Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 15th October 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: Pentecost 23. Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Being Christ in our Neighbourhood:

A Coffee Cup Challenge.

From Oct 1st—Feb 13th Uniting are running a coffee challenge.

Put aside the cost of a coffee once a week, to help people in crisis in your community.

We will register as a group, **Surf Coast Uniting Churches**, so you
can add to that by scanning the bar
code below (I hope) or bring along
your coins to place in a coffee cup at
church each Sunday. Jane Skelton
can answer all your queries.



Prayers for others:

- Rev Bob is recovering slowly from surgery and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.
- Many members of our congregations are battling a little with health and life's challenges. We hold them in our hearts
- Marg Hirth from Torquay is now recovering from surgery and we send hugs to her & Peter.
- Prayers for a happy healthy year ahead to all the October birthday people.



PSALM 23

Because the Lord is my Shepherd,

I have everything I need!

- ²⁻³ He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He gives me new strength. He helps me do what honours him the most.
- ⁴ Even when walking through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way.
- ⁵ You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies. You have welcomed me as your guest; blessings overflow!
- ⁶ Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life, and afterwards I will live with you forever in your home.

From The Living Bible





Sunday 15th October

Torquay 9.30am: Worship Team Aireys Inlet 9.30am: Nathan Nettleton Bellbrae 11am: Doreen Stevens Check out our web page for all the sermons and diary updates.

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CABARET 2023

"THE COLOURS OF OUR LIVES"

Surfside Singers prese

7:00 pm for a 7:30 star

TIA HALL, Price Street, Torquay

BYO drinks and nibbles

TICKETS \$20.00

Sunday 22nd October

Torquay 9.30am—Worship team Bellbrae 11am - Worship team Aireys Inlet 9.30am – Worship Team

What's Happening where we live?

Community Dates and Events:

- October is <u>Positive Ageing Month</u> on the Surf Coast.
- Sunday 22nd October at St Luke's. Surf Coast String orchestra plays Vivaldi and Mozart, Puccini and Joplin. Adults \$20 Concession \$15. Children Free.
- Saturday 28th October—our Airey's
 Refugee family arrives to settle into
 Australia. Pray for their safe travel and
 for all the arrangements to fall into
 place and for the welcoming committee
 to be supported.
- Saturday 21st Oct Support our local singers at a Cabaret. Details in the box
- Please note that the Welsh Choir Red Cross Fundraiser Concert at Aireys Inlet this Sunday is now fully Booked. The organisers thank you.

A warm welcome to Nathan Nettleton and team from Yarra Community Baptist Church who join Airey's Inlet to run the worship service this Sunday. Nathan may be known to many as the author of the Laughing Bird website, which, for many years, has been a wonderful source of liturgical resources for use in our church services. (https://laughingbird.net/)

It's not quite Christmas yet...but here are some dates for diaries

Thursday 7th December: Fundraiser at **Bunnings Community Event** 6pm at Torquay Bunnings.

Sunday 10th December: Aireys Inlet Carols Concert 7pm

Opshop closes from Saturday 16th December, reopening on Friday

And remember to order your UNITING Christmas Cards as needed.

In our Uniting neighbourhood:

Regular Weekly activities include:

Coffee on Thursdays at 10.30am

BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade.

Beaut Beanies—10:30am Tuesdays in Torquay church

Coffee & Kids—9.30am every Friday during Term.

Bellbrae Opshop & Bookroom open every Friday & Saturday from 10 to 4pm.

Regular Monthly activities include:

Pub Lunch at Aireys—Noon, first Friday of the month Aged Care Service 2pm at Elouera, - First Thursday

ALL activities are for Everyone. Turn up and Enjoy!

Remember the Giving Plate?

it went around during our Stewardship drive a couple of years ago. Well, we did wonder where it was hiding and then Ro Thompson found it in the Op shop store room.



So we have given it a wash and it's on its way around again.

We thought that it would be a great tool to use when getting to know your **Pastoral Buddy**... remember that's the person <u>above</u> you in the directory.

So when you get it perhaps you could pass it on. If that's not possible then bring it back to the church so it can continue its journey sharing **JOY** and a tasty treat, or flowers, or a book... the choice is endless.

The Uniting Church Armstrong Creek Reference Group

is hosting a trivia night on Nov 4th at St Luke's Uniting Church Highton. 6.30 for 7pm start.

Come & Join our Surfcoast Table

☐ The night is open for anyone to attend. \$10 per person ☐ with a max of 7 people per table. Each table can bring ☐ their own snacks, drinks and cups to enjoy on the night.

Call Jane Skelton to join a table: Ph:0400190580



You are all invited to a Garden Party.

On Sunday 5th November at Geoff & Tricia Genat's. 8 Gogoll Crescent. Torquay. Let's enjoy a cuppa, or a glass, a cake or a slice, each other's company & help celebrate

Tricia's 70th.

No gifts or plates necessary.

From 2pm. RSVP 0419 340056 call or text or just turn up!

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 BSB:083 929 ACC: 20987 6337 Quote TQ, AI or BB