

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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

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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 for friends of the church family,

Henry and Tex O'Neill with parents Patrick and Kira

And Sage Alcorn with parents Michael and Eden

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 plate to share at this special time.

In June we will welcome **Rev Tevita Holani**. During the past few years, Tevita has worked part-time as a prison chaplain and part-time as a Minister of the Noble Street UCA congregation in Newtown. He was ordained in 2000, and was Minister to congregations in Tasmania for many years before coming to Victoria. He is the Chaplain of the Geelong Rugby Football Club and sings with the International Harvester Male Voice Choir.

Tevita is newly retired from his placements in Geelong and will be with us for a 0.5 EFT for the next few months as we plan our way forward as congregations on the surf coast. This means he will take Sunday Worship each week and will have one other day to allocate to visits and planning.

Tevita had planned to start with us on 1st June but sadly his parents are very unwell and he and his wife have dashed back to New Zealand to be with them. He expects to be back the second week of June.

Our services on Sunday 5th June will be taken by Michelle Hardy. Michelle will take in-person services at Torquay and Bellbrae and has kindly offered her worship notes to Aireys Inlet for that date.

We keep Tevita and his family in our prayers this week and are very grateful to Michelle as she shares with us next Sunday.



LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

Monday 6th June: DineOut at JanJuc Hotel. Call Jean Elder to grab a seat.

Every Thursday Cuppa. Meet at **Bombora's in Torquay about 10.30** for a coffee and chat. **ALL WELCOME**

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Our OPSHOP is OPEN: are you on the roster?

Fri 27 May: AM: Lyn, Joan PM: Robyn, Carol

Sat 28 May: AM: Jane, Maxine, Carleen PM: Geoff, Cheryl, Robert
Extra volunteers are encouraged—we would love to have you on the team. Call Bev Hooper on 0419 221 514

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BUNNINGS BARBQUE

at Torquay on Saturday 11th June. 10am to 4pm
(Yes it is the long weekend!)

Please ring Alan Harper or John Peck to join us & sizzle up some funds.
A couple more names for the roster are needed thanks...

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Uniting Barwon is involved in **“Spread the Warmth”** for winter. We are asking for donations of blankets, coats, tents, winter woollies and flasks etc for us to be able to distribute to all our Emergency Relief clients in need. You can drop items at the church or directly to Uniting at Grovedale behind the Grovedale Uniting Church.



Thank you for Spreading the Warmth...

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.



Dogs are welcome to all our worship services across the surf coast and helped keep our Bellbrae people warm last week!

*“Animals are such agreeable friends.
They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”*

George Elliott
Poet & Writer

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Out and About this week:

Thirty Three : A play by Michael Booth & Alistair Powning is being played throughout June at the Shoestring Playhouse at THE MAC, 77 Beach Road, Torquay. Email : secretary@ttt.org.au

And **ORCHESTRA GEELONG** has announced its Concert Series beginning Sunday 29th May Email: committee@orchestrageelong.org.au

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

May 29: Easter 7

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Rev 22: 12-14,
and 16,17, 20,21
John 17: 20-26

June 5: Pentecost

ACTS 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17

Friday is the start of Reconciliation Week. The 27th May start date remembers the historic 1967 referendum whereby Australians decided to recognise Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders in the census. This year we are all encouraged to continue to make positive changes for our indigenous population.

Check out activities at nrw.reconciliation.org.au



Good News: Our Bellbrae and Torquay buildings will both host the 10th Anniversary Surf Coast Arts Trail this year on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August.

This gives us a unique opportunity to meet our local community and also to fundraise with plants, books, treasures from the Opshop and Bookshop and delicious Devonshire teas or coffee.

Our artists have registered and we will start the planning for this weekend soon. Our artists include Colin Peel, Bev Boxhall, Joan Duval, Robin Purdey and Annette Packett. More news and more names in the coming weeks.

Put it in your diary now!



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.