

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

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## Newsletter

Sunday 28th May 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).

**Wear something RED if you are able this Sunday**

Lectionary readings : Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23

### **An excerpt of a Litany for Pentecost**

***Breathe of God, blow away all that is unclean.***

***Rain of God, revive our withered lives.***

***Breeze of God, refresh us as you desire.***

***River of God, flow through us and heal our land.***



" The message of the Bible is ... that into the confusion of our world, with its divisions and hatred, has come a message of transforming power, and those who believe it will experience within themselves the power that makes for reconciliation and peace on earth. ( Thomas Merton)

### **Winter Share Appeal through Uniting VicTas**

Winter brings colder days and longer nights but the light of Christ continues to shine on our hearts. We all face challenging times with an increased financial strain on our pockets.

But for many among us, the rising cost of living means people already in challenging situations face even greater hardship every day - with tough choices to make.

Your spirit of generosity will enable us to help people in many areas of their lives and to offer hope.

Please consider and help where able by donating through the website, or in the envelopes at Church.

Donations can be made through the website at <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/share-appeal/>

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### **Giving Hope on the Coast – Aireys Inlet Uniting Outreach**

#### **Report and Appeal for Donations**

We are reaching the exciting final stages of our project, now that we have finished our training and submitted our Settlement Plan and Group Profile to CRISP. It won't be long before we start the process of being matched with a family who are somewhere overseas in a refugee camp, waiting to be given a fresh start at life here on the beautiful Surf Coast.

**To achieve our goals we need your help. We have now launched a public appeal through the online platform Shout For Good. All donations through this site are tax deductible. If you would like to donate click on this link <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/aireysinletunitingoutreach>**

It is also still possible to donate by a direct deposit into our account: Account name: Surf Coast Uniting Church  
BSB: 083-929 Account: 20-987-6337 use the reference CRISP and add some identifying information.

## Sunday May 28th ... **Pentecost Sunday**

Aireys Inlet 9:30 Rev Bob Thomas Video  
Bellbrae 11:00 Brian Shaw  
Torquay 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas

## Sunday June 4th

Aireys Inlet 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas HC  
Bellbrae 11:00 am Rev Bob Thomas HC  
Torquay 9:30am Rev Bob Thomas Video

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

### Surfcoast Uniting Events:

**Thursday June 1st @ 2:15pm.** Worship service at Elouera. All welcome to come and assist Rev Bob.

**Thursdays at 5pm at Torquay:** The choir have begun singing a selection of songs leading up to and including Pentecost.

**Thursday Coffee Morning** at Bomboras 10:30am. All welcome

**Coffee and Kids at Torquay** 9:30-11:00 am @ Oak Tree Place

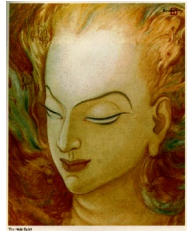
**Beaut Beanies** will be holding a stall at the Farmers Market on the Saturday of the long weekend, June 10th. All money raised goes to many worthwhile charities. Go along and buy a winter warmer.

**Next Regional Meeting** is on June 15th in Oak Tree Place at 10:00am

**Winter Solstice Lunch** —June 23rd at Oak Tree Place.. More info to come

**A Dadirri Walk at Aireys Inlet** on July 16th @ 2:30pm More info to come.

**Safe Church Training:** Time again to update our Safe Church training. You can do it yourselves on line by going to <https://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/safe-church-training> or you can attend a session which we will hold in Oak Tree Place towards the end of July. Please download the workbook at [http:// safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/20/UCACHildSafeTrainingWorkbook.pdf](http://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/20/UCACHildSafeTrainingWorkbook.pdf)



### A Study entitled:

**A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart.** This is an 8 part study and will be led by Rev Bob Thomas. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend, especially in the light of the upcoming referendum on The Voice.

It will be starting **on Thursday, June 22nd, at Aireys Inlet church, 29 Great Ocean Road at 10:30 AM.**



This concert will be a fundraiser for our work in the community of **Armstrong Creek**. It is will a fun afternoon of music provided by local artists including Possums on the Porch, The Modewarries, a Uke group and Grovedale Green Singers just to name a few.



Last Sunday the church was filled with beautiful singing, laughter and fun as the **Surfside Singers** performed to a full house.

This was followed by a magnificent afternoon tea which they also provided. A wonderful \$980 was raised for our church.

Many thanks to the singers and all that helped on the day.



Torquay will be hosting **"The Biggest Morning Tea"** this Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the delicious morning tea provided and donate to this great cause. You can also donate online at <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/s/60594/84138>

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.