

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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

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

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As we journey through Lent the newsletter front page will use ideas and reflections from the Uniting World Lent Event booklet called “How to be a Good Global Neighbour”

This is available to download [HERE](#)

A UnitingWorld Story.

“So you must get to go to some interesting places” starts a conversation at the work Christmas party, which includes staff from several Uniting Church agencies. There are two UnitingWorld staff at this table who love telling dramatic stories. So out they flow. One about having your car break down on a road strewn with landmine warnings outside Juba in South Sudan, and another of being caught in the aftershocks of the 2015 Nepal earthquakes. Naturally, because it’s that sort of people at the table, there’s a question about risk assessments for travel and how UnitingWorld decides whether to go somewhere or not. “We have to stand in solidarity with our partners, we have to honour them. It’s hard to say ‘we won’t come because it’s not safe for us’ when that’s where they live and work every day.” There is a pause around the table.

And then, the one of the church leaders at the table leans back and mutters resignedly, “it’s the jolly incarnation isn’t it?

Jesus showed up. So now we have to. It’s the most dangerous doctrine we have.”

John 1 and John 14

God is not just creator, set apart from creation, but Christ who became part of creation, and the Spirit who is present at our side.

In the incarnation and the sending of the Holy Spirit we see God’s very nature as one that is reaching out and embracing those outside of God’s self; seeking a loving connection with us. In the Trinity we see that the nature of God is in loving relationship, and this relationship is open and poured out for the world,

inviting us all to be in communion with God and each other.



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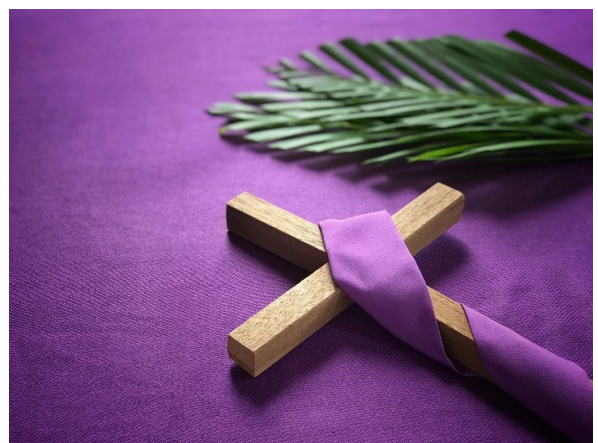
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Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton shares this prayer for both the flooding in South East Queensland and the events unfolding in Ukraine. 🙏

Father God, thank you that you are our shepherd in these difficult times. Look after those in our communities affected by the floods and rain. Help them feel the love and support of their communities. Help them know your protection, your power and your presence, always with them. Keep them safe.

God of peace, look after all those in Ukraine touched by violence and aggression. Guide them and protect them, and bring hope to their hearts. Teach us all the miraculous path from war to peace. Keep them safe.

Guide us through the storms, knowing you are with us. Guide us each day through the dark valleys to rest in green pastures. Amen.



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.

NOTICE: Congregation Annual General Meetings

SCLL AGM March 15th @ 10:00am in Oak Tree Place.
Everyone welcome to attend to look to the future together.

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

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

Aireys Inlet UC Pub Lunch **Friday 4th March at 12:00-1:30**
Jamie Thom and Linda Wannan are playing 'mine hosts'. Phone Linda on 0405470568 with any queries. All welcome.

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. Roster to come soon

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

Beaut Beanies celebrated two great birthdays this week; Tess turned 90, and Pat Belton 94. Congratulations to both. And what a delicious cake!



Our Bellbrae Opshop & Book Shop is OPEN

FRIDAY 4/3: Cheryl P, Geoff, Doreen

SAT 5/3 AM : Karleen, Bev, Carleen

PM: Marg H, Anna M

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

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

March 6th: Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

March 13th: Lent 2

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 27
Phil 3:17 - 4:1
Lk 13:31-35 P or Lk 9:28-36

You are invited to join with the Aireys Inlet Christian community for a Bible Study entitled,

"Restoring freshness in the time of Lent".

It will be held on Thursdays during Lent at St Aidans church Aireys Inlet, starting on March 17th at 10:30 AM. The material is scriptural, thoughtfully broad, relevant, and above all refreshing, as the title suggests. It invites participation. In order to have enough study booklets available, if you wish to attend, please contact Noni on 0418360807.

PANCAKE DAY at Aireys Inlet raising funds for Uniting, was a great success. Lots of children, visitors and locals including their own resident celebrity Glenn Robbins.

Well done to all the hard working and faithful volunteers.

The pancakes were

DELICIOUS.

Remember Uniting

always needs more

supplies. Drop off at Torquay church foyer or Harpers front door, or Uniting in Grovedale.



CALLED to PREACH –

(A history of Lay Preaching in the Uniting Churches in Tasmania and Victoria)

'Called to Preach' is the name of a book recently published by the Lay Preachers Synod Association of Victoria & Tasmania in association with the Uniting Church Historical Society.

If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact Brian Shaw.

The cost will be \$25.00.

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