

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 16th April 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.

EASTER ON the SURF COAST and across the world.

A beautiful night at Bellbrae's Taize service

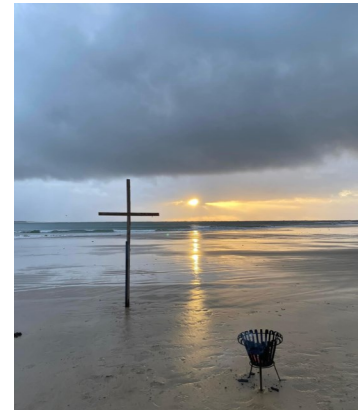
The feathertail gliders flew over.



The quiet candlelight of the Tenebrae Service at Torquay on Maunday Thursday.



The Dawn Easter service at Cosy Corner.



Amusing Palm Sunday anecdote.

The church was prepared for worship.

To create atmosphere for a meaningful Palm Sunday experience and to replicate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a palm branch and clothing was draped at the church entrance.

The busy minister arrived, un-noticing.

Some arrived mystified, had the op shop been broken into and clothing strewn around?

"It must have rained during the service", thought the person who collected the clothing afterwards. One item was soaked and upon inspection, was a pair of bathers?

Mystery solved. A person arriving late after swimming, had seen the clothes draped outside and thought that was a good place to hang her bathers.

It could only happen at Bellbrae!



And a photo from
Roma, in Genoa, Italy,
on Palm Sunday taken out-
side the church.

The lady is handing out
Palm crosses before people
walk into the church.



Sunday April 16th:

Aireys Inlet 9:30 am Rev Bob Thomas
 Bellbrae 11:00 am Rev Bob Thomas
 Torquay: 9:30am Sharing Rev Bob via video.

Sunday April 23rd

Aireys Inlet 9:30am Worship team/ Bob's
 Bellbrae 11:00 am video.
 Torquay 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas

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

Surfcoast Uniting Events:

Thursdays at 5pm at Torquay: Choir practice is beginning again. All welcome to come and join in the singing.

Thursday morning Coffee: at Bomboras in Torquay from 10:30am

Sunday April 30th: Our Combined service will be held at Aireys Inlet Church, led by Rev. Mat Harry. Please note this is at St Aidan's Anglican Church **at 10:00am**. Mat works at the VICTAS Synod as the New & Renewing Communities Catalyst.

Please take a trip down the beautiful coast and support our friends at Aireys on this special Sunday.

Tuesday 25th April at 2pm—BOOK CLUB is back for Autumn. Crime & Punishment as the theme this time. At OTP. BYO book and comments to share. Everyone welcome. Contact Tricia on 0419 3400656

Aireys Lunch at Pub. Friday May 5th @ 12 noon. All very welcome. POP it in the diary now.

Orchestra Geelong 2023

Are proud to present their 2023 concert series

Concert One is 30th April @ 3pm. The Gibson Centre. Christian Collage Senior School. Pigdon Rd. Waurin Ponds. Adult \$30 Conc: \$20.
 Our own Maxine Flakemore is taking part.

UNITING are in need of Full cream long life milk, Spreads, jams, Cereals, Canned soups and canned veggies. Please give as you are able.

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

Sunday 9th April: Airey's Inlet Easter Market

Saturday 20th May @ Oak Tree Place—a special fundraiser concert featuring the *Surfside Singers* who meet every Tuesday at OTP. More details — see Notice to the Right>>>>>

AND—the *Surfcoast Arts Trail* is coming again in 2023. Oak Tree Place is registered as a location, so set aside **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August** to be involved and bring the family and friends. Check www.surfcoastartstrail.com.au for all details.

SURFSIDE SINGERS

present

AUTUMN MELODIES

Songs to warm the heart

Giving Hope on the Coast – Aireys Inlet Uniting Outreach

The fundraising for this very special cause continues. We have set a target of \$30,000 and are well on the way to achieving this. If you would like to make a personal contribution to our fundraising, the details for a bank transfer are as follows:

Account name: Surf Coast Uniting Church
 BSB: 083-929
 Account: 20-987-6337

Please use the reference CRISP and add some identifying information.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed already..

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.

