

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.

Find out more at www.wadawurrung.org.au.

Presence

Lord, you are always there
waiting for me.

May I never be too busy to
find time to spend in your presence

Freedom

Lord, I offer you my memory,
And understanding,
My entire will.

All I ask for in return is your love and your grace,
That's enough for me.

Consciousness

Lord, you gave me the night to rest in sleep.
In my waking hours may I not forget your goodness to me.

Guide me to share your blessings with others.

www.sacredspace.ie

Notes from our Community:

Firstly commiserations to those who have succumbed to Covid this week. At last count it was 12 sickies across all our congregations. May recovery be swift, and in the meantime, rest, drink plenty of water and enjoy catching up on reading, TV and napping.

We received a lovely note from visitor, Valerie McDowell, who visited the Bellbrae service last week and expressed her appreciation of the warm welcome and Brian Shaw's service.

Airey's Inlet is hosting a special CAMINO experience to which we are all invited. Starting at 12 noon on Sunday 20th November at the Airey's Lighthouse. Led by Rev Lindsay Carey and Rev Sharon Valentino. The walk will be leisurely, stopping periodically for devotions as we wander along the Airey's Cliff Walk and along the beach to Urqhart's Bluff. Put it in your diary!



LUKE 21: 5-19. The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven."

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life."

Last Minute News: Because of Covid affecting our staffing, the Bellbrae Opshop will be closed on Saturday afternoon from 1pm.

Lectionary Readings

Nov 13th: Pentecost 23

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Nov 20th: Christ the King

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Luke 1: 68-79

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday 13th November

Aireys @ 9:30am, Bellbrae @ 11:00am with Michelle Hardy

Torquay @ 9:30am Holy Communion with Rev Bob Thomas

Sunday 20th November

Aireys @ 9:30am: Holy Communion and Bellbrae @ 11:00am

Torquay @ 9:30am

Diary Dates and local events:

- ◇ **Thursday Coffee Gatherings at Bomboras in Torquay.** From 10.30am. Come one and all.
- ◇ **Every Thursday at 5pm at Torquay U C :** Choir practice. All welcome to come and join in.
- ◇ **Dineout lunch on Monday November 14th** at 12:00 at the Jan Juc Pub. All very welcome.

Supply Ministry on the Surf Coast

We are happy to announce that Rev Bob Thomas will be staying on in Ministry with us at the Surf Coast for another 3 months.

Next Sunday November 13th,

Torquay Uniting will be saying a sad farewell to Robin Purdy, as she moves to her new home in Geelong.



Please bring something delicious to share for a special morning tea after our service as we wish Robin God's blessings. She will be missed

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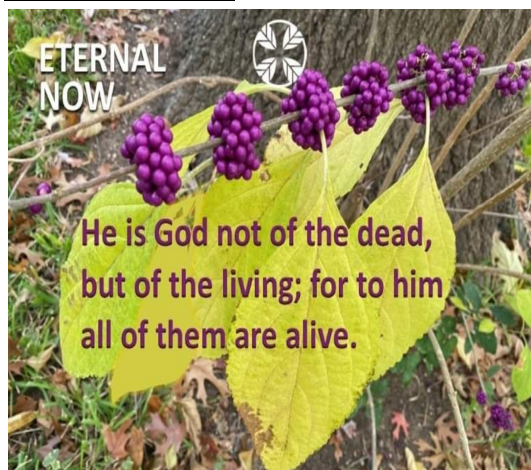


For men, women & teens
Please bring to church or
drop at the Harpers home



You can donate to the
Uniting Church Disaster
floods appeal right [here](#)

ETERNAL NOW



**He is God not of the dead,
but of the living; for to him
all of them are alive.**

LUKE 20:27-38 NRSV

WWW.SACREDSPACE.IE

May 5-7 2023 Sacrededge Festival "A Heart for Diversity" Tickets are on sale NOW!

Limited number of Early Bird tickets available until 31Dec (unless sold out prior).

Online booking [HERE](#)
Please click the **GREEN** "Friday" button to purchase your tickets for the whole weekend.



Over 30 artists and presenters come to this annual celebratory festival, including Irish Poet **Padraig O'Tuama**, songbird and folkloric explorer, **Kavisha Mazzella**, and Indigenous Musician **Lydia Fairhall**.

The three-day event provides an opportunity to nurture connection with people from diverse backgrounds. Sacrededge brings together musicians, poets, storytellers and artists from Indigenous, refugee and LGBTIQ communities, along with carers for the earth and oceans, and advocates of wholistic wellbeing. The festival is a safe place for people from the edge to be welcomed, heard and celebrated for who they are in our glorious diversity.

<https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/sacrededge-festival>

In our Wider Community: Activities and Dates for you.

Saturday 12th November: The Geelong Christmas Tree is lit up

Wednesday 16th November: Film Screening of 'Tender' at the Surf Museum, Torquay. This film explores the story of a feisty and resilient community at Port Kembla as they make plans for community based funerals. The full flyer is attached to the Newsletter email for you.

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th November: The Local Word—Regional Showcase is a new literary event at the Geelong Library featuring local writers, workshops and author talks. Tickets: www.grlc.vic.gov.au/localword.

Sunday 20th November: Cowrie Market at Torquay Esplanade. 10am to 3pm

Sunday 20th November: CAMINO walk at Airey's Inlet. Starts at noon at the Lighthouse. A leisurely walk along the Aireys Clifftop with regular stops and time for devotions. Led by Rev. Lindsay Carey & Rev Sharon Valentino.

Sunday 27th November: is the start of ADVENT. We will be putting up the our decorations and Christmas Trees and distributing information from ACT for PEACE and the annual Christmas Bowl appeal.

Thursday 1st December: Christmas Sweet Treats & Gift Ideas, Cooking workshop held at 'The Sprout About' 1 Martin St, East Geelong. Call 5229 6131 for booking.

Thursday 8th Dec: Trading Table at the Bunnings Community Market—TBC



Thanks to all who are honoring their financial pledges and those who give what they are able, so we may continue to worship and serve our communities. Gifts are valued in electronic or paper format.

Surfcoast Uniting Church. NAB : BSB: 083-929 & Acc No: 93-009-8403.

ADD notes: Aireys AI3231; Bellbrae BB3228; Torquay TQ 3228

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.