

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 19th November 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 25 [33] Jgs 4:1-7 Ps 123 1 Thes 5:1-11 Mt 25:14-30



**A VERY SUCCESSFUL WORKING BEE** was held last Saturday at Bellbrae, with the big Cross looking fresh with lots of new plants.

A big thank you from Bellbrae to those folk from Torquay and Aireys who helped them out too. A big thanks to Keith, who came armed with a chain saw and trailer.



## "The life of all" by Miriam Therese Winter

(based on Ps.104)

God of power, God of people, You are the life of all that lives, energy that fills the earth, vitality that brings to birth, the impetus toward making whole whatever is bruised or broken. In you we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free.

You are the song the whole earth sings, the promise liberation brings, now and forever. We are gathered together in this sacred place to seek strength and courage for this, and the coming days.

So let this time of silence gently enfold us. Here may the world's tumultuous demands fall away. Here may troubled heart finds rest. And here once more, may we commit ourselves to the building of a nobler life, for all humankind.



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 19th November

Torquay 9.30am- Rev Bob /W. team  
Bellbrae 11am - Rev Bob/W. team  
Aireys Inlet 9.30am- Rev Bob

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

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

### Sunday 26th Nov- Christ the King

Torquay 9.30am Rev Bob  
Bellbrae 11am - Rev Bob  
Aireys Inlet 9.30am—Rev Bob/ W. Team

## What's Happening where we live?

### Our Community Dates and Events:

#### November Dates:

- **Torquay Church Council Meeting Tuesday Nov 28th at 2:30pm OTP.**

#### December Dates:

- **Saturday 2nd December:** Amahl & The Night Visitors—a Christmas opera to enjoy as a fundraiser for World Vision Ukraine Appeal. St Lukes Uniting, Highton. See box for further details re tickets.
- **Presbytery Meeting Saturday Dec 2nd...** in person or can be on Zoom too.
- **Thursday 7th December:** Fundraiser at Bunnings Community Event 6pm at Torquay Bunnings. See notice below.
- **Sunday 10th December:** Aireys Inlet Carols Concert 7pm
- **Op shop** closes from Saturday 16th December, reopening on Fri 5th Jan.
- **AND** order your **UNITING Christmas Cards ASAP**

### Trading Table at Bunnings Torquay.

Thursday 7th December

We will sell home made goods - baked, sewn, knitted. Christmas goods welcome. Please deliver to Oak Tree Place that afternoon from 2pm or to the Bunnings site from 6.30pm.



### Uniting Christmas Hampers

On 25 November our Christmas trees will be raised and with this the opportunity for all folk to bring items for the Uniting Christmas hampers.

Small items of toiletries, Packed biscuits, Christmas treats and gifts.

No wrapping please.



### A Coffee Cup Challenge.

Keep the challenge going... we have already raised \$305



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!**



### Synod 2023...

**Saturday November 18th– 20th.**

**We Belong to the Day is the theme....**

Tricia and Jane will be there and hope to bring you news of the event after attending,, but you can watch live .

See the ad for the website which can also be found in this month's Crosslight magazine.

**STREAM LIVE**

**Watch Synod 2023 live!**

All main sessions will be shown online including the **OPENING WORSHIP** service, which will be live-streamed from the Box Hill Salvos complex at 1010 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill on Saturday, November 18 from 10am. To watch Synod 2023, visit our website [www.victas.uca.org.au](http://www.victas.uca.org.au) and follow the links.

### Combined Geelong UCA Choir for Carols at Wesley

Wesley is holding a Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm. We warmly invite you all to join with us to make this a memorable evening. In particular we are looking for singers of all abilities to form a combined choir to lead the carol singing, and sing one or two items on our own.

Rehearsals will be held 7.30 to on Wednesday nights November 22nd, and 29th, and December 6th and 13th.

Please contact Heather Cooney on 0477 805 234 or [handpcooney@gmail.com](mailto:handpcooney@gmail.com)

**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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