

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 23rd 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

**Lectionary readings April 23rd:** Easter 3 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

**As we gather together** on this Autumn morning,  
may we weave here a patchwork of peace:  
The soft deep blue of sensitivity and understanding;  
The red energy of creativity;  
The white heat of convictions;  
The risky, fragile green of new growth;  
The golden flashes of gratitude;  
The warm rose of love.



Together, in our gathered diversity, we form the whole. So be it.

**God of light and colour, we offer our gratitude for the glories of red and yellow, brown and green: all the shades of this autumn season. May our lives be lived in appreciation of all that life offers us. Amen**

From Rev Bob Thomas Service this week

## **NEXT Sunday April 30th: Our Combined service will be held at Aireys Inlet.**

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to attend the joint Worship service for the Surf Coast Uniting Churches, to be led by the Rev. Mat Harry. Mat is a Synod Minister, who is very highly regarded for his work assisting churches in new ways of thinking about how we engage with our communities. Mat is in great demand and we are very fortunate that he has made himself available to lead our service. It will be an exciting opportunity to hear ideas for ways our churches can adapt to be more meaningful to people of all ages and better serve the needs of our communities. Mat has excellent experience in leading growing and thriving congregations.

**The service will be held at St Aidan's church, Aireys Inlet (opposite the General Store), at 10 am, followed by morning tea. It would be appreciated if you could bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea.**

Please note that our rental agreement with the Anglican church does not permit animals in the church building unless they are therapy dogs etc.

The Aireys Inlet congregation looks forward to welcoming you to this Worship service – one not to be missed.

## **World Vision Australia — 40 hour famine is back!!!**

The 40HR Famine will take place on the weekend of the 25th - 27th August and it will involve undertaking a challenge chosen by each participant. We would love to have Surf Coast Uniting Church join us in this year's campaign. We believe that together we can make a real difference in the lives of children and families in need.

Attached is a link to our 40HR Famine website where you can find more information and sign up if you wish to.

<https://40hourfamine.com.au/dashboard>

April 30th is also a **National Day of Prayer for Peace in Myanmar**. Let us remember this and the many other conflict areas around our world.

NB: Newsletter deadline 4pm Thursday. Email: [newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com). ALL news welcome

**Sunday April 23rd**

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

**Sunday April 30th**

**Aireys Inlet only :**  
Combined service @ 10:00am

**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:**

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

**Thursday Coffee Morning at Bomboras 10:30am.** Next week we will go to the newly opened café, **High Vibes Surf Coast**, 1135 Surf Coast Hwy.

**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

**Sunday April 23rd**— **Armstrong Creek UC movie afternoon**, see notice.

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

**SURFSIDE SINGERS**  
present  
**AUTUMN MELODIES**  
Songs to warm the heart



**Afternoon Tea and Movie:**  
Entry by Donation to support Armstrong Creek

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2.30pm**  
**at**  
**Grovedale Uniting Church**  
Details contact Rob Jane  
0425 718 224  
An update of Armstrong Creek's Ministry will be provided.

**Breakthrough Movie**

Mike Colter, Josh Lucas, Chrissy Metz, Tophir Grace

From the producer of Miracles from Heaven, BREAKTHROUGH is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. BREAKTHROUGH is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

Appreciation to Grovedale Volunteers who are able to provide some afternoon tea.



A belated Happy 80th birthday to Marilyn Sewell and safe travels in the UK.

Safe travels to others heading off into this amazing world.

Happy birthday to all those that have celebrated this month.

And congratulations to all the new grandparents and great grandparents too.

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

**April 30th— Orchestra Geelong, @ 3pm** The Gibson Centre. Christian Collage Senior School. Pigdon Rd. Waurn Ponds . Adult \$30 Conc: \$20.

**Saturday 20th May** -a special fundraiser concert featuring the **Surfside Singers** who meet every Tuesday at OTP. More details — see Notice

**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 [w. www.surfcoastartstrail.com.au](http://www.surfcoastartstrail.com.au) for all details.

This is a friendly reminder that **The Arts Trail registrations close next week!**

Here is the link to register: <https://au.openforms.com/Form/0487fd4f-c347-47ab-88e5-4e5d7909a32c>

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

**The Geelong Progressive Christianity Discussion Group –**

**Thursday 27th April 1.30 -3.30pm**

This discussion group meets at the Waurn Ponds Library Meeting Room, 230 Pioneer Rd Grovedale (next to Leisurelink). All welcome.

This month we will share a group discussion 'How we each celebrated Easter'

There won't be a video or other material to view ahead of the meeting this month.

Our meetings are also on Zoom For details please call Heather Dennis 0409176319

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.