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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](http://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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

## FOR REFLECTION:

### PRESENCE

“Be still and know that I am God”  
Lord, may your spirit guide me  
to seek Your Loving presence  
more and more. For it is there  
I find rest and refreshment from  
this busy world.

### FREEDOM

Lord, I pray for your gift of freedom.  
May your Holy Spirit  
guide those in power to work for  
equality for all your people.

### CONSCIOUSNESS

Conscious of your presence, Lord,  
I look over my recent past.  
Let me be honest with myself about how  
I've been  
And what I've done,  
Because I know you love truth in the heart  
And accept me just as I am.

## FOR PRAYER & ACTION:

### From FIF to GIFT...

Our 2021 Linked Council working party, *Forward in Faith*, is delighted that we have been able to secure our financial situation and continue to employ a full-time minister – for this year at least.

However, we all know that our congregations will not remain viable if we are not growing.

We now have a God-given opportunity to pause and reflect on what we want for the future of our three Surf Coast churches.

Therefore we are recommending to the Linked Congregations Council that a new sub-group be formed under the name *Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)*.

In the same way people came together for FIF, we propose that volunteers (no less than two, no more than three) from each congregation make up this new group, along with the Minister.

GIFT will need to meet to decide on its aims and a plan of action. The role of the group will be to resource and equip the three congregations and to support and learn from each other.

The main impetus for this program for change must come from within each congregation, and each will do it in their own way.

Please pray for discernment as to how God is leading your congregations and how you might be personally involved. Volunteers for GIFT should contact Suzie or their Linked Council representatives.

Rev Suzie Castle

Mary Bremner (Chairperson Forward in Faith)

NOTE: Covid restrictions are changing again as from 6pm on Friday evening 18th February.

What we do need still: Masks indoors (although this may change next week)

What we don't need: to QR in to the Church or Oak Tree Place, or show vaccination certificates.

And there are no longer limits on numbers in our premises.



**Summer is worshipping together at the Surfcoast Uniting Churches**

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**NOTICE: Congregation Annual General Meetings**

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

**Torquay:** Sunday 20th March 2022. after the morning service.

**LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:**

**Our Thursday Cuppa's are back.** It's very casual! There may be three or thirteen! Meet at Bombora's in Torquay about 10.30 for a coffee and chat.

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

\$40/person. Bookings Essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXEWU> 'Enquiries to Sue: 0418 340 155

**# FLIP for a GOOD cause.** Plan to enjoy **Pancake Day at Airey's Inlet Community Hall** on **Tuesday 1st March from 1pm to 4pm.** All proceeds to UNITING Barwon. Gluten Free Options available. Transport is available from Torquay if needed. Call Mary Bremner to volunteer

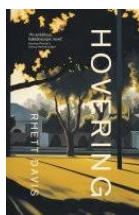


**# WORLD DAY of PRAYER** is at St Luke's Anglican Church this year. **Friday 4th March** at 1.00pm.

**# Torquay Dine Out** on **Monday 7th March** Back at the Beach Hotel at Jan Juc at Noon. Please call or text Jean Elder by Sat 5th to enjoy a seat at the table. 0409 969 392

**ADVANCE Notes:** Sat 2nd April. Coffee & Kids Bunnings BBQ.. & the Surfcoast ARTS Trail is back in AUGUST. More Details soon

The Torquay Book shop is launching a new book at Oak Tree Place which may interest some of our people. Local Geelong author Rhett Davis will be interviewed by sister Brooke Davis about his new book "HOVERING" published this month. Pop into the bookshop to secure your place at the launch on Wed 9th March at 6.30pm. Gold Coin



**Airey's Inlet** St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Airey's Inlet.  
**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

**Lectionary Readings**

**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

**Feb 27: Transfiguration of Jesus**

Exodus 34: 29-35  
 Psalm 99  
 2 Corinthians 3: 12, 4: 2  
 Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

**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 Rev. Marg Manley, and celebrating in a fresh and newly painted church space.

A special morning tea will follow the service. Please bring a small plate to share if you can.

For your interest, a page is attached to this email with notes regarding the privilege of being ordained a Deacon within the Uniting Church.

**Our Bellbrae Opshop & Book Shop is OPEN**

**FRIDAY 18th: Noelene, Lyn B, Joan Y**

**SAT 19th AM : Karleen B, Val L, Carleen T**

**PM: Jane S, Marg D, Halen G**

**The Opshop needs additions to the weekly roster. Full training. 3 hour shifts. Great pay! Please email Helen on [helen.c.g@bigpond.com](mailto:helen.c.g@bigpond.com)**

**You are very welcome to join the Geelong Progressive Christianity Discussion Group –Thursday 24th February 1.30 -3.30pm**

This discussion group meets at the Waurn Ponds Library Meeting Room Our topic will be: **Encountering God in Jesus of Nazareth** discussing the 2014 address of Dr Greg Jenks to the Snowstar Conference in Canada: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6pBrjk1PTQ>.

This address relates to Greg's book – *Jesus Then and Now: Looking for Jesus and finding ourselves* (Morning Star Publications, Melbourne 2014) Greg Jenks is an Australian religion scholar and a retired Anglican priest All welcome. (Please note; our zoom meeting option will not be available this month) Enquiries Heather Dennis: 0409176319

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!!



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 Aireys Inlet:3231AI, Bellbrae:3228BB or Torquay:3228TQ