

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 5th 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.

Lectionary readings : Pent 23 [31] Jos 3:7-17 Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:1-12

Last week we all joined together for Worship.

It was all about FOOD!

We welcomed speakers from:

Torquay Food Bank: Michael Buckley

Feed Me Surf Coast: Lyn & David McCusker

Uniting Care: Ro Thompson.

And heard about the gardens of Carlene and Michael, Keith and Mary, and Jane and Barry.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this special service and to all who contributed to both the food donations and the delicious morning tea. It was also wonderful to meet and welcome the two refugee families now living in Aireys Inlet.

We wish them all happiness and peace as they settle into their new homes here in OZ.



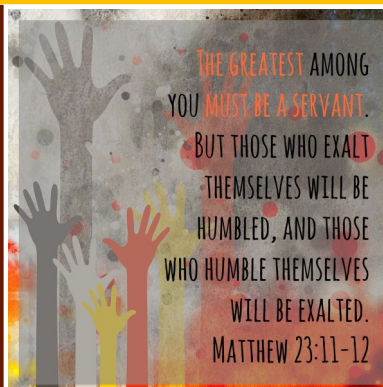
If you wish to donate to Torquay food aid or Uniting, below are suggestions.

Christmas cakes and puddings, sweet biscuits, shortbreads chocolates, soft drink, canned hams, pretzels, chips etc. .. Christmas delights !

A Coffee Cup Challenge.

Keep the challenge going... we have already raised over \$80.

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



Our prayers continue for Marg Hurst, for Rev Peter Greenwood, for Rev Bob, for all those struggling with life and its madness.

For our families, and loved ones, and those scattered around the world.

For the many places where violence, terror and hopelessness have taken hold. ❤️

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

Sunday 5th November

Torquay 9.30am Rev Bob Video
Bellbrae 11am - Rev Bob
Aireys Inlet 9.30am—Rev Bob /



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

www.surfcoastunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday 12th November

Torquay 9.30am Rev Bob/ H.C
Bellbrae 11am - Rev Bob/ HC
Aireys Inlet 9.30am—Rev Bob



What's Happening where we live?

Our Community Dates and Events:

- At Bellbrae Roofing Repairs are being started in November on the Op Shop Roof and early 2024 for the Church Roof. Look out for workers and equipment if you are on site.
- Saturday Nov 4th 6.30pm** : Trivia Night at St Lukes, Highton to support the Armstrong Creek faith Community. Lots of fun. Contact Jane Skelton to join the table 0400 190 580. **Only \$10 and to a very good cause!**
- Bellbrae Working Bee.** Sat Nov 11th at 12 noon onwards.
Bellbrae welcomes all hands from our three congregations ; so come along and help tidy the church property.

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...
- 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 Fri 5th Jan.
- AND order your UNITING Christmas Cards ASAP

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? 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 and all yours!

So far it has visited 3 homes...



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

Amahl & the Night Visitors

An Opera by Gian Carlo Menotti

"a delightful Christmas Opera with a touch of fantasy"

A fundraiser for the **World Vision Ukraine Appeal.**

Saturday 2nd December at 3pm and maybe 8pm (TBC)

St Luke's Uniting Church, 174 Barrabool Road. Highton

Tickets: Adult \$35, Concession \$25

Tickets at the door or at TryBooking.com under "Amahl and the Night Visitors by Cameo Community Opera"

A special happy birthday to my partner in editing, a special human being,
and all round lovely person.

Happy 70th birthday Tricia.

No surprises for her, but remember to drop into a Garden Party, Sunday Nov 5th, at the Genat's, 8 Gogoll Crescent (off Cowrie) Torquay. From 2pm whatever the weather! No need for a plate—just come along to celebrate and enjoy company and cake.

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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