

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

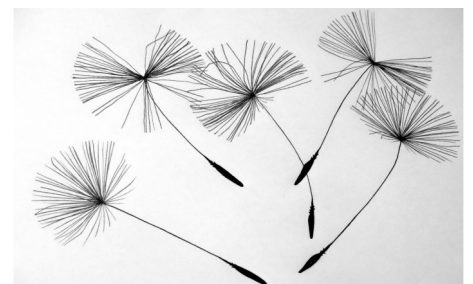


NOTE: Rev. Suzie Castle is on Long Service Leave from 28th Feb to 8th May 2022

For assistance, please contact your Congregation Council Chairs Jane Skelton:0400 190 580 Maxine Flakemore:0422 632 809 and Keith & Mary Bremner:0427 701 276 www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

"She Let Go" by Safire Rose (2003)

She let go.
She let go. Without a thought or a word, she let go.
She let go of the fear.
She let go of the judgments.
She let go of the confluence of opinions swarming around her head.
She let go of the committee of indecision within her.
She let go of all the 'right' reasons.
Wholly and completely, without hesitation or worry, she just let go.
She didn't ask anyone for advice.
She didn't read a book on how to let go.
She didn't search the scriptures.
She just let go.
She let go of all of the memories that held her back.
She let go of all of the anxiety that kept her from moving forward.
She let go of the planning and all of the calculations about how to do it just right.
She didn't promise to let go.
She didn't journal about it.
She didn't write the projected date in her Day-Timer.
She made no public announcement and put no ad in the paper.
She didn't check the weather report or read her daily horoscope.
She just let go.
She didn't analyse whether she should let go.
She didn't call her friends to discuss the matter.
She didn't do a five-step Spiritual Mind Treatment.
She didn't call the prayer line.
She didn't utter one word.
She just let go.
No one was around when it happened.
There was no applause or congratulations.
No one thanked her or praised her.
No one noticed a thing.
Like a leaf falling from a tree, she just let go.
There was no effort.
There was no struggle.
It wasn't good and it wasn't bad.
It was what it was, and it is just that.
In the space of letting go, she let it all be.
A small smile came over her face.
A light breeze blew through her.
And the sun and the moon shone forevermore...





NOTICE: Congregation Annual General Meetings

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.



Are you a WORDLER? If so you may like to join the Surfcoast UC Wordle What's App group. Send a text to Mary B to join 0427701275

FLIP for a GOOD cause. Plan to enjoy **Pancake Day at Airey's Inlet Community Hall** on **Tuesday 1st March** from 1pm to 4pm. (NOTE the new time) All proceeds to UNITING Barwon. Gluten Free Options available.



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

Sat 2nd April. Coffee & Kids Bunnings BBQ.

Surfcoast ARTS Trail is back on 6/7 AUGUST. Registrations open on 16th March. See Robyn Harper if you are interested.

Our Bellbrae Opshop & Book Shop is OPEN

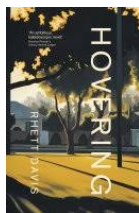
FRIDAY 25th: Robyn H, Sam N, Valerie G

SAT 26thth AM : Cheryl M, Maxine. Carleen

PM: Lyn B, Joan Y, Robert P

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

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



Lectionary Readings

Feb 27: Transfiguration of Jesus

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3: 12, 4: 2

Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

March 6th: Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

You are all invited:

1. To a celebration on Sunday 27th February at the Torquay Church at 9.30am.

We will recognise **50 years of service as a Deacon** from our 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.

2. To the Ash Wednesday Service at Bellbrae Church on Wednesday 2nd March at 10am.

Robert Packett will lead this service.

SPECIAL COVID NOTE:

Covid restrictions are changing again as from 11.59pm on Friday evening 25th February
We will no longer need to wear masks indoors, or QR in to the Church or Oak Tree Place, or show vaccination certificates. And there are no longer limits on numbers in our premises. Please maintain your good habits of distance and hygiene as always, and stay home if you feel unwell.

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.

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!!



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

THANK YOU for your regular offerings which can be made via **direct debit or credit to:** BSB: 083-929 Acc 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