

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.



Our UCA Synod of Vic/Tas is meeting this week, from the opening worship on June 30th to the closing eucharist on July 3rd.

After some discussions on Mission this week this seemed to fit.

Excerpts of a Reflection by Rev. Jennie Gordon ; Presbytery of Gippsland .

For the whole service, and ongoing weekly services click [HERE](#)

“We are a pilgrim people...” Our Uniting Church in Australia’s Basis of Union states it, and we often repeat it. What sort of pilgrim people are we.

As disciples of Jesus we are sent in a similar way, after all, we are a pilgrim people, and those the main jobs for the mission apply to us also.

1. We are called to bring hope and healing, life and love, to be peddlers of peace.

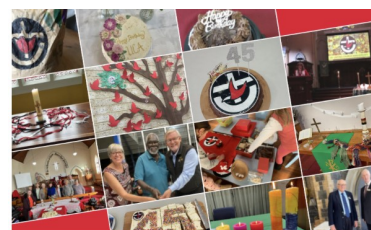
2. Rely on God and the Goodness of others.

How much can we let go of, as the Uniting Church in Australia, to travel light and to trust God’s provision? An imperative for survival in the account in Luke’s gospel is to accept the hospitality of people who offer welcome. Listening to a Welcome to Country from our First Peoples sisters and brothers always pulls me up. Implicit in the welcome is an understanding that’s been largely lost; that those who are welcomed will know when to leave. We don’t and we won’t, but the welcome is still extended. How then, as Second Peoples can we learn to receive this hospitality of grace? How can we be the ones who open, or rather dismantle, our colonial doors and allow the unimpeded mission of God to come in and dwell with us? What does it mean to walk this pilgrim path together?

3. Nobody said it would be easy, this path of discipleship. There are always good, sound reasons for stopping along the way and refusing to go on, for deep consultation about which path we are actually on and what footwear is appropriate, for wondering about which voices have the microphone as we listen in order to be led. Rejection and resistance are sometimes confronting, often annoying and usually clarifying, then we move on.

May you travel light Synod of Vic/Tas, Walking Together and listening for the whispers of the Spirit as we seek to make our life line up with the mission of the One who calls and sends us.

The 45th birthday cake we shared at Torquay last Sunday, created by Tricia, made it into the Uniting Church of Australia publication. Right at the bottom!! 45 in sprinkles!



Highlights: the UCA celebrates 45 years



Last Sunday at Torquay also included a celebration of the Baptism of Nina and Penelope. O’Brien.


A special day for them and their families.

Takamuna Rrala: **NAIDOC Week 2022**



As we enter NAIDOC Week this Sunday, the Uniting Church joins with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) in celebrating Australia’s First Peoples and their place at the heart of our nation and our church. This year’s theme is Get Up! Stand up! Show Up!

Thanks to Palawa women Alison Overeem and Grace Williams from Leprena UAICC Tasmania for sharing this NAIDOC week reflection - **The Strength Within - To Takamuna Rrala (to stand, to rise up strong).**



WINTER BOOK CLUB

The theme is “ Love Stories” Fiction or Non- poetry or prose. Long or short. Bring your story to share.
2pm Wednesday 13th July in the Activity Room A in Oak Tree Place

Lectionary Readings

July 3: Pentecost 4	July 10: Pentecost 5
2 Kgs 5:1-14	Am 7:7-17
Ps 30	Ps 82
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16	Col 1:1-14
Lk 10:1-11, 16-20	Lk 10: 25-37

Rev. Tevita is leading worship in Aireys Inlet and Bellbrae this week. Torquay will have Tevita’s message on Video, with the service led by Robyn, and hear from Tricia about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation she was involved in.

LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:.

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

Bellbrae Cinema Night at the church: Thursday June 30th at 6:00pm.
BYO Plate. All welcome

Torquay Dineout at Jan Juc Pub , 12 noon on Monday 11th July.
Come along and share friendships and good food.

Worship at Elouera will be led by Rev Tevita on **Thursday July 7th at 2:30pm**. Tevita would welcome others to come along and support this ministry to the residents there.

Come to The Great Surfcoast Sewing Bee: To make Joey Bags for wildlife rescue using Opshop scraps and willing hands.

Friday 2nd July from 10am to 2pm – come for as long as you can.
@ Oak Tree Place. BYO scissors.

The Arts Trail Saturday 6th and 7th August at both Bellbrae and Torquay buildings. Torquay will also have a Trading table and serve cream teas at the front of Oak Tree Place. Please let Tricia know if you can help in scone making, serving, etc.

A Reminder that the **Surf Coast Linked Council will meet Tuesday July 12th at 10:00am . Venue** to be decided.



Feeling the Winter Chills?

Tired of streaming TV?
Missing friends who have disappeared to Queensland?

Enjoy warm food & fellowship at
A Mid-Winter Feast.

For all members & friends of our Surfcoast churches.

Friday 22nd July
6pm to 9pm @ Oak Tree Place
No agenda, no cost.

Text or call an RSVP to Tricia on 0419 340056
Please bring either: a snack/cheese plate OR a warm casserole dish OR a dessert.

Thank you


ATTENTION: please do not drop any items of food or clothing for UNITING at the Harpers’ residence, until notified again.

Items can still be left at the church in the basket or dropped off at Uniting Barwon in Grovedale. Remember all food items and warm blankets and clothes are required.

The Armstrong Creek Uniting Church Faith community meet regularly for their Action Reflection evening. This time of fellowship involves some bible study, discussion and sharing a meal.

The Torquay Church council, after a suggestion from one of the congregation at a café church we held, offered the use of Oak Tree Place to this group to use and so they will be hosting their next Action Reflection evening on **Saturday July 16th at 5pm in Oak Tree Place.**

We are all invited to come along and join in this fellowship led by **Chris Machar**. Please bring a plate of food to share.



We pray for the church, especially the Synod of Vic/ Tas at this time of meeting.

God bless our leaders,

Bless Denise Liersch as she finds rest and recovery and a new direction after being Moderator.

Bless David Fotheringham as he walks this new and challenging path of discipleship as our Moderator.

Bless Sharon Hollis, our President.

Bless all who hold positions of responsibility in these challenging and changing times.

Bless ministers, lay leaders, musicians, flower arrangers, cleaners and greeters.

Bless all who use their gifts to serve you .

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: AI3231 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.