

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 8th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).

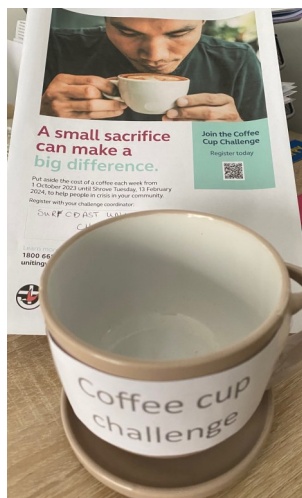
Lectionary readings : Pent 19 [27] Ex 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20 Ps 19 Phil 3:4b-14 Mt 21:33-46

## The Coffee Cup Challenge.

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

The COFFEE CUP is in place in Oak Tree Place for the Torquay folk. So pop in the cost of a coffee out once per week.

If others are interested please collect up funds plus I will have more information about how you can do it online at our Surfcoast Uniting Churches Challenge group later. See Jane for Information.



**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 above 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.



## Our Prayers for others:

- ♦ Sadly several in our community are mourning the deaths of loved ones. We remember Jean Elder, who lost a son, Marie Harding, who's sister died, and Fran Griffiths, who also lost a sister..
- ♦ Congratulations to Tricia and Geoff and blessings on baby Amelia Rose and her parents. Their first granddaughter. All doing very well.
- ♦ We pray for those among us a little unstable on their feet, may they heal, be supported in lots of great ways.- We think of Rev Bob and hope his operation went well and he is back with us again
- ♦ We pray for all our congregational Councils, and for Link council and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their decision making.
- ♦ We pray for our JNC, awaiting another name to consider.
- ♦ We pray for a positive response to The Referendum.

God our Keeper and our companion, it is our prayer that whatever joys or sorrows the present and the future may hold, you will be the dawn for which we wait and look, the hope by which we live, the joy for which we long, that you will be our freedom, now and forever. ...

Amen

## CABARET 2023

Surfside Singers present  
"THE COLOURS OF OUR LIVES"

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023  
7:00 pm for a 7:30 start  
TIA HALL, Price Street, Torquay  
BYO drinks and nibbles  
Tea/Coffee/Cake provided  
TICKETS \$20.00  
Ring Robert 0455 731881

Robyn, June and Jane are part of this great group of community singers.

Come and enjoy the music and fun!!

Are you looking for a book to read or have some you can add to the little bookshelf in Oak Tree Place Foyer. Help yourselves, it's there for all.



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 8th October

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

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

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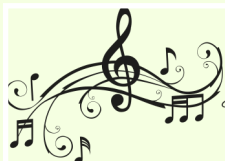
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## What's Happening where we live?

### Community Dates and Events:

- October is Positive Ageing Month on the Surf Coast.
- 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.
- 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.



### 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!**



You are all invited to a Garden Party. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Genat's, 8 Gogoll Crescent. Torquay.

Let's enjoy a cuppa, or a glass, a cake or a slice, each other's company and also help celebrate **Tricia's 70<sup>th</sup>**.

No gifts or plates necessary.

From 2pm. RSVP 0419 340056 call or text.

Christmas cards..... Robyn Harper has the order sheet out again. So you can add your name and order your **Uniting Christmas Cards** that way, or check out their website or last newsletter.



We have a table going, but please see Jane if interested. Or contact Ray in Ad..

Save the date! Aireys Inlet Community Carols, featuring the popular children's nativity play, will be on at the Aireys hall, Sunday December the 10th beginning at 7.00pm. **Community groups - please take note when planning end of year events, to avoid clashes.**



The Uniting Church Armstrong Creek Reference Group is hosting a trivia night on **Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's Uniting Church Highton**. 6.30 for 7pm start. We are inviting each of the ministry contexts within the Greater Geelong, Bellarine and Surf Coast Areas to gather a team to come and enjoy the fun of joining together in a fundraiser for the work at Armstrong Creek. Your church council or leadership team may enjoy doing something different together like this. The night is open for anyone to attend.

\$70 per table or

\$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.

**Silent Auction.**

**Lucky Doorprize.**

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# TRIVIA NIGHT

PRIZES | FUN GAME |  
BYO SNACKS AND DRINKS

**4 NOV**

**Start at 6:30**  
St Luke's UCA Highton

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or 0408 702 241

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**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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