

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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YOUR ZOOM Invite for Sunday 23rd at 9.30am: <https://zoom.us/j/97218707784?pwd=MURKM3IGR3FRVmhBbGYrTml5WlU2Zz09>

(Meeting ID: 972 1870 7784 and Passcode: 896658)



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.

The Rose That Grew From Concrete

Did you hear about the rose that grew
from a crack in the concrete?
Proving nature's law is wrong it
learned to walk without having feet.
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,
it learned to breathe fresh air.
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
when no one else ever cared.

Tupac Shakur



Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;



Check out the ARRCC website for considered responses to our climate change issues in Australia. Subscribe to the newsletter to keep in touch and read about ideas for engaging our politicians as elections arise. www.ARRCC.org.au





Summer is worshipping together at the Surfcoast Uniting Churches

www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au

Aireys Inlet : closed this week

Bellbrae: closed this week

Torquay at 9.30am (In Oak Tree Place)

The Torquay Service is to feature our Frontier Services and the work they do.

There will be a special retiring collection for their work on Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

The carpets have been cleaned at Oak Tree Place ready for the year of activities. We have a few spaces in the calendar so spread the word about this lovely space for rent. Email: oaktree-placerentals@gmail.com

Torquay Dine Out starts again on Monday 14th Feb. More details to come.

Have a day out at the Torquay Motor Show on Sunday 13th February

FLIP for a GOOD cause. Plan ahead to support and enjoy **Pancake Day at Airey's Inlet** on Tuesday 1st March.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER is at St Luke's Anglican Church this year. Friday 4th March at 1.00pm.

The theme is God's promise to his people in exile in Babylon, found in the book of Jeremiah 29:11.

'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the LORD

'Plans to prosper you and not harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future.'

Artist: Angie Fox using metal-work, embroidery & applique.



#**Summer Book Club:** NEW DATE: February 15th 2.30pm at Oak Tree Place. Topic is 'Africa'. Books about Africa, and/or written by African authors. Gold coin entry. All welcome. Coffee & cake too.

Lectionary Readings

January 23: EPIPHANY 3

January 30: EPIPHANY 4

Neb 8: 1-3, 5,6,8,10

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 19

Psalm 7:1-6

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4: 14-21

Luke 4: 21-30



Our Bellbrae Opshop & Book Shop is closed. We reopen Friday 4th Feb.



PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of
my heart be pleasing in your sight

LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer

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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