

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 22nd 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 24. Exodus 33: 12-23 , Psalm 96:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Being Christ in our Neighbourhood:

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. Especially those with Covid again!
- ♦ Marg Hirth from Torquay is still recovering in Epworth and we send hugs to her & Peter. New member Janice is nursing a broken shoulder & cannot even lift her phone!
- ♦ Our JNC committee continues to work with candidates and interviews. They welcome your prayers for discernment during this time.
- ♦ The Bellbrae Opshop is often overwhelmed with donations and customers in the warmer weather. They welcome new volunteers to join the roster. Once a month for 3 hours per session. Fridays and Saturdays. Email the newsletter to add your name. Remember the workers in your prayer time.
- ♦ We remember our friends in other churches on the surfcoast and further away. Their fellowship & prayer keeps us grounded.



Dear Members,

Worship in our Surfcoast Congregations may be a little disrupted over the next few weeks as Rev Bob recovers and some alternate hymns, messages and ministers are put into place. Each Worship Committee will be ministering to congregations and visitors as wonderfully as usual. Each member who participates is an affirmation of our community together.

Some of you may have missed last weeks thoughtful Reflection by Rev Moira Dodsworth of the Gippsland Presbytery. She has drawn on the web site for Fig Tree Resources. The words and the Bible Reading are attached to the Newsletter email for your personal reading and reflection.

In the meantime we uphold our church leaders and ministers as they diligently provide peaceful space, powerful words and encouragement to each of us from many sources.

Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Please will you join us on Sunday 29th October for the COMBINED SURFCOAST SERVICE @ 9.30am Torquay

Our theme is A World of Food and we welcome 3 speakers from food collection charities and encourage you to bring items to help fill THEIR pantries.

A Coffee Cup Challenge.

From Oct 1st through to Feb 13th **Uniting** have launched a coffee challenge.

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

We are registered as a group, **Surf Coast Uniting Churches**, so you can add to that by bringing along your coins to place in a coffee cup at church each Sunday. Jane Skelton can answer all your queries.

Jane also has a number of boxes for using as collecting points in your homes or other places.



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

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

“ A Festival of Food”

Please bring a plate to share and also your donations to our Food Charities who will be speaking: Uniting, Torquay Foodbank & Feed Me Surfcoast.



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