

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Note: Rev. Suzie Castle is on Holiday Leave returning Wednesday 25th May 2022

For assistance, please contact your Congregation Council Chairs :

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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.*

Everyone is invited...

To Worship on Sunday May 29th at 9:30am,

at Torquay Uniting

This will be a combined worship service for all our Surfcoast congregations and the last with Rev Suzie Castle.

During this service there will be three baptisms, followed by a **"Cutting the Ties"** ceremony officiated by ministers from our regional Presbytery. This is also the opportunity to take time with Rev. Suzie to wish her all the best in her new placement.

The service will be followed by a huge friendly morning tea in Oak Tree Place.

Please bring along a small plate to share at this special time.



Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Worship on the Surfcoast this Sunday May 22nd

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am, A video service led by Robert Packett

Bellbrae at 11am: led by Robert Packett

Torquay at 9.30am : led by Robert Packett



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**

Our OPSHOP is OPEN

Fri 20 May: AM: Marilyn, Cheryl P, Geoff PM: Carol M, Tricia

Sat 21 May: AM: Cheryl, Tricia, Carleen PM: Ro & Marg T

Extra volunteers are encouraged—we would love to have you on the team. Call Bev Hooper on 0419 221 514

BUNNINGS BARBQUE

A new date for our fundraising for Surfcoast Churches:

at Torquay on Saturday 11th June.

(Yes it is the long weekend!)

Please ring Alan Harper or John Peck join us & sizzle up some funds.

Movie Night At Bellbrae: Next Thursday 26th of May.



Our Film nights will be held on the last Thursday of each month at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

Bring a plate of finger food to share for tea prior.

This month will be an **Alfred Hitchcock thriller**. Bring a friend for protection on your way home!

The Geelong & Region

Progressive Christianity Discussion Group

Thursday 26th May 1.30 -3.30pm - Waurn Pond Library Meeting Room

The group will discuss the talk "Progressive Christianity – Living it out in congregational and public Life" presented by Rev Dr Margaret Mayman (St Michael's UC Melbourne) to the Progressive Christian Network of Victoria in June 2021. We ask that participants preview the youtube video of Margaret's talk prior to our meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSNpH1S9cmU>

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

Remember: We always welcome donations for our Uniting Family. Groceries, toiletries and tinned food always welcome.

Deliver to your church foyer or Harpers front door. Thank you.

And keep saving your stamps and plastic ties—they are collected and then recycled into useful objects. Deliver to your congregation leader for passing on.

Lectionary Readings

May 22: Easter 6

ACTS 1:1-11

Psalms 47 or 93

Eph 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

May 29: Easter 7

Acts 16: 16-34

Psalms 97

Rev 22: 12-14,
and 16,17, 20,21

John 17: 20-26

Last Sunday in Torquay, our service was led by two women on a journey. (Jane and Tricia) We chose to talk and ponder about Pastoral Care and how that works within our community. We began by sharing the prayer from Uniting in Worship, One Ministry in Christ.

There are diverse gifts: but it is the same spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God: but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways:

but it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

Each one of us is given a gift by the spirit: and there is no gift without its corresponding service.

There is one ministry of Christ: and in this ministry we all share.

Together we are the body of Christ: and individually members of it.

AMEN

Our prayers and songs led us through exploring the way we love and nurture with our congregation and world.

After Coffee was served, Tricia continued to lead us on our journey... "Imagine if you were to go to a new church, what things are important to you specifically around pastoral care."

We made finger puzzles, and shared ideas about Pastoral Care requirements These are the most commonly mentioned: A warm welcome, Acceptance and a good feeling of warmth, Sharing in fellowship, tea, coffee, meals, groups; Visiting, Being connected and supporting one another, & not just on a Sunday.

Finally our thoughts were written on bright yellow paper and folded into boats to continue the journey we all travel on together.

Thank you to everyone including our visitors who created a loving and sharing worship time.



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: A13228 BELLBRAE:BB3228 TORQUAY: TQ3228

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.