

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

24th July 2022 Edition 179

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

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and worship on the land of the
Wadawurrung people and pay our
respects to their elders past
present, and emerging.*

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**NEXT SUNDAY July 31st there will be a Combined Surfcoast service held at the Bellbrae church
@ 11.00am.**

Lots of wonderful hymns will be a big part of this worship for us all on the Surfcoast. People are encouraged to bring a picnic sandwich. Soup and rolls will be provided by Bellbrae for after the service lunch. Cars will be leaving Torquay U.C. at 10.30am for anyone who needs a ride? Please see Tricia if you need a ride. With so much Covid about people are being encouraged to wear a mask whilst singing. Hope to see many there as we continue to share together in fellowship and faith.

Excerpts from Reflecting by Rev. Ian Brown .

Weekly Worship. Season of Pentecost 2022. Presbytery of Gippsland, Fig Tree Worship Resource

"Lord, teach us to pray," a disciple asks. It's one of the few good questions they manage and there's a very positive response from their teacher. Good questions are important for learning. You may have heard of the two men who were walking across a paddock when one noticed a bull charging straight at them. They both take off running and as the bull is getting close, one says to the other, 'quick, say a prayer.' The panting runner prays the only one he can remember: 'Lord make us truly thankful for what we are about to receive.' - Teach us to pray is a good question!

But prayer is one of the areas where we western Christians have most difficulty. What should we do when we pray? What is it OK to ask for and what isn't? Does prayer work or make a difference? Is there a technique that will help us in our praying? Our questions can go on and on.

There is one radical, key statement that takes the heart of Jesus teaching and prays it towards reality. "YOUR KINGDOM COME." This line should be up in lights. It's no meek acquiescence, like saying, "OK God, you have it your way." No, this prayer invites us ask for, and participate in, the bringing of God's new realm into being in our world and in our lives. This prayer aligns us with the ministry of Jesus, who lived, taught, healed, helped and gave for others. This three word phrase signals a desire to change the world. When we pray it, perhaps we ought to wear a seat belt and crash helmets, just in case God actually takes us seriously!

The "kingdom comes" into being a little more every time you and I put some of Jesus values to work in our lives. The "kingdom comes" into being a little more every time we forgive someone with the same grace God forgives us with. The "kingdom comes" into being a little more every time we share our daily bread or a few dollars, every time we show real compassion, every time we resist the urge to judge someone. The "kingdom comes" into being a little more every time we visit with compassion, when we extend love beyond our self interest and as we share in and build the community, however that's expressed.



May the "KINGDOM COME" just a little more, in us and through us, to God's glory. Amen

Lectionary Readings

July 24: Pentecost 7

Hos 1:2-1

Ps 85

Col 2:6-15 (16-19)

Lk 11:1-13

Aug 7th : Pentecost 8

Is 1:1, 10-20

Ps 50:1-8, 22-23

Heb 11:1-3, 8-16

Lk 12:32-40

Sunday 24th July: Rev Tevita will be at Torquay this Sunday.

Video reflections will be shared at Aireys and Bellbrae.

Sunday 31st July: Combined service at Bellbrae 11:00am. See above.

Sunday 7th August : Torquay will have Video reflection. Aireys will have Rev Tevita and Bellbrae will have a Taizé service at 9:00am led by their worship team due to the Arts Trial event.

Change in venue ::::Every Thursday Cuppa. Doc Hughes in Torquay about 10.30 for a coffee and chat. **ALL WELCOME**



SURE COAST

ARTSTrail

Katie Finnerty

TAKE 2

2
WEEKS
TO GO

6 - 7 August

Art focused in Totnes Town

SOAS
SOUTH OXFORD ARTS SOCIETY

art focused in Totnes Town

Saturday only. Please see Tricia if you can help on the day.

At Bellbrae Uniting there will be Soup, Devonshire Teas and Treasures from the Opshop & Book Room.

Future dates to pop in your diaries:

Saturday September 24th: Torquay Bunning BBQ. More about these next month.

For the months of August and September Dineout will not be on : but will recommence the first Monday in October .



The Armstrong Creek Uniting Church Faith community shared with a few from Torquay Uniting in Oak Tree place last Saturday evening. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all followed by an interesting time of reflection led by Chris Mahar.

We hope they come again!

**The Geelong Progressive Christianity Discussion Group Thursday
28th July 1.30 -3.30pm**

Our discussion will focus on the youtube video “Breakfast on Caesar” an address on John Ch 21 by American religious scholar Dr Diana Butler Bass at the Wild Goose Festival in Hot Springs, North Carolina in July 2019. The discussion will be led by Rev David Walker. Participants are asked to preview the video at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/1IUQE005Byg>

All welcome at our meeting at Waurin Ponds. Unfortunately we cannot offer zoom access to the meeting this month. Enquiries Heather Dennis 0409176319

"Anderson Street Roadworks-

Members & friends who use the church and Oak Tree Place - please note that Road Pavement works (a raised speed hump) will be done during the fortnight of Tuesday 19th to Friday 29th July. This will be disruptive to parking and access. Our recommendation is that you park west of the church along Anderson Street as needed.

Are you interested in researching new opportunities and suppliers of **Green energy**, that could be implemented in our church buildings.

This is one of several proposals from the SCLC Finance Sub Committee and the SCLCC. See <https://greenelectricityguide.org.au>

Please see Jane Skelton if you wish to be involved with this.

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

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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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