

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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

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respects to their elders past  
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## A very warm welcome to Rev Tevita Holani,

who will be the supply minister for our Surfcoast churches until the end of August.

During the past few years, Tevita has worked part-time as a prison chaplain and part-time as a Minister the Noble Street UCA congregation in Newtown. He was ordained in 2000, and was in Ministry 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. The week he is present in Torquay, the service liturgy and a video of the sermon will be provided to Bellbrae and Aireys Inlet, and vice versa.

We look forward to continuing our ministry together with Tevita here on the Surfcoast.

## Today is Trinity Sunday ,a Christian festival

widely celebrated by Western Churches. It falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is the 50th day after Easter. The day honours the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' apostles and followers.

Trinity Sunday, in its essence, celebrates the mystery of faith and unity on and of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not mentioned in Scripture, but Christians belonging to Western Churches celebrate it and God's love for humans because of their faith and utmost appreciation for the Trinity itself. Many Western Churches celebrate the occasion with symbols of fire, wind, and a dove.

The first Trinity Sunday was instituted in the 9th century by Pope Gregory IX. However, it wasn't until the 14th century that Trinity Sunday was officially established. Pope John XXII was the head of the Catholic Church from 1316 until his death in 1334. He was also the longest-reigning pope from the Babylonian era. Amongst other festivals, Pope John XXII was of the vision that Trinity Sunday should be celebrated by all Western Churches to commemorate the Holy Spirit's descent as well as Christians' appreciation of the Holy Trinity.



- ◇ Marilyn Wendt and Bev Hooper, both having major surgery in the coming days.
- ◇ Those who are in Nursing homes, for their families and those who dedicate themselves to their care.
- ◇ Congregations and communities across the UCA stepping out in faith and courage to innovate, experiment, and dream a new future.
- ◇ The people of North Korea as they struggle with the pandemic.
- ◇ The people in Ukraine, living with war and uncertainty.
- ◇ Peace, safety and comfort for all those impacted by devastating gun violence in USA, particularly those mourning the loss of loved ones



**Prayer Shawl  
Ministry**

**The Prayer shawl group** have been very busy over the last few months and have many shawls ready to give away.

Last Sunday at Aireys Inlet the service included the blessing of these beautiful creations by Rev Bob Thomas.

One of the many outreaches of the Surf Coast UCA.

### LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

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

**Our OPSHOP is OPEN: are you on the roster?**

**Operating both Friday and Saturday all day.**

**Extra volunteers are encouraged—we would love to have you on the team.**

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...**

#### Out and About this week:

And **ORCHESTRA GEELONG** has announced its Concert Series

Email: [committee@orchestrageelong.org.au](mailto:committee@orchestrageelong.org.au)

Our own Maxine Flakemore is a musician in this orchestra.

Other dates are 14th August and 11 December.

### Lectionary Readings

#### Jun 12: Trinity Sunday

Prv 8:1-4, 22-31

Ps 8

Rom 5:1-5

Jn 16:12-15

#### June 19: Pentecost 2

1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a

Ps 42 and 43

Gal 3:23-29

Lk 8:26-39

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.

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!



### Our Mission Study in preparation for filling our ministry vacancy.

**An update:** We have received the information from presbytery including a self-guided process for the mission studies to work through ourselves. These will be looked at by all three of our congregations to reflect the thoughts and feelings of as many as possible. Stayed tuned for ongoing progress.

**BEAUT BEANIES** are holding a stall at the Shire Offices Morning Farmers Market in Torquay on Saturday

**11th June.**

**Remember to pop down and support this great cause.**

Then pop over for a sausage.



### Bunnings BBQ Schedule

To be operated by members of the Surfcoast Uniting Church on **Saturday 11th June 2022.**

Please note:- the operators are required to operate the BBQ between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm. To ensure that we are able to operate effectively and without too much imposition on individuals the day has been split into two shifts. Four volunteers are required on each of the morning and afternoon shifts.

Morning - 10:00am to 1:00pm	Afternoon - 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Robert Packett	Robyn Harper
Jane Skelton	Alan Harper
Geoff Genat	Rosemary Thomson
Sylvia Peck	Tom Harding

Thank you for your participation.

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

**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.

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