

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 4th June 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.

Lectionary readings : Trinity Sunday Gn 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Below are two representations from long ago.



The Holy Trinity by St. [Andrei Rublev](#), using the theme of the "Hospitality of Abraham." The three angels [symbolize](#) the Trinity, which is rarely depicted directly in Byzantine art



Holy Trinity, [fresco](#) by Luca Rossetti da Orta, 1738–39 (St. Gaudenzio Church at Ivrea, [Torino](#))

Gn 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

Pentecost Celebrations shared by Roma from Italy.

The photos are of lighting the candles for our Pentecost English service, followed by a bring and share lunch. We sung 'Walk in the light' while walking out of the church together with our lit candles.



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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Deadline for items for our newsletter to be sent to newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com by 4pm on Thursday of each week/

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

Sunday June 11th

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

NOTE: All our video sermons are available on the Surf-coast 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 will be at the RACV for the next two weeks as Bomboras are shutting for a break.

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.

It is \$10 entry and afternoon tea will be provided.



Many thanks to all who donated to the Biggest Morning tea, both by bringing delicious food to share, giving money in person and on line. We raised a whopping \$850

Thanks to Robyn Harper for organising it again.

Rosemary Thompson is back home again after her mammoth walk along the **Robert Louis Stevenson Walk** in southern France trekking about 250 kms with 3 of her friends.

Congratulations Ro



Giving Hope on the Coast – Aireys Inlet Uniting Outreach Report and Appeal for Donations

To achieve our goal of sponsoring a Refugee family 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.

**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.