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(NOTE: Rev. Suzie is on Long Service Leave from 28th Feb to 8th May 2022)

Aireys Inlet 9.30am, Bellbrae 11am, Torquay 9.30am.

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



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.

6 Ways to live Mindfully this Year of 2022

1. **Renew Your Mind:** carve out a time and space to get back to reading the Bible and engage with the words and concepts.
2. **Find Community:** we cannot change the world on our own, we need God and we need each other in community. Find some like minded people who share your concerns and support each other.
3. **Work out where your treasure is:** do you have any “skin in the game” ? (Matthew 6:21). Prioritise how you spend your money and your time. Every investment becomes worthwhile then.
4. **Make space for others:** hospitality is at the heart of God’s character and is a core discipleship practice. Make room for friends, as well as those on the fringe.
5. **Connect with + care for Creation:** find a green space to reflect on creation and nature and consider carefully your footprint on this beautiful earth.
6. **Find your still place:** could we allow ourselves the freedom to disconnect from our phones and internet and ‘be still’? Stop, listen, pray, meditate, be attentive to God’s voice as we plunge into this new year.

Written by Greg Hewson, a TEAR staff member & volunteer with the CFA

Based on Romans 12: ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

www.tearfund.org.au/stories/6-ideas-to-live-more-meaningfully-this-year





Summer is worshipping together at the Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

Torquay Dine Out on Monday 14th Feb. Now at the Torquay Pub at Noon. Please call or text Jean Elder by Saturday to enjoy a seat at the table. 0409 969 392



Summer Book Club: Third Time lucky for our bookclub date—**NOW Wed 16th Feb** 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.

For our golfers and a lovely day of local sport get along to the Vic Open at 13th Beach. Free entry **Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 Feb.**

TAMIL WELCOME FEASTS QUEENSCLIFF—SATURDAY 19 February Uniting Church Hall, Queenscliff.

\$40/person. Bookings Essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXEWU> 'QRcode' registration and proof of Covid-19 Double Vaccination is required at the hall entry. Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tamil Welcome Feasts Queenscliff is organised & presented by Tamil refugees with support from Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees & Uniting Queenscliff
Further enquiries to Sue: 0418 340 155

FLIP for a GOOD cause. Plan ahead to support and enjoy **Pancake Day at Airey's Inlet** on **Tuesday 1st March**. Transport is available if needed. Call Mary Bremner to volunteer



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 Jeremiah 29:11.

ADVANCE Note: Sat 2nd April. Coffee&Kids Bunnings BBQ..

Lectionary Readings

February 13: EPIPHANY 6

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 7:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4: 21-30

February 20: Epiphany 7

Genesis 45: 3-11
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15: 33-38, 42-50
Luke 6: 27-36

Our Bellbrae Opshop & Book Shop is OPEN

FRIDAY 11th: Mary & Keith B, Carol M

SAT 12th AM : Cheryl, Tricia Carleen

PM: Fran, Ro. TBA

The Opshop needs additions to the weekly roster. Full training. 3 hour shifts. Great pay! Please email Helen on helen.c.g@bigpond.com

Thank you everyone, we have possible new homes for our Torquay piano and organ.



NOTICE: Congregation Annual General Meetings

Bellbrae: Sunday 20th February 2022: email Maxine with apologies or notices.

Torquay: Sunday 20th March 2022. More details to come.

Everyone is invited to a celebration on Sunday 27th February at the Torquay Church at 9.30am.

We will be recognising **50 years of service as a Deacon** from our wonderful Marg Manley, and celebrating in a fresh and newly painted church space.

A special morning tea will follow the service.



Uniting needs to fill up their food shelves for our local neighbours doing it tough. Please drop off long

life products in small packages to the church foyer or to Harpers front door. Thank you!!

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

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com DEADLINE: Thursday at 4pm