

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 20th 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 : Gn 45:1-15 Ps 133 Rom 11:1-2a,29-32 Mt 15: (10-20), 21-28

"A Canaanite Mother" by Joy Mead from Dandelions and Thistles.



A Canaanite mother came to him angry and alone,
With purpose but no necessity for meaning, gut feeling being enough.

The child stayed behind: a torn-apart self in her dark world, disturbed by
unresolved relationship; awaiting the coming of spring and her own
flowering.

There was no escaping her, the unnamed mother from a despised people.

She made him listen;
gave him vision
and behind her back
he gave a young life her own balanced centre of becoming.

{Interpreted from Matthew 15: 21-18}

Our Successful Arts Trail Weekend.

At **Torquay Uniting** the Arts Trail weekend was very busy for lots of people, but a great opportunity to connect with each other and the community. The Trading Table made a profit of \$1036.51. The Arts side of it brought in \$309 for the church from the commission from the sale of artwork by our amazing artists. We sold \$2093 worth of art. Congratulations to all our great artists.



As always **Bellbrae Uniting** Arts Co-Op have participated in the Arts Trail event since it's inception and this year was our best ever! Artists, Craftswomen and Writers from our group exhibited and sold their works to some 350 visitors over the weekend. We all worked very hard making Devonshire Teas and Soup achieving \$435 for our fundraising efforts. It was a big weekend for all concerned but wonderful as an outreach exercise where visitors sat quietly in the church enjoying themselves.

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

Sunday 20th August

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

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

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Sunday 27th August

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

What's Happening where we live?

- Sunday August 27th Torquay will have a launch of the Buddy System Pastoral Care Support for our church community, as part of our service that day.
Pastoral ministry is everyone's ministry.
- **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

Torquay had a great day at our **Bunnings BBQ**, last Saturday. We didn't think that we would be busy when we looked at the weather first thing in the morning - but we were wrong and had lots of repeat customers. They would buy one going in and then buy one on the way out. After expenses were taken out we raised \$1,155.35.

A very successful day.

Thank you Alan H. for organising this fundraiser, and all those who volunteered.



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.

What a
beautiful colour
for a beautiful
lady.

**Happy
Birthday, Bev.**



And speaking of birthdays! I noticed that
Olive Mawson celebrated another
year ...102! **Congratulations Olive**



The Geelong and Region Progressive Christianity Discussion Group

Waurm Ponds Library Thursday 24th August 2023 1.30 -3.30pm

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

This month we will discuss the video *'Living in the 21st Century'*, which focusses on the contribution of Reverend Sir Lloyd Geering to the Progressive Christian movement. Geering's work is introduced by retired Uniting Church Ministers Rev Dr David Merritt, and Rev Dr John Gunson. The link to the video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwBW8dx-9fY> Enquiries to Heather Dennis 0409176319

A Prayer from Weekly Worship. Season of Pentecost 2023. Presbytery of Gippsland, Fig Tree Worship Resource

Precious and good is the fellowship we share. We give thanks for meeting us in our worship and offering us such grace. As we share today in the harmonious sound of our music and the words of our songs, so may we share together in harmonious relationship. In the nourishment of silence, and in the strength in our shared liturgy, may the gifts that we bring be inspired by your creative love and grounded in your truths. Amen

Community Dates and Events:

- 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

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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