

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 26th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).



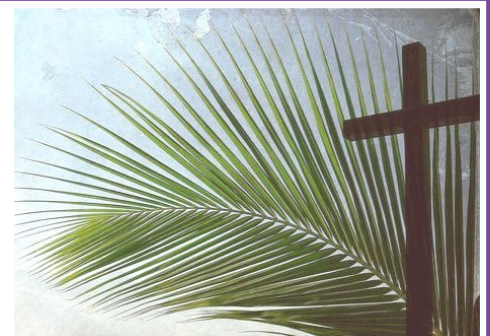
Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humbly hopeful into life;  
use us as a means of blessing:  
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful,  
give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning:  
God! Encourage and renew!

TIS 683. Frederik Herman Kaan, 1929-

## ***Plan ahead for Easter :***

- Sunday 2nd April: **Palm Sunday**  
Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am, Bellbrae @ 11am, Torquay @ 9.30am.
- Wednesday 5th April: **Bellbrae Taizé Service at 7pm**
- Thursday 6th April: **Service at Elouera Aged Care at 2.15pm, helpers welcome**
- Thursday 6th April: **Maundy Thursday Service at 7.30pm at Torquay**
- Friday 7th April: **Good Friday Service at Torquay at 9.30am**  
**Hot Cross Buns** @ Genats following the service. 8 Gogoll Crescent, Torquay. *All welcome*
- Sunday 9th April: **Ecumenical Dawn Service at Cosy Corner** followed by snack breakfast with the gathered. 6.30am
- Sunday 9th April: **Easter Day:** Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am, Bellbrae @ 11am, Torquay @ 9.30am.



**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](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com). ALL news welcome

### Sunday March 26th : Lent 5

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



### Sunday April 2nd: Palm Sunday

Aireys Inlet @ 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas  
Bellbrae @ 11am Rev Bob Thomas  
*Holy Communion at AI and BB*  
Torquay@ 9.30am Worship Team

**NOTE: All our video sermons are available on the Surfcoast website:**  
**[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)**

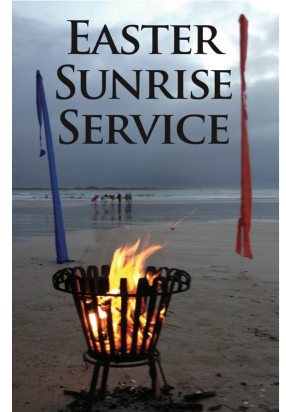
### Surfcoast Uniting Events:

#### Thursday morning Coffee: at Bomboras in Torquay from 10.30am

**AGM @ Torquay Congregation** will be held after the service on this **Sunday 26th March**. Voting papers and further information are 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.

**Easter Week**— check out the service details on the front page and plan to attend your Easter worship. Also, our *fellowship time* across all congregations is over *Hot Cross Buns at the Genats* on Good Friday after the 9.30am service.

**Sunday 9th April:** Everyone is welcome to the Ecumenical Dawn Service on Easter Day 6.30am on the beach at Cosy Corner, Torquay Beach. Breakfast snacks afterwards.



#### **Thank YOU**

*From Frontier Services for attending our special service last week at Torquay and all the donations then and throughout the year.*

Remember, we are still collecting for UNITING to support families and individuals in our area with food and toiletries, toys and clothes.

New things please, small packages of food often preferred. Staples, coffee, tea, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, chocolate, are always needed. *Thank you.*

#### **Out & About: Local Dates for your Diary.**

**Thursday 30th March :** Join some surf coast friends at the wonderful "Fashions on Parade" at St Luke's Hall at 1.30pm. Their Afternoon Tea is famous! \$10 donation at the door. See Tricia or Annette to join the group.

**Sunday 2nd April:** Daylight Saving ends for Victoria

**Sunday 9th April:** Airey's Inlet Easter Market

**From the 4th April to the 14th:** Bells Beach Surf Pro Classic The World Surf League is returning to Bells Beach, for the 60th Anniversary of the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach presented by Bonsoy, the longest-running event on the World Surf League's elite Championship Tour.



Bells Beach means history and heritage for both world surfing and Australian sport. This is the first stop of the Australian leg of the WSL Championship Tour, the event will continue its tradition of falling on Easter weekend- April 4-14.



#### **Prayer Points for this week ahead:**

- For those in hospital and recovering from illness or surgery (looking at you Doreen!)
- For the first meeting of our JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) that will meet with Presbytery next week to continue the process of our ministry search.
- For those who work quietly behind the scenes, calling friends, dropping in the newsletter, sharing a cuppa and a prayer when needed.



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  
**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.