

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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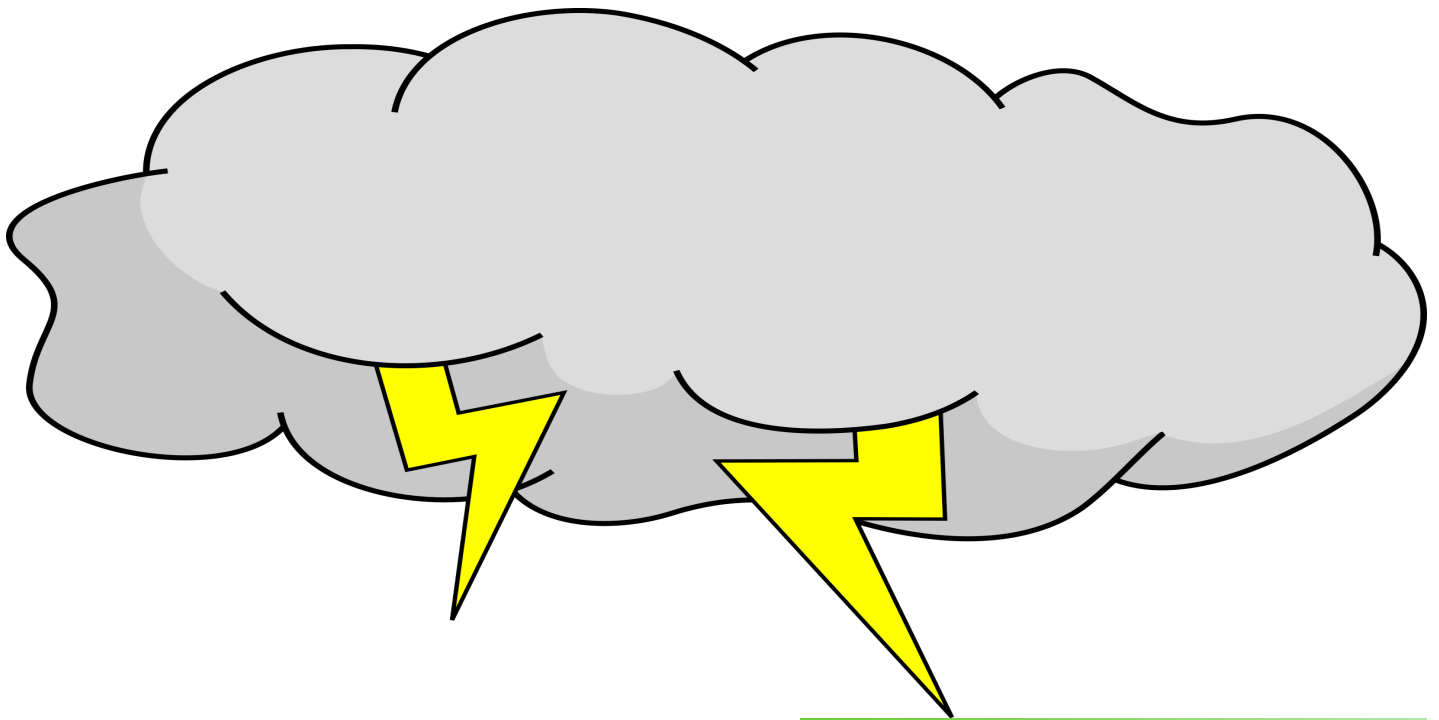
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*We acknowledge that we meet  
and worship on the land of the  
Wadawurrung people and pay our  
respects to their elders past  
present, and emerging.*

*Find out more at  
[www.wadawurrung.org.au](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30



*We remember fierce storms in our lives, moments when we raised questions about our role in our changing and sometimes dangerous world. Perhaps we asked "Why"?"*

*Now, let us give thanks for the gift of all the elements, and the mystery of an endless horizon stretching out across the Earth.*

Rev. Bob Thomas.



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

01 September – 04 October | #SeasonOfCreation

## Lectionary Readings

### Sep 18th: Pentecost 15 Sep 25th: Pentecost 16

Jeremiah 8: 18, 9:1

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15

Psalms 79:1-9

Psalms 9:1-6,14-16

1 Timothy 2:1-7

1 Timothy 6:6-16

Luke 16:1-13

Luke 16:19-31

### Sunday 18th September with Rev Bob Thomas

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am & Bellbrae at 11am

Torquay at 9.30am

### Sunday 25th September with Rev Bob Thomas

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am & Bellbrae at 11am

Torquay at 9.30am

## LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

### Dates to note...

**Sunday 18th September:** The Cowrie market is back. On the Torquay Esplanade from 10am to 3pm.

**Tuesday 20th September:** A Southern Regional Meeting has been arranged for church councils and appointed reps from churches throughout the Surfcoast and Bellarine. Discussions will be around ministry options, leadership, congregation numbers and our collective future. Your council members will feedback to churches the following week.

**Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd September:** Public Holidays. Oak Tree Place activities will continue as usual.

**Thursday 22nd September;** Robyn & Alan Harper will open the Torquay Church from 9.30 to 11am for quiet meditation in honour of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday 22nd September at 4.30pm:** You are invited to a Thanksgiving Service to be held at Christ Church, Geelong, for the National Day of Remembrance.

**Saturday 24th September :** Torquay Bunnings BBQ. From 9am. To mid afternoon.

**Monday 26th September at 10.30am at Oak Tree Place.**

We have been granted access to a one hour webinar on **"Using e-prescriptions"** Access is free. This is part of a digital strategy called ***Your Health in Your Hands*** and is delivered by *Good Things Foundation Australia*, funded by the *Australian Digital Health Agency* and supported by the *Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)*. **RSVP to Tricia on 0419 340056 if you or a family member are interested.**



**Friday 30th September at 10.30am at Oak Tree Place:** While Coffee & Kids is on holiday we have planned another community assistance activity (last holidays we made animal rescue bags). Roma has confirmed with Uniting that they need smaller containers of instant coffee so we will have a **COFFEE DECANTING ACTIVITY**. **BYO** small sterilised jars & apron.

**Saturday 12th November :** Uniting Queenscliff will be holding their **OPEN GARDENS** fundraiser. Entry to 5 gardens \$30, or \$8 per garden. 10am to 5pm. Book at [www.trybooking.com/CBJXB](http://www.trybooking.com/CBJXB). Addresses and locations will be released in late October.

### Community Notices:

**COME AND ENJOY THE CABARET!** Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets. It's a sell out!

**We are Uniting.**

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UNITING also needs these things from you: Laundry detergent (dry & wet) and all dairy products. Drop off at your church foyer or Harpers front door. Many thanks

UNITING Barwon urgently needs volunteers for current and also Christmas programs. If you or someone you know would like to be involved, even for a few hours per week, please contact:

Elizabeth Hopkin on 4210 1133 or email to

[Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org)

**Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022 Multi-faith service**

Christ Church Anglican  
62 Little Myers St, Jillong/Geelong  
Thursday 13 October 8am



This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to end new coal and gas projects.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.

  Scan the QR code for more info 

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Religious Response to Climate Change

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.