



# 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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*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).*



A great time of thanks, friendship and food was celebrated last Sunday lunch time at the Harpers. Present were Natalie Sims , who had lead worship at Aireys and Bellbrae & her family ; Rev Teviti Holani, our Supply Minister beginning in June; and 23 others from all three of the SurfCoast churches.



Continuing reflections from the Uniting World Lent Event booklet called “ How to be a Good Global Neighbour”

This is available to download [HERE](#)

**Prophets from the Outside.....A Uniting World Story — South Sudan**

In war ravaged South Sudan, ministers, elders and lay pastors from different tribes gather in a church hall. The air is stifling and the tin roof shimmers with heat. These tribes had been killing each other for years, neighbour against neighbour, Christian against Christian. They had every reason to fear, hate and resent each other. And yet, broken, bruised and battered by war – they came together in Jesus’ name. To tell their stories, weep their grief, to dig deep into scripture to find the strength to pledge forgiveness, even when they didn’t feel ready for it. Together they gathered strength to do the work of healing, peace and reconciliation among their people. A banner was stretched out across their heads, words written in Arabic and English: “Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives, by means of the peace that binds you together.” (Eph 4:3).

***In South Sudan, we see God in the peacemakers. We see God, in the face of unbearable suffering, give people the courage to forgive and work in hope to heal trauma. In the light of their witness, we reflect on the issues that have caused conflict in church communities in Australia – the style of worship music, the location of church furniture or who is allowed to preach, teach or marry..... Can we be peacemakers too?***

## Worship leaders Sunday April 3rd

Aireys and Bellbrae services will be lead by Pherina Tuaiti from West Brunswick Uniting Church.

Torquay's service will be lead by Michele Hardy

## Join in prayer for

- All those in our community ill with Covid and other ailments.
- Those with seriously ill family or friends. May their times together be special and comforting.
- Those engaged in efforts to overcome racism, people working at building bridges between faiths and cultures and for the communities we are engaged in to be places of welcome and inclusion, as we mark Harmony week
- Bold and innovative action on climate change and for climate policies that prioritise care for creation and people.
- The millions of people displaced and impacted by the conflict in the Ukraine and for a path to dialogue and peace.



At the last Council meeting of Torquay we decided that we needed to have a serious conversation/ church community discussion about **Pastoral or Community Care**. There will be an opportunity to come and share your ideas on **Tuesday April 26th at 2:00pm in Oak Tree Place**.



### Our planet is changing: Do we? Justice and International Mission Convention 2022

**Saturday 30 April**  
9:30 am – 4:15 pm  
Centre for Theology and Ministry or On-Line  
29 College Crescent, Parkville  
\$40 for Metro. Participants  
\$25 concession and non-Metropolitan participants  
\$10 online participants.

We are witnessing a rapidly growing scientific understanding of the need to act urgently on the environmental challenges we are facing. The Justice and International Mission Convention revisits where the Uniting Church can continue to make a difference in how Australia impacts environment issues.

At this Convention we will particularly consider the issue of whether technological developments will enable us to continue with our current lifestyles without unsustainable harm being done to our planet. The alternative possibility is that we will need to significantly change our lifestyle.

Join in and be part of the conversation to inform the future direction of the Uniting Church's social justice mission as we unpack the urgency of climate change that we are all facing.

Register now by accessing the Conference brochure here Or contact Alicia Torres Centre for Theology and Ministry (03) 9340 8815 or email: [Alicia.Torres@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:Alicia.Torres@victas.uca.org.au)



## Lectionary Readings

### April 3rd: Lent 5

Is 43:16-21

Ps 126

Phil 3:4b-14

Jn 12:1-8

### April 10th: Passion Sunday

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 22:14 - 23:56 P or Lk 23:1-4

## LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

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

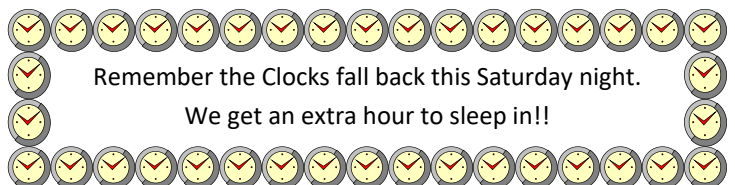
The next **Torquay Trading table** will be on **APRIL 23rd**. More information to come soon, but a good time to get busy with your craft creations, pickles and jams.

**Dineout** is at Jan Juc Beach Hotel **Monday 11th April at 12:00**. Please contact Jean Elder so she can book numbers. A great opportunity to catchup with folk over a lovely meal.

**Aireys Inlet Pub Lunch** will be on Friday April 1st . 12:00-1:30pm  
Call Mary Bremner if interested.  
All welcome



**Mother's day High Tea in Oak Tree Place on Saturday 14 th May.**



Remember the Clocks fall back this Saturday night.

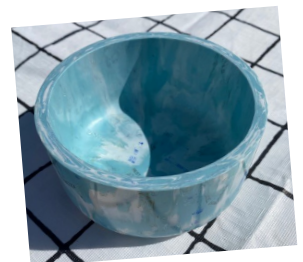
We get an extra hour to sleep in!!

## Bunnings BBQ is on this Saturday April 2nd.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help out again. And remember if you aren't helping do pop down for a delicious sausage and drink.



Ever wonder what happens to the Bread ties you drop off at Church. See below one of the many things that are made to help support the Wheelchair charity.



**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 OPEN Friday & Saturday.