

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.*



Easter on the Surfcoast

Palm Sunday 10th April

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am, Bellbrae at 11am and Torquay at 9.30am



Maundy Thursday 14th April

There will be a Tenebrae Service at Torquay at 7.30pm led by Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale. All welcome

Good Friday 15th April

There will be a service at Torquay at 9.30am with Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale. All welcome

Enjoy **Hot Cross Buns** after the services at Geoff & Tricia's, 8 Gogoll Crescent, Torquay. Please BYO buns to share, and all other refreshments provided. Arrive & leave as you please. Dogs, children and visitors welcome.



Easter Sunday 17th April

6.30am Dawn Ecumenical Service at Cosy Corner, Torquay with breakfast snacks to follow

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am and Bellbrae at 11am led by Geoff Thompson (Assoc Prof Systematic Theology)

Torquay at 9.30am led by Robert Packett

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

This is available to download [HERE](#)



A John Wesley Story

John Wesley kept meticulous notes about his annual budget. When he started ministry, his income was £30 a year. He used £28 for his living expenses and gave £2 to the poor. In his fourth year of ministry, he had an income of £120 per year, and he was still living on £28 pounds and giving away £92 to the poor. By the time he died, he was earning over £1400 a year – and his living expenses were £30, and you guessed it – he gave away the rest to the poor.²

Life looks very different when we think of our money as God's money, and the question is not what God expects us to give away, but what God expects us to keep.

With God, wealth is never a prerequisite for generosity. Our giving shouldn't be a mere mathematical formula that we use, like we do when we fill out our taxes. Our generosity should be fuelled by faith, obedience, and surrender to God. A person's money is intimately intertwined with their heart. Your money will follow your heart, and with enough time, your heart will ultimately follow your money

**Neighbouring is an
Intentional Way of Living**

Worship leaders Sunday April 10th

Aireys and Bellbrae services will be lead by **Robert Packett**

Torquay's service will be lead by **Bernie Long**

Join in prayer this week for

- Our political leaders as they joust for our attention before an election. Pray they make good decisions for all our communities.
- Those with seriously ill family or friends. May their times together be special and comforting.
- 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.



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

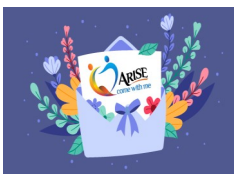
\$10 online participants.

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



Leave your seclusion, come out in the open. Let me see your face, let me hear your voice. Song of Songs 2:14

You are invited to join the 2022 SYNOD at Box Hill Church from June 30th to July 3rd.

Chat to your congregation leaders to attend.
<https://victas.uca.org.au/about-us/synod-meeting/>

Thank you to all those who are honouring their financial pledges to our Surfcoast Congregations each week. Your contribution is valued and keeps us open. For Bank deposits- Acc: **Surfcoast Uniting Church** NAB BSB: 083-929 and Account Number 93-009-8403 Use notes AIREYS: AI3228 BELLBRAE:BB3228 TORQUAY: TQ3228

Lectionary Readings

April 10th: Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

April 17th: Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Cor 15: 19-26

Luke 24: 1-12

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**

Torquay Dine-out is at Jan Juc Beach Hotel **Monday 11th April at 12:00**. Please contact Jean Elder to book your place.



Mother's Day High Tea in Oak Tree Place on **Saturday 14th May at 2.30pm**

More details soon—mark the date and invite your friends, neighbours and partners.

Tickets \$15

Delicious sandwiches, cakes & drinks

An INVITATION from the Torquay Congregation Council to join a discussion about **Pastoral and Community Care** on **Tuesday April 26th at 2:00pm in Oak Tree Place**. This topic is a priority for us in the year ahead and we welcome everyone's thoughts.

Thank You from the Bunnings Team of volunteers who stood & flipped sausages all day last Saturday. It was a bumper day with eager customers and over \$800 collected.

Our Trading Table is back for 2022

Saturday April 30th from 10am to 12 noon

(so we do not clash with St Luke's Fete on Saturday 23rd)

On the lawn at Oak Tree Place

Lovely food, garden produce, jams, chutneys, knitted goods, useful and beautiful craft, plants, some clothes & books.

All enquiries, volunteers and general good wishes to Tricia Genat at 0419 340056 or to the newsletter email address.



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 10am to 4pm.