimate desires,  
gently nudging me towards all that is good.

I ask for the grace to let myself be enfolded by the Spirit.

## Consciousness

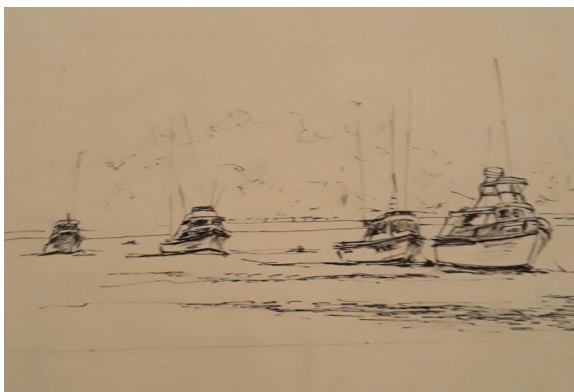
Life is busy Lord

Often my best intentions are left undone.

But I know that you are with me in all I say and do,

And in everyone I meet with daily.

FROM Sacred Space 2022 & boat illustration by Maxine Flakemore



"He found Philip and said to him,  
'Follow me.'"

John 1:43-51 (NRSV)



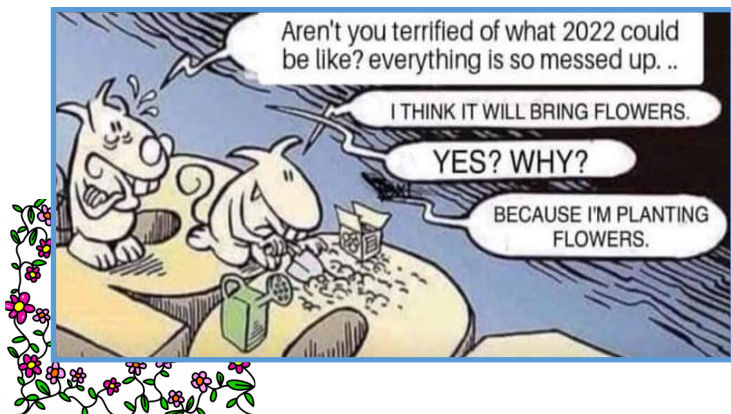


## Summer is worshipping together at the Surfcoast Uniting Churches

[www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au)

**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.



### LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

- # News from Rev Suzie: Her Covid tests are all clear but she is still struggling with a lung infection and caring for her Dad who is also quite sick. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- # Alan and Geoff have started to work on the interior of the Torquay building prepping for painting. Scaffolding is up inside so take care if entering the church.
- # Some tenants have begun to use Oak Tree Place for 2022 activities within the current restrictions. We have a few spaces in the calendar so spread the word about this lovely space for rent. Email: [oaktreplacerentals@gmail.com](mailto:oaktreplacerentals@gmail.com)
- # Torquay Dine Out starts again on Monday 14th Feb. More details to come.
- # FLIP for a GOOD cause. Plan ahead to support and enjoy **Pancake Day at Airey's Inlet** on Tuesday 1st March.
- # Have a day out at the Torquay Motor Show on Sunday 13th February



## 1 Corinthians 12: 1-12

### Concerning Spiritual Gifts

**12** Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, <sup>11</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>12</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### Lectionary Readings

#### January 16: EPIPHANY 2

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
Psalm 36: 5-10  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 1 (1-9), 10-18

#### January 23: EPIPHANY 3

Neb 8: 1-3, 5,6,8,10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a  
Luke 4: 14-21



**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, stay safe and well for the re-opening.**



**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.



**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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