

Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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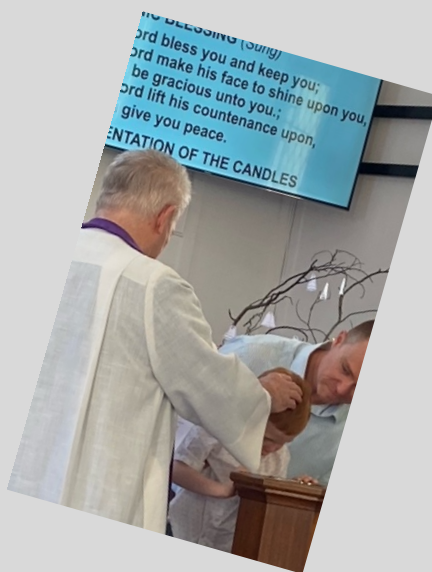


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We acknowledge that we meet and worship on the land of the Wadawurrung people and pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.

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

We were filled with joy as Rev Bob led a baptism service for Max and Lucas Bennet last week. Our blessings to the whole family this Christmas.



Aireys Inlet Uniting Church presents

Aireys Inlet Community Carols

Sunday December 4th at 7.30pm

Aireys Inlet Community Hall

Featuring children's nativity play



Entry by donation.
Bring a present to place under the empty Christmas tree for families in need.

Second Sunday of Advent



Karen McGrath/Act for Peace

Peace through food rations

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



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

Lectionary Readings

Dec 4th: Advent 2

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 14-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

Dec 11th: Advent 3

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 140: 5-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Sunday 4th December

Holy Communion: Airey's @ 9.30am & Bellbrae @ 11am
Torquay @ 9.30am & Carols @ Aireys Inlet at 7.30pm

Thurs 8th December: Elouera Service at 2pm

Sunday 11th December

Airey's Inlet @ 9.30am & Bellbrae @ 11am
Holy Communion @ Torquay, 9.30am

Diary Dates and local events:

Thursday Movie Night at Bellbrae 1st Dec —come at 6 and share supper before the movie...

Thursday Coffee Gatherings at Bomboras in Torquay. From 10.30am. Come one and all. Every week.

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

This **Sunday 4th**, at the Torquay morning service we will be saying Farewell and God Bless to Robin Purdey and Sam Nolan who have both moved to new homes in Geelong. Please bring a small plate for morning tea.

Also this Sunday at Torquay we will start to receive Christmas baubles to decorate our tree. Please add your ornament and feel free to speak to its story if appropriate. Thank you.

And let's support the Aireys Inlet Community Carols Service at 7.30pm this Sunday 4th. Transport is available from Torquay and Bellbrae for those in need of a ride. Bring your singing voices. There will also be a morning Carols Service @ Torquay on 18th December at 9.30am.



Cooks , Bakers & Sewing People ...

Thursday 8th Dec: Our last Surfcoast Fundraiser for 2022

Trading Table at the Bunnings Community Market. 6pm to 8pm Your cakes, biscuits, jams & chutneys and all sewn goods & Christmas delights are very, very welcome.



Please label and wrap all food.

Deliver to the Church foyer on Thursday 8th December from 2pm or directly to Bunnings at 6pm.

Please call or text Tricia Genat with all your queries: 0419 340056.

OPSHOP NEWS:

Yes, the OPSHOP and BOOKROOM at Bellbrae is open every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. We would love some extra helpers—once a month or fortnight. Call Bev Hooper to chat and volunteer 0419 221 514. Join our facebook page for bargains each week.....

Our last trading day for 2022 will be Saturday 17th December and we reopen on Friday 6th January 2023. Many thanks to everyone who makes this mission such a success.

Happy Christmas

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."* This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah :*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ' Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'* John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

Matthew Chapter 3

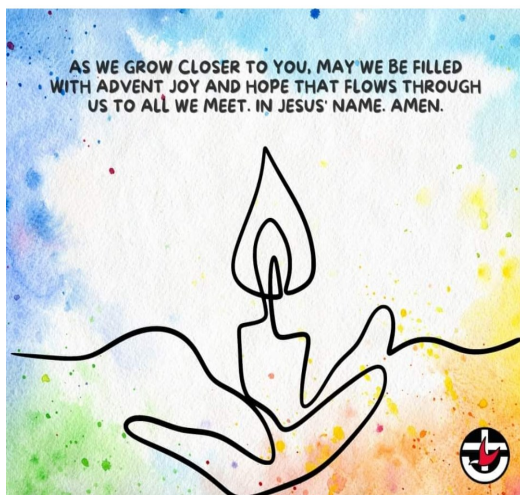
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Needs: Tins, Tuna, Cereal, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Custard, Ham, Sweets, Chocolates, Juice, Jams, and grocery gift cards. Please bring to church or drop at the Harpers home.

Help make another families Christmas better.

Only 2 more weeks of collection!

Let's outdo ourselves....



This is a space for local news and your news—email or call the Newsletter editors before 4pm on a Thursday to have your notes and notices in our newsletter....



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.