

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

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).*

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

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pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

Written by British New Zealander Richard Gillard in 1977, "*The Servant Song*" is a beautiful expression of the Christian call to share community and friendship, marked by selfless service, a walking alongside, and the bearing of one another's joys, sorrows, and fears.

Jesus's words to his disciples in Matthew 20:26–28 inspired the song's main theme: "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Other scriptural allusions include "And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" (Matt. 5:41), and "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15), and also "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).



Remember:

Monday is a Public Holiday  
for ANZAC Day 2022



## Worship on the Surfcoast this Sunday April 24th

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am led by the worship team

Bellbrae will have Café Church at 11am

Torquay at 9.30am led by the worship team with a focus on Anzac Day



## **Ecumenical Dawn Service: Easter Sunday**

It was a blessing to share with members from City On a Hill, St Luke's, Torquay Christian Fellowship, Living Room Church & Elevate on Sunday morning at 6.30am at Cosy Corner. Songs were sung, a fire was lit, our banner flew strong and then we shared prayer and breakfast snacks with over 80 people who gathered with us.

Many thanks to the service leaders, breakfast deliverers and of course the amazing sunrise.

**He is Risen Indeed**

## Dear Surfcoasters: We need Cake!

For two fundraising events coming up in our calendar.

**1. For the Trading Table Sat. 30th April—please deliver to the Torquay foyer after 2pm on Friday or on Saturday morning before 10**

- cup cakes, loaf cakes, small fruit cakes, all slices, choc chip biscuits, and whatever else you enjoy making and sharing. Please label, we will add prices.

**2. For the Celebration High Tea on Saturday 14th May at 2.30pm**



We need small cup cakes, mini muffins, slices cut small. No rush!

Both these events are good opportunities to share with our local community, holiday makers and neighbours. Spread the word! A brochure is attached to this newsletter email for you to print. Ta!

### Trading Table @ Torquay

**Saturday April 30th from 10am to 12 noon**

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

All enquiries to Tricia Genat at 0419 340056



### The Geelong & Region Progressive Christianity Discussion Group

**Thursday 28th April 1.30 -3.30pm** - Waurn Ponds Library Meeting Room (next to Leisurelink)

Our discussion topic will be 'The Atonement'. No preparation is required this week. We will watch a 20 minute video which is part of a larger study program entitled 'Saving Jesus'. This video covers the meaning of the word 'sacrifice', the historical origins and understanding of animal sacrifice as a way to 'maintain or restore a relationship with God', and how all this influenced Paul's thinking i.e. 'Christ crucified'. Rev. Peter Burnham will guide our discussion

All welcome in person or via zoom. (Please let us know if you want to join us by zoom and a link will be forwarded to you) Enquiries to Heather Dennis: 0409176319

All are welcome to join the Torquay Congregation Council in 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** 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 24th: Easter 2**

ACTS 5: 27-32  
Psalm 118: 14-29  
Rev 1: 4-8  
John 20: 19-31

**May 1st: Easter 3**

Acts 9: 1-6  
Psalm 30  
Rev 5: 11-14  
John 21: 1-19

### 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**

**Bring your family, friends & partners to a Celebration High Tea in Oak Tree Place on Saturday 14th May at 2.30pm**

Tickets \$15

**Delicious sandwiches, cakes & drinks, strawberries, bubbles, coffee, tea, raffle & door prizes.**

Book a seat via email or phone to Tricia on 0419 340056  
Or to oaktreplacerentals@gmail.com

Or purchase direct on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebration-high-tea-tickets-323779893377>



**Our OPSHOP is OPEN**

**FRIDAY 22nd - AM:** Tricia & Geoff. **PM:** Cheryl P, Valerie & Keith

**SATURDAY 23rd - AM:** Cheryl M, Maxine, Carleen

**PM:** Lyn, Joan, Robert

**Extra volunteers are encouraged—we would love to have you on the team. Call Bev Hooper to chat about this.**

**April 29 - May 1, 2022: Sacrededge Festival** is 30+ musicians, artists and presenters across the weekend at Uniting Queenscliff. Diving Deep into Diversity, the Festival's themes of First Nations, Refugees, LGBTIQ, Earth & Ocean, and Wellbeing are explored and celebrated through Music, Stories, Art, Panels, Workshops, Food, suitable for all ages.

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGOJM>  
Sacrededge [Facebook](#). Sacrededge [Instagram](#).

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**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.

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS and all queries to:** [newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) **DEADLINE:** Thursday at 4pm