

Surfcoast Uniting Churches January Newsletter

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Sunday 25th December 2022

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

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

NB: Newsletter deadline 4pm Thursday.

Email: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com.

Celebrate this day, this Christmas day!

Shout Australia, our God is with us. Christ is born!

From Darwin and Melbourne, Canberra and Kalgoorlie, let the story be told.

Let the carols be sung.

In the hot, dusty paddocks where headers are stopped for the day, let the music be heard;

While the temperature soars at Broome and Coober Pedy,

and people crowd beaches with surf board and sunscreen lotion, remember his birth.

Around the smoking barbecues with the fragrant aroma, talk about the gift from God;

By tables loaded with crisp salads or roast turkey and plum pudding, contemplate God's love in Christ.

Join the celebration, all human population - offer the heritage of your ancient ways!

For to us is born this day a Saviour, who is called the Christ!

Arise, and laugh, and dance, and sing

For the Antipodes, too, have a glorious King!



Merry Christmas!

Mugisha*, along with her sister and two young children are just some of the millions of families living as refugees around the world. Mugisha fled to Kenya after conflict broke out in her home country of Congo. Since arriving, she has faced many challenges to meet the basic needs for her family. Through the Christmas Bowl, our local partners around the world can continue to share God's love with refugees like Mugisha by providing food, care and lifesaving support. **Please give today.**

*Mugisha's name has been changed for safety reasons.

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



An invitation to join a
Surfcoast Uniting Church

CAMINO WALK

From the Split Point Lighthouse
to Urquhart's Bluff

When: Sunday January 22, 2023, starting 3pm

Where: Meet at Aireys Inlet Lighthouse

What to bring: Essential: hat, sunscreen, water and good walking shoes.

The Camino Pilgrims are invited to join in a picnic dinner (BYO to share) at Urquhart's bluff at the end of the walk



N.B. All Uniting Church Events are cancelled on days of fire danger ratings of extreme or higher. The Camino planning committee reserves the right to cancel the event if the weather conditions on the day are considered unsuitable for the planned activity.

ALL DETAILS: www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

RSVP to Mary at bremnerkm@gmail.com or on 0427 701 275, by January 15, 2023, if you would like to join this Camino Walk

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 31st December (NEW YEAR'S EVE) Join us for a supper and Games nights at Oak Tree Place. Music, friends, chatter and joy to welcome in 2023. From 7.30pm. Stay as long as you like. Please bring a supper plate to share.

Sunday 22nd January: CAMINO WALK at Aireys Inlet

Sunday 29th January: Joint Congregation Service @ 9.30am at Torquay with Rev Linley Liersch. Followed by a congregation meeting to discuss the Mission Study findings as we move into the JNC process for new ministry. We will then enjoy a shared lunch.

And a BIG *Thank You* from Robin Purdey for all the helpers, cooks, musicians & general roustabouts who generously contributed to a special time for Russell's service and afternoon tea on Wednesday.

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.

Account Name: Surfcoast Uniting Church

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

Please add your congregation in Notes section

Aireys AI3231; Bellbrae BB3228; Torquay TQ 3228

OUR CHURCHES
ON THE SURFCOAST

Aireys Inlet St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys 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

REOPENS Friday 6th January & Saturday 7th: from 10am to 4pm.