

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 3rd September 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 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6, 23-26 , 46b, Rom 12:9-21 Mt 16:21-28

WELCOME TO SPRING!

We begin together 'A Season of Creation' .

In this month of September, the Global Church invites us to face the ecological crisis with Christ and to serve Christ in the healing of creation. This Sunday we worship with the forest (bush) garden. We celebrate among the living trees, ferns and forest life in our sanctuary. We also celebrate the tree of life at the centre of our sanctuary, a tree that symbolises Christ!

And as we celebrate Spring – let us thank God for our gardens.

In preparation, you might like to bring to worship, some eucalyptus leaves from your garden ...



Last Sunday, Torquay U.C. launched the Buddy System for Pastoral Care Support in our church community.

So if you weren't there to hear the explanation of what on earth that means, here's the low-down!

Dig out your Surf Coast church directory and check who is above you in the Torquay section of the directory . They become your buddy. We all are good at keeping in touch with our closer church friends and supporting them but this is aimed at reaching out to a few more, perhaps even folk you don't know that well. Just give them a call to say Hi and take it from there.

If you are unsure about any of this please contact Robyn on 0407829926

or Jane on 0400190580

or any of the church council.

Let's keep in touch !!



CHILD SAFE SUNDAY 2023 – PRAYER

HOLY ONE, SACRED THREE
GOD OF COMMUNITY,

WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.
MAY THEY GROW IN FAITH, SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS COMMUNITY STRIVES TO BE A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS, TO GROW DISCIPLES AND BECOME WHO WE ARE MEANT TO BE IN CHRIST.
MAY THEY KNOW WE WELCOME THEIR WISDOM AND GIFTS.
HELP US NOT TO BE COMPLACENT ABOUT SAFETY AND MAKE US ALWAYS READY TO WORK TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY A PLACE OF SAFETY AND WELCOME FOR ALL CHILDREN.

HOLY ONE, SACRED THREE
GOD OF COMMUNITY,

WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD.
MAY WE WORK TO CREATE FAIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.
HELP US TO BE PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR WAY WHICH SEEKS TO RAISE UP THOSE IN GREATEST NEED.

HOLY ONE, SACRED THREE
GOD OF COMMUNITY,

WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.
MAY OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING A SAFE CHURCH FOR ALL EXPAND OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO WORK AND PRAY FOR CHILDREN IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY WHO LACK SAFETY AND PEACE.
HELP US TO HEAR THE CRIES OF CHILDREN AROUND THE GLOBE. AMEN

BY REV SHARON HOLLIS, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA PRESIDENT



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

Sunday 3rd September

Torquay 9.30am -Rev Peter Greenwood-
Bellbrae 11am- Rev P Greenwood
Aireys Inlet 9.30am- Rev Bob Thomas—HC

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

www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday 10th September

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

What's Happening where we live?

The picture says it all!

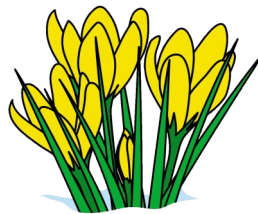
Happy 90th birthday to dear Tom Harding.

Looks like you had a great time. Wishing you
many more.



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!

Thank you to all those who
supported Share Sunday last week.



Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am

BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade.
Just turn up & chat. All ages and genders
are welcome.

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.



Torquay Church maintenance

The painting will be commencing this coming week.
Take care if you are entering the church building.



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

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
- October is Positive Ageing Month on the Surf Coast.....Lots happening from Probus, U3A, Walks, and Fun, Games and Cream Scones here at OTP... check it out.

Website link here -

<https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Over-55s/Positive-Ageing-Month>

You are invited to a Spring Fling Lunch

@ Oak Tree Place. Anderson Street, Torquay

On Friday 22nd September

From Noon

Do bring a neighbour, family or friend to share with you. There is
no cost. We love enjoying each other's company over a meal.

RSVP to Robyn Harper on 0407 829 926

Menu will suit vegetarians and will have GF options. Transport is
available.

We hope to see you there.



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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