

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 11th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).

Lectionary readings : Genesis 12: 1-9, Psalm 33: 1-12, Romans 4: 13-25, (alt Hosea:5:15-6:6) Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26

## WHY PRAY?

*A cloistered nun was asked why she prayed.*

*'Because I breathe,' she replied.*



*Some people want to pray because 'they want to experience God's extraordinary presence in their ordinary lives'.*

*However, prayer always demands 'a slow and deliberate effort, dedicated time for reflection, and an authentic response from our soul'.*

*The effect of prayer is to see with the heart and respond appropriately. It brings peace to the spirit and facilitates the welling up in the heart of compassion, empathy, gratitude and hope.*

*We also bring others before God as our way of supporting them through good times and bad.*

Excerpted from Reimaging Religion: A Jesuit Vision by Jim Maher SJ

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,

God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

. From our Hymns this week...



## 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/>**



Deadline for items for our newsletter to be sent to [newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurfcoastuc@gmail.com) by 4pm on Thursday of each week/

**Sunday June 11th**

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

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

**Sunday June 18th**

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

## What's Happening where we live?



Choir at Torquay—Every Thursday at 5pm. Come and Sing!



Coffee at the RACV for the next few Thursdays while Bomboras is closed. Join us at 10.30 & say Hi!

### Coffee & Kids Playgroup

9.30am Every Friday at Oak Tree Place. Perfect for Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents, extra volunteers welcomed.



### Next Uniting Churches Regional

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



### ADVANCE NOTE:

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser  
Sat 12th August.

**Beaut Beanies** will be holding a stall at **Torquay Farmers Market on Saturday June 10th**. All money raised goes to many local charities. Come along to support them and buy a winter warmer for someone who needs it. Beaut Beanies meets every Tuesday at 10.30 at Torquay Church Foyer and YOU are welcome

Everyone loves a Bargain—and keeping things out of landfill!

Support your local **OPSHOP & Book ROOM at Bellbrae**. Open this weekend : Friday, Saturday AND Monday. 10-4. Do come...



SURFCOAST ARTS TRAIL is back for 2023.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th AUGUST

AT Bellbrae and Torquay locations

Trading Table, cakes & crafts also available for sale

The Aireys Inlet Community Market is open Sunday 11th June for the last time this season.



**Safe Church Training:** at Oak Tree Place  
at 3pm on Thursday 3rd August

You can do it yourselves on line by going to <https://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/safe-church-training/>

**OR** you can attend an in person session. Please download the workbook at <http://safechurch.ucavictas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/20/UCACHildSafeTrainingWorkbook.pdf>

This is a requirement for all church volunteers. It may be fun, AND it will be useful.

**It's world wide KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY on Saturday 10th, so go ahead and KNIT!**  
Your knitting donations may go to Beaut Beanies, KOGO or Uniting.

### Winter Solstice Lunch — Friday June 23rd at Oak Tree Place at Noon.

This is an opportunity to catch up with friends, bring a neighbour or a family member. *It's Free*. Hot lunch, lovely music, delicious desserts and coffee & tea with friends old and new. Call Robyn or Tricia if you'd like a ride or with any dietary requests. Let's fill the Hall!



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

To achieve our goal of sponsoring a Refugee family we need your help. We have 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 possible to donate by a direct deposit into our account:  
Account name: Surf Coast Uniting Church  
BSB: 083-929 Account: 20-987-6337  
Please use the reference CRISP.



Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

*You are Invited to a study called:*

### A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart.

This 8 part study is led by Rev Bob Thomas. As we approach the referendum on The Voice, this can help us to understand all the issues.

**DAY 1: Thursday, June 22nd, at Aireys Inlet Church.**

The study booklet can be downloaded or hard copy ordered at [www.abmission.org/resources/a-voice-in-the-wilderness/](http://www.abmission.org/resources/a-voice-in-the-wilderness/)

*"In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future."*

*Quote, Statement from the Heart*

**Airey's Inlet** St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Airey's Sunday Service at 9.30am  
**Bellbrae:** Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae Sunday Service at 11.00am  
**Torquay:** Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay Sunday Service at 9.30am

**BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM :** Uniting Church Hall, School Road. Bellbrae  
Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

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