

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 13th August 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.

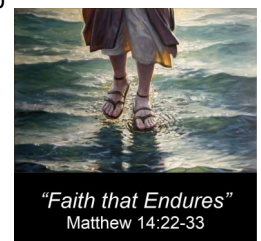
Lectionary readings : Pent 11 [19] Gn 37:1-4,12-28 Ps 105: 1-6, Rom 10:5-15 Mt 14:22-33

Arts Trail Success. Last weekend began with a very chilly morning here on the Surf Coast, but the rain held off and the sun came out, along with the people. The Trading table at Torquay had a successful morning on Saturday raising over \$950. Bellbrae's OP Shop, Book Room and soup and scones did exceedingly well too. It was a great day, thanks to everyone lending a hand. Here are some of the happy faces and hardworking folk that made for a special day for our visitors.



"But how do we expect our faith to work?" How do we ride out the crises, the setbacks and the storms of life? The Christian faith comes with no guarantees of a trouble-free life, as Jesus often made very clear (remember Matthew 10:34-36), but like the early church we can be sure that we are never alone in our troubles. Remember those wonderful words from 2 Corinthians 12:9b that Jesus gave to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." This is what Peter learned when he faltered when walking on the Sea of Galilee. This is what we who so often struggle, falter and fail need to learn. For when we call to him in our weakness and loss and sorrow, Jesus comes to us like he did to the disciples on the Sea of Galilee, bringing us strength to endure, guidance to find the right path, hope for the future, and love to lift us up and enable us to continue into the future he has planned for us."

An excerpt by Rev. Sandra Houghton, from the Gippsland Weekly worship.



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

Sunday 13th August

Torquay 9.30am Communion
Aireys Inlet 9.30am— Rev Bob video
Bellbrae 11am— Worship team

Check out our web page for all
the sermons and diary updates.

www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday 20th August

Torquay 9.30am -Rev Bob video
Aireys Inlet 9.30am— Rev Bob
Bellbrae 11am— Rev Bob

May God Bless You — a Franciscan prayer from Jan Hale's Desk.

"May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep with your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done."

What's Happening where we live?

- You are invited by Portarlington Uniting to join a YARN about the Voice. Speakers include members of the local Wauthaurong community and Libby Coker, Federal MP for Corangamite. Sunday 13th August at 2pm at St Andrews Uniting
- UNITING STILL needs the these things**—150gm jars of Vegemite and 50gm jars of coffee (any brand). As well as the usual long life milk etc. But please no tea as that is in plentiful supply!
- Noble Street Uniting in Saffron St, Newton, will be hosting an Afternoon Tea to support the work of the **"Bravehearts Education Program"** in Geelong Region. AT 2pm on Sunday 27th August with excellent speakers billed.
RSVP to Ross on 0411 131 081 and check out www.bravehearts.org.au.



A BIG Welcome to the OBE club.

A very happy birthday to our dear Michael Lambkin, who celebrated this milestone last weekend.



"A small team has been clearing out the shed at Torquay and now need to tip some of the accumulated rubbish. If anyone has an unwanted tip voucher (some will expire at the end of August) please see Geoff Genat. If you haven't downloaded yours yet - it's not too late. Thank you



Operation
Christmas Child
+
BBQ
+
96three FM LIVE

Saturday 12th Aug

11am - 2pm



147 Marshalltown Rd
GROVEDALE 3216



Community Dates and Events:

- Our fundraising BUNNINGS BBQ is on **Sat 12th August** DO Come !
- 3pm Sunday 13 August—Orchestra Geelong Concert—get tickets at www.orchestrageelong.org.au
- 25-26 August, LOCAL WORD Festival at Geelong Regional Libraries check the website or ask at Torquay library for a program.
- Plan ahead for the DARK SKY event to be held again at Aireys Inlet in September. Dates & details soon



SOCIAL STUFF:

Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade. Just turn up & chat. All ages and genders are welcome. It has been great to see one of our new members join us... plus all the regulars too.

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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