

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 27th 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 : Ex 1:8 – 2:10 Ps 124 Rom 12:1-8 Mt 16:13-20

This Sunday August 27th in Torquay we will have a launch of the **Buddy System Pastoral Care Support** for our church community.



There will also be a focus on the **Share Sunday Appeal** and a retiring offering for this Uniting appeal.



Share Sunday Appeal

God's call to unity.

Partnering together to support our diverse community.

"We are passionate about helping people and recognise everyone's needs are different."

- Aimee, Asylum Seeker Program Team Leader

Call us
1800 668 426

Donate today
unitingvictas.org.au/share-sunday



Uniting

A reflection on Romans by Rev. Annetia Goldsmith

"Paul is asking us to give ourselves daily to God. To live each day as if our relationship with God was more important to us than our selfish desires or self-imposed limitations. We are encouraged by Paul to not give in to the outside pressures of the world, but to have faith in God to help us be all that we were made to be. Through baptism we die to the expectations of the world and are reborn in the Spirit of God. Two midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, thousands of years ago, made a brave decision to do their best to save a generation of male newborns. They decided to defy the expectations of their time by stepping out in love of God. What amazing changes that made to the history of an entire people! It was part of God's answer to a prayer of salvation. Making choices moment by moment to change bad habits, live a better life, pay attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit in prayer and in life, can help us make the most of the gifts that God has given to us; it can help us to experience the bounty of God's creation and God's mercy. And we do not have to do it alone! We are here as the body of Christ to uphold and support one another. To be the children of God. "

Child Safe Sunday is the
September 2023.

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It's an opportunity to celebrate that we are called to be a community of Christ in which we are all safe; and to re-commit ourselves to working together to make that so.

There are still a few leaders who need to complete the safe church training. Jane will run a short group session which will go through all the questions and answers in the book. Please contact Jane and a date can be arranged.



A safe church is who we are called to be

Safeguarding is the approach we take to ensure the wellbeing of children and young people, so they flourish and thrive into the people God calls them to be.

Safeguarding is about more than "safety", which is about preventing risk and harm. It is about working with them so they feel safe, supported, and their sense of wellbeing enables them to thrive.

God calls us to safeguard children and young people.

Our Church expects us to safeguard children and young people

The law requires everyone over the age of 18 to safeguard children and young people, as individuals, groups and as an organisation.



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

Sunday 27th August

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

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

www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday 3rd September

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

What's Happening where we live?

- **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.

Torquay Church maintenance

In the next little while we will be having some repair work completed on the porch of the church prior to the whole building having a fresh new paint job.



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.

Friday 1st Sept— Aireys Inlet monthly Pub lunch

Thursday 7th Sept — Worship at Elouera Nursing Home.

Regular weekly activities include:

Beaut Beanies—10:30am Tuesdays in Torquay church.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy and attend any of the above activities and outreach that happen on our Surf Coast.

Coming up... Torquay are planning a Lunch to welcome in the Spring.. More info to come.

2023 THEME: Let Justice and Peace Flow
1st September to 4th October



Season of Creation Christians take part in acts of worship and action focused on how we live in relationship with and care for God's creation.

The Geelong and Region Progressive Christianity Discussion Group

Postponed from last Thursday now at Waurin Ponds Library Thursday 31st August 2023 1.30 -3.30pm

This discussion group meets at the Waurin 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

Community Dates and Events:

- Plan ahead for the **DARK SKY** event to be held again at Aireys Inlet on September 16th
- Music @ St. Luke's ... see advert

Aireys Inlet are still awaiting news of the arrival date for their refugee family.

They are all waiting with anticipation and hope it will be soon.

Keep **CRISP** in your prayers.



Music @ St Luke's

Sunday 17th September 3pm

Clarinet Quartet
Adults \$15 children free



Thursday 12th October 12:30-1pm

Tom Healy Pipe Organ Recital
Free



Sunday 22nd October 3pm

The Surf Coast's string orchestra
Vivaldi, Mozart, Puccini, Scott Joplin
Adults \$20, concessions \$15, children under 12 free

Musicians of the Great Ocean Road

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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