

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 22nd January 2023

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

## THE CAMINO TRAIL...

After several attempts (thwarted by weather, tides, competing demands and COVID) the Aireys Inlet Uniting Church organised the inaugural Ecumenical Surf Coast Camino for January 22, 2023. Twenty-seven pilgrims gathered on an afternoon when the weather was perfect. We met at the Split Point Lighthouse at Aireys Inlet. Rev Bob Thomas led us in a discussion of why we had come and sent us out with a prayer for our safety and reaching our goals for the Camino. The two musicians, Keith on a ukulele and Christa on flute led us in a few songs. Then we headed out along the Cliff Walk of Aireys Inlet. This part of the walk takes in beautiful vistas out to sea and some treed sections. At the end of the Cliff Walk we descended to Sunnymeade beach and stopped for a wonderful series of Psalms written for the area and presented by the Surf Coast Anglican Priest Rev Sharon Valentino. Our musicians presented some more inspirational songs before the walk continued along the beach and over rocky headlands. Our next stop was on a rock platform with high cliffs on one side and views down the coast to Anglesea on the other. Rev Dr. Lindsay Carey (RAAF Chaplain) presented the next devotional focusing on Ezekiel's vision from God that a personal in-depth commitment to God was expected and showing how that applies to us too. More songs and we continued on the last leg of the journey to Urquhart Bluff, two headlands further on. At our final destination, Rev. David Thompson (retired UC minister) delivered a final devotional and prayer. The musicians unpacked their instruments again and, while sitting on a small hill with the sea as a backdrop, presented us with more uplifting music. We then embraced the Camino tradition of making a small cairn with the stones that we had brought from the start of the journey. A delicious dinner and time for fellowship followed.

Regards Noni

*Many thanks go to the Aireys Inlet group for a wonderful day from all the pilgrims.*



Remember the Lord, you quiet seekers, road trip drivers, landscape painters, and market minglers.. Let all people praise the Lord.

**Jan 29th, 2023 . Epiphany 4** Mic 6:1-8 Ps 15 1 Cor 1:18-31 Mt 5:1-12

**Service this week. January 29th.** Combined service at Torquay U.C. (9:30) Rev Linley Liersch

**Feb 5th** Aireys Inlet (9:30) and Bellbrae (11:00) —Communion with Rev Bob Thomas  
Torquay (9:30) - Worship team with Rev Bob Thomas on Video.

### THIS Sunday January 29th

**Is our Combined Service of all Surfcoast churches at Torquay at 9:30am.**

The service will be led by all three churches with the Rev Linley Liersch conducting the sermon.

It will be followed by extra special meeting led by Linley to share the Mission study findings before we move onto the JNC process.

A lunch will follow. Please bring finger food to share.



**Great Future events to pop on your calendars and other interesting items.**

**Coffee Time** >>>>Thursdays 10:30am @ Bomboras as holidays will be over.

**Beaut Beannies** has resumed . They meet Tuesday morning 10:30 in the church foyer/ TQ.

**Service in Elouera** Thursday Feb 2nd at 2.15pm .

**Coffee and Kids /TQ** resumes on Friday Feb 3rd.

**Bunnings BBQ** is on Saturday Feb 18th.. Roster is full, come along for a delicious sausage.

**Pancake Day /AI** is on Tuesday Feb 21st . More info later.

**Pastoral Care Meeting/TQ** for all interested Tuesday Feb 28th at 2pm OTP

**Join in the Fun and Fellowship**



**Wood for Sale:** Bellbrae have trimmed several of their fir trees and have lots of great wood for sale. \$20 a trailer load.  
Call Fran or Maxine.

### **WANTED**

**Tip vouchers needed by the Op shop** to take all the unwanted unusable rubbish that gets left at the Shop. If you have spare ones please donate to Maxine or Carlene at Bellbrae.

**And remember more volunteers are always needed**

Do you have any great ideas for fellowship and fundraising functions we can hold in Oak Tree Place. Put on your thinking caps and let's utilize this great space, share in our community and have fun too. Let Jane or Tricia know....

Remember that **UNITING** still need your donations and if you have any stamps from your Christmas cards gathering dust, drop them off at church for **Sammy Stamp**.

And plastic bread ties too.

**Please Note that on Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Risk days the church services on the Surf Coast will be cancelled, and OpShop closed.**

**Next week: Combined service photos. Plus all about CRISP.. Not enough room this week....**

**Thanks to Noni, Gary and Fran plus the Editor for all the great photos.**

**OUR CHURCHES  
ON THE SURF-  
COAST**

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.

NB: Newsletter deadline 4pm Thursday. Email: newsletter-surfcoastuc@gmail.com.

**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  
REOPENs Friday 6th January & Saturday 7th: 10am to 4pm.