

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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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.*

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[www.wadawurrung.org.au](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you , I have called you by your name, you are mine” © The Grail 1963**

**At this time, we hold in our minds and hearts all those affected by the floods and pouring rain and rising rivers.**

From suburban Melbourne to regional Victoria - floods this past week have caught residents off-guard as waters inundated homes and properties. Many scrambled to salvage what they could and face an anxious wait to see what will remain when they are allowed to eventually return home.

We pray for

Those whose lives have been devastated,

Those who are feeling vulnerable and weak

Those who are stranded

Those who are facing both long-term and short-term needs

Those who are homeless in this crippling time

We pray also for all those who are meeting needs at this time:

Volunteers and community workers

Those working to rescue people who are stranded and feed the hungry

Those supplying food, water, equipment, money and urgent supplies

Those working to clear roadways and homes that have been damaged

Police officers, emergency personnel, medical and social welfare responders

Those seeking to offer protection from theft and fraud.

We pray that each of us will play our part in responding to the overwhelming conditions of this time, and particularly in reaching out to those who will be struggling to rebuild their lives.

We pray too, that we will continue to urge the Government to play its part in strengthening structures that will heal our land, restore creation, and relieve those suffering homelessness and poverty.

We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus, who reached out always to those most in need.

AMEN.

*This prayer (adapted) is from the Sisters of St Joseph website*



## Lectionary Readings

### Oct 23rd : Pentecost 20

Jl 2:23-32

Ps 65 2

Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

### Oct 30th: Pentecost 21

Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Ps 119:137-144

2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12

Lk 19:1-10

### Sunday 23rd October

Aireys Inlet at 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas (Video),

Bellbrae at 11am with Brian Shaw

Torquay at 9:30am with Rev Bob Thomas

### Sunday 30th October

Combined Surf Coast churches service at Torquay  
9:30am

## LOCAL NEWS & DIARY DATES:

### Dates to note...

**Thursday Gatherings at Bomboras. From 10.30am. Come one and all.**

**THIS Sunday October 23rd. Aireys Inlet Church Council special meeting.** After church Sunday October 23rd. To discuss the proposal that the Aireys congregation form a support group to host a refugee family to settle in our community. What an inspiring idea!

**Thursday 27th October at Bellbrae U.C** is Movie Night... 6pm, bring a plate to share.

**Every Thursday at 5pm at Torquay U.C.** Choir practice; All welcome to come and join in.

**Next Sunday October 30th...Just the one service at Torquay; a combined one for our three Surf Coast churches. 9:30am**

### **The Churches of Bellbrae, a history is now available, written by our own Martin Hooper.**

This book includes all the families that have been involved with the Bellbrae church over the years and what their roles were. The church that is today, a Uniting Church, was once a Methodist church prior to 1977. Before that the services were Wesleyan. While other denominations have held services at Bellbrae (formerly called Jan Juc), the Uniting Church is the only one remaining today.

Copies of this most interesting book are available at \$40 each from Martin Hooper, phone 0419 221 514

### **The Geelong and Region Progressive Christianity Discussion Group –**

**Thursday 27th October 1.30 -3.30pm**

This discussion group meets at the Waurn Ponds Library Meeting Room (next to Leisurelink) and via zoom.

This month's discussion will focus on the youtube video "My wish, the Charter of Compassion", an address on the role of religion in the modern world by original thinking British religious scholar, Karen Armstrong, in the TED series - which hosts short powerful talks from science to global issues. The discussion will be led by Rev David Walker. You may like to view the video at the following link, though it will also be played at the meeting with breaks for discussion.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/karen\\_armstrong\\_my\\_wish\\_the\\_charter\\_for\\_compassion?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/karen_armstrong_my_wish_the_charter_for_compassion?language=en)

All welcome at our meeting at Waurn Ponds or via zoom. New zoom participants please contact Heather Dennis ([heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com)) for zoom access

UNITING Christmas cards are available for purchase as you start to plan your Christmas.

Order on line at [www.unitingvictas.org.au/product](http://www.unitingvictas.org.au/product) Or call 1800 668 425 to place your order.

**Congratulations to Betty Easterbrook and her family, especially her Grandson and his wife on the safe arrival of**

**Betty's Great Granddaughters,  
Winter 5 lbs 2; and Willow 4lbs 11.**

**All well and very happy.**



Surfcoast Anglican Parish  
**St Luke's 75th Anniversary Service**  
Bring & Share Lunch



**Sunday 6 November 2022**

10:30am Anniversary Service @ St Luke's Torquay

- A collection of music by our team during the service
- Guest speaker Cheryl Baulch
- Torquay Museum Without Walls
- Collection/donations towards the Ramp Project

12:00pm Lunch @ St Luke's Hall

- Bring a plate of food to share, BYO drinks
- Bring a memory to share at the microphone
- Anything provided in written form will be added to  
A History of Surf Coast Anglican Churches digital edition
- Parish books on sale discounted to \$25 each

St Luke's Church & Hall 17 Pride St Torquay  
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**Cottage by the Sea Queenscliff Inc. Geelong Branch**

Presents **AN AFTERNOON TEA** with

**TOM HARDING**

**"HOW TO RESTORE AN OUTBACK ABANDONED TOWNSHIP FOR \$850"**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 2.00 pm**

**Waurn Ponds Community Church 48 Waurnvale Drive, Belmont**

**Cost \$10**

**Inquiries & Booking of Tickets – Robyn – Ph 0407 829 926 RSVP 23.10.2022**

**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, School Road. Bellbrae OPEN Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm.