

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 12th March 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.

*As long as the sun rises each day,
you are welcome to this place to share the love of
God and the fellowship of travellers in His way.*



A Creed:

**I believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**I believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**I believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**I believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**I believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**I believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

Please Note that on Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Risk days the church services on the Surf Coast may be cancelled, and the Op Shop closed.

NB: Newsletter deadline 4pm Thursday. Email: newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com. ALL news welcome

Sunday March 12th : Lent 3

Aireys Inlet @ 9:30am Worship Team
Bellbrae @ 11am Michele Hardy
Torquay @ 9.30am Rev Bob Thomas
Holy Communion

Sunday March 19th: Lent 4

Aireys Inlet @ 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas
Bellbrae @ 11am Rev Bob Thomas
Torquay @ 9.30am Worship Team



NOTE: All video sermons are available on the Surfcoast website: www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

Surfcoast Uniting Events:

Thursday morning Coffee: at Bomboras in Torquay from 10.30am

It's not too late to join...an ecumenical Lenten Bible Study being held at St Aidan's Church, Aireys Inlet. Every Thursday at 10:30 am. Rev Bob Thomas will lead the remaining studies. We will use the Anglican Board of Mission study booklet, *"The Imaginary Doorway"* by Stephen Daughtry. All welcome. For more information contact, celebrant.noni@gmail.com

AGM @ Torquay Congregation will be held after the service on **Sunday 26th March**. There are vacancies on our Council, and voting papers and further information will be available this week. Jane Skelton, Robert Packett, Heather Dennis and Marg Hirth are concluding their terms and may be available for re-election. There are 2 additional vacancies on Council for you to consider.

Your Linked Council meets on **Tuesday 21st March** to pass the new year's budget and plan for the year ahead. Make a note to pray for their wisdom and care on our behalf. Your Linked Council reps are always available for a chat—Jane, Maxine, Mary, Fran, Robyn and Linda.

LATE NOTE: Our Opshop is closed on Friday 10th March due to lack of staff. Open as usual on Saturday at 10am.

You are invited to

AN AFTERNOON TEA

with **Maria Baade**

from the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Association.

**Thursday 23rd March
At 2pm**

Waurnd Ponds Community Church
48 Waurndvale Drive, Belmont

\$10 entrance—all funds to the Cottage By The Sea,

Contact Robyn H.
for information
& Tickets
0407 829 926 by
18th March
please.



Out & About: Local Dates for your Diary.

Monday 13th March: Labour Day Holiday for Victoria.

Thursday 16th March : First AFL footy match for the season, Richmond Vs Carlton. Geelong plays Collingwood on Friday 17th.

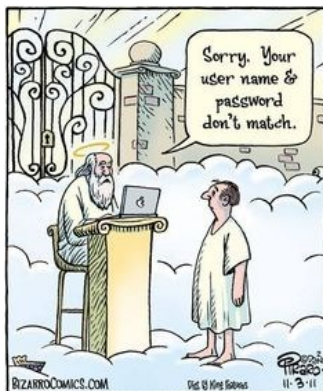
Friday 17th March: **St Patrick's Day**, and Robyn Harper's birthday.

Saturday 18th March: Head of the Schoolgirls Rowing Regatta at Geelong

Sunday 19th March: Cowrie Market on the Torquay Foreshore.

Saturday 1st April: Geelong Memorial Brass Band performs at Portarlington Bandstand. Gold coin donation.

Sunday 2nd April: Daylight Saving ends for Victoria



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Till travelling days are done. (TIS 585)

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.

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OUR CHURCHES
ON THE SURF-
COAST

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 Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.