

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 17th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).*

Lectionary readings : Exodus 14: 19-31, Psalm 103, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35



*From our Service last week: another way of praying the Lord's Prayer.*

God - heart of the world:  
revealed through every aspect of creation:  
understood through our awareness.

May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly,  
so that your love is reflected in the way we live.

May we always be thankful for the food we eat  
and the friends we have.

May we forgive those who transgress against us  
and be forgiven for our own.

In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat  
and not be compromised by hesitation.

Through our freedom, may your justice  
be seen and heard and experienced  
forever and ever. *Amen*

*“We are ordinary people  
living in ordinary places. But to God,  
we are also so much more.”*

*(unattributed)*

Now thank we all our God  
In whom this Earth rejoices,  
For creatures great and small  
Who now have lost their voices;  
And species calling us  
Before they disappear,  
To love this fragile Earth  
That God would have us share.

Paraphrased from Hymn 106 Martin Rinkart 1649



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 17th September

Torquay 9.30am - Worship Team  
Bellbrae 11am - Worship Team  
Aireys Inlet 9.30am - Rev Bob Thomas

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

[www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au)

### Sunday 24th September

Torquay 9.30am—Rev Bob Thomas  
Bellbrae 11am - Rev Bob Thomas  
Aireys Inlet 9.30am - Worship Team

## What's Happening where we live?

### You are all invited to a Spring Fling Lunch

@ Oak Tree Place. Anderson Street, Torquay

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Call Robyn Harper or Tricia Genat for any Queries

Menu will suit vegetarians and will have GF options:

Spring Punch, Quiches, Salads, Fruit Salad, Trifle,

Chocolate & Coffee

Transport is available.

### In our neighbourhood:



### Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am

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

### Regular weekly activities include:

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

Coffee & Kids—9.30am every Friday during Term.

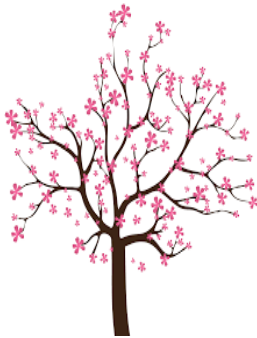
And remember the **Bellbrae Opshop & Bookroom**  
open every Friday & Saturday from 10 to 4pm.

New volunteers are always needed and welcome.

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

### WORKING BEE'S

As a response to  
Spring & our Season  
of Creation, Working  
Bees are planned for  
Torquay and Bellbrae  
church properties.  
Watch this space for  
dates & times and  
BYO gloves!



### More Music & Wildflowers...

1. The ANGAIR Wildflower weekend is 16/17 Sept, 10 to 4pm at Anglesea Memorial Hall.
2. The local Coryule Chorus singers will present "A Wonderland of Music" at St James Anglican, Collins St, Drysdale on Thursday 12th October at 2pm. Gold Coin donation includes Afternoon Tea. (This is one of the Seniors Month Activities).

### Community Dates and Events:

- The **DARK SKY** event is on at Aireys Inlet on September 16th
- **Sept 17th: Walk for YES** Parliament House Steps 12pm to 3pm  
[www.yes23.com.au/melbourne\\_walk\\_for\\_yes](http://www.yes23.com.au/melbourne_walk_for_yes)
- Sunday 24th September: at 2pm. You are invited to a service to recognise the witness of **St Andrew's Uniting Church in Geelong** and the de-consecration of the buildings. The congregation will now share worship with St Albans Park.
- October is Positive Ageing Month on the Surf Coast.  
There are many fun activities including one at Oak Tree Place which will be run by the local Probus Club. See calendar for full details.  
: [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Over-55s/Positive-Ageing-Month](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Over-55s/Positive-Ageing-Month).  
The full calendar is attached to the newsletter email this week.
- Thursday 12th October at St Luke's Anglican in Pride Street. Tom Healy Pipe Organ Recital at 12.30pm to 1pm. Free to attend and enjoy.
- Sunday 15th October: At Aireys Inlet Community Hall at 2.30pm the **Victorian Welsh Choir in Concert**. Proceeds to Red Cross. Tickets: \$35. to reserve call Margo on 0412 742 117 or Christine 0408 444 199. Or Pay at the door.
- Sunday 22nd October at **St Luke's**. Surf Coast String orchestra plays Vivaldi and Mozart, Puccini and Joplin. Adults \$20 Concession \$15. Children Free.



Our Bellbrae Congregation shares their enthusiasm for a vote to recognise an Indigenous voice in our Constitution. AND their call for Climate Action



Our Aireys Inlet Congregation shares their enthusiasm for a vote to recognise an Indigenous voice in our Constitution. From L to R: Keith, Lindsay, Jamie, Christa, Gary & Nonie.



**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.

Your Offering for our churches, programs and outreach is very welcome. Direct Deposit or Cash  
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