

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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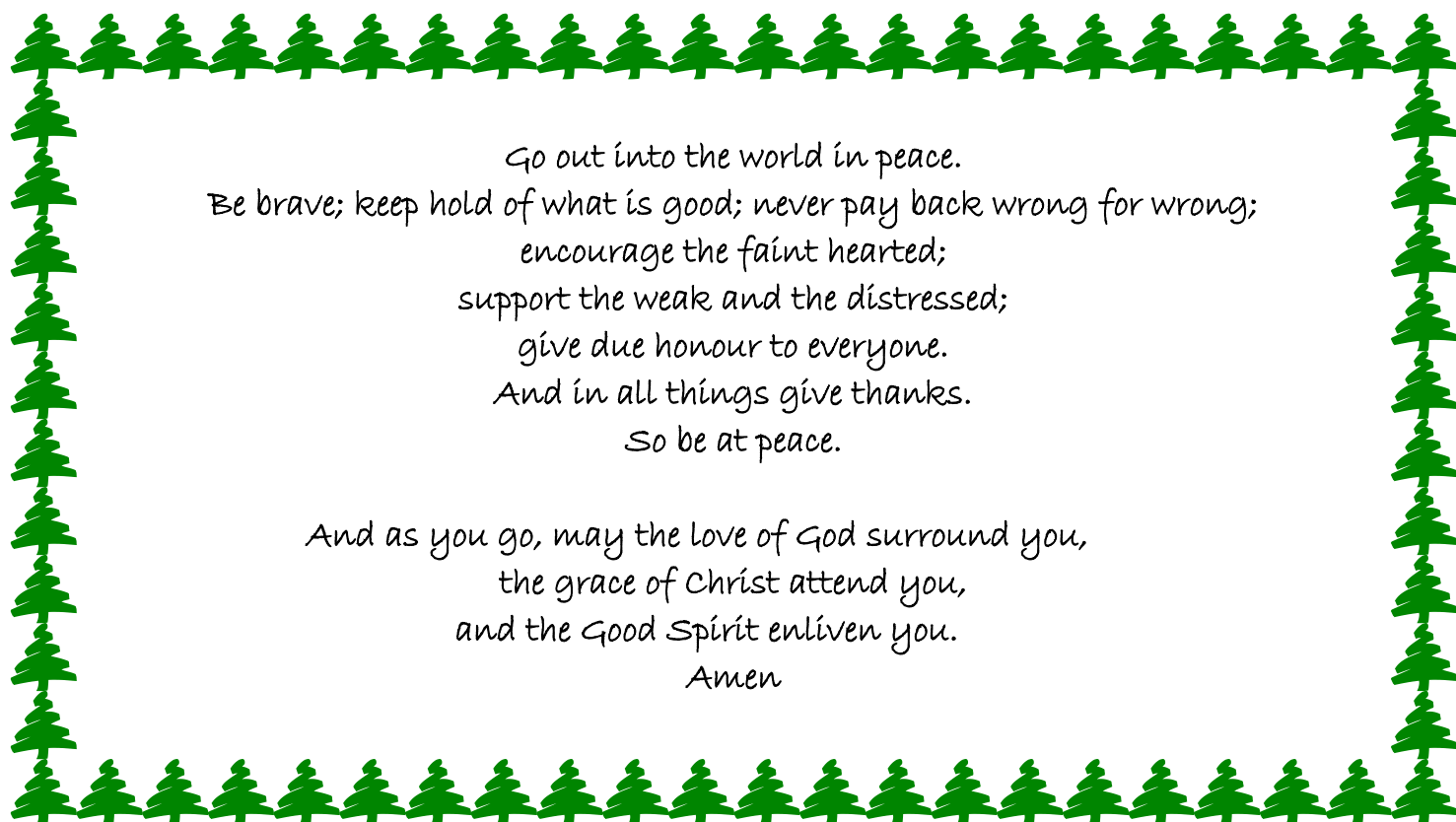


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worship on the land of the  
Wadawurrung people and pay our  
respects to their elders past, present,  
and emerging.*

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We shared the joy of the Peace child coming, with the children and families of Aireys Inlet last Sunday evening at the Airey's Community Hall. *Many thanks* to all involved and particularly the musicians & friends from Bellbrae and Mary & Keith Bremner and their co-opted family members. What love in a simple message.



Go out into the world in peace.  
Be brave; keep hold of what is good; never pay back wrong for wrong;  
encourage the faint hearted;  
support the weak and the distressed;  
give due honour to everyone.  
And in all things give thanks.  
So be at peace.

And as you go, may the love of God surround you,  
the grace of Christ attend you,  
and the Good Spirit enliven you.  
Amen

## Lectionary Readings

### Dec 11th: Advent 3

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 140: 5-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

### Dec 18th: Advent 4

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

## Sunday 11th December

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

## Sunday 18th December

Airey's Inlet @ 9.30am & Bellbrae @ 11am  
Carols Service @ Torquay, 9.30am

## Diary Dates and local events:

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

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.

On Sunday 18th December, Carols will ring out from the Torquay morning service. Join us at 9.30 for a good sing!

**Save the date:** The Camino Walk at Aireys Inlet is back on the calendar we hope for late January. More details soon.

A mixed group of campers and cabin dwellers across our congregations have booked a few days holiday in Dimboola in early February. You are welcome to join us. Walking, BBQ, coffee, books and general R&R. Call or text Tricia Genat (0419 340056) to query.



<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy<sup>[b]</sup> are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

**Matthew 11: 2-6**



Are your animals playing havoc with your Christmas decorations?  
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### 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**



### BOOK SALE

Check out the book sale at Belmont Uniting Church.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. 9am – 4 pm.**

Prices start from 50 cents (children's books). All proceeds to Uniting Barwon – Emergency Relief.

This is a great opportunity to get some holiday reading

### Uniting Barwon

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.

This is the last week of our collection

Let's outdo ourselves....



We had great fun at the BUNNINGS Market tonight. We sold lots of Cakes, Craft Plants, Biscuits & Produce. About \$450 goes into the fundraising jar and we chatted with lovely community friends as well and invited them to our services & Coffee & Kids playgroup. *Thank you to all the cooks and bakers and sewers and helpers.*



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.