

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 11th February 2024

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.

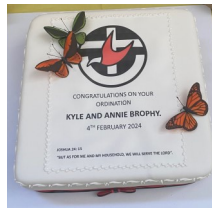
Lectionary readings : Transfiguration of Jesus: 2 Kings 2: 1-12, Psalm 50: 1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9: 2-9



A warm welcome to Kyle Moffitt & Annie Brophy who were ordained then inducted to ministry at the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads churches on Sunday 4th February.

Some of our congregation members shared the celebration.

We hold them in our prayers as they begin their ministry.



Halls Gap update:

The weather was fine and warm, the mountains sparkled, the grass was green, the kookaburras made a racket, the company was good, the conversations friendly and the food was delicious and shared with love. Halls Gap "Not the Church Camp" was a special relaxed few days for 18 people from across all our congregations. Where shall we go next?



Surfcoast Lenten Studies - You are invited

The Aireys Inlet Uniting Church Congregation and the Surf Coast Anglican congregations invite you to join in their Lenten Studies.

WHEN: Starts on Thursday February 15th at 10:30 AM
Then every week for the 6 weeks of Lent.

WHERE: St Aidan's Church, 27 Great Ocean Road, Aireys Inlet

The study is the Vic.Tas. "Tradition with a Future", first presented in 2023 by Rev. Mat Harry. It tackles three areas of the modern church – Worship, Discipleship (Growing in Faith together), and also Mission (through relationships in our local communities, sharing the gospel).

The study will look at how we contribute to the communities we are part of and help us to focus on the question - can we do it better or differently, to increase the impact of being disciples of Jesus in our world?

You are encouraged to chat to friends about attending and sharing in this study as we continue to develop our Surfcoast faith journeys. Think about sharing drivers or stopping for lunch in lovely Anglesea.

Questions? Contact Noni at aireysinle-tunitingchurch@gmail.com

If You missed today—
you are very welcome
next week!



TAIZÉ MUSIC

and outdoor worship

at 7PM on Sunday February 25TH

Bellbrae Uniting Church

Join us to share a reflective worship with music.

Sunday 11th February

Torquay 9.30am: Rev David Thompson with Communion
Aireys Inlet 9.30am
Bellbrae at 11am: Michele Hardy

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday Service at 10.00am at Bellbrae
followed by coffee & chat at Bowside Café

Sunday 18th February

Torquay 9.30am: Brian Shaw
Bellbrae 11am Worship Team
Aireys Inlet 9.30am : Worship Team

Presbytery of Port Phillip West

Climate Action—Banner Caption Competition

All Congregations, Schools and Agencies are invited to participate in the Climate Action Banner Caption Competition. Who can come up with the catchiest caption? The prize will be a free banner measuring 4000 mm x 1000 mm, valued at \$150 which can be displayed at the winning Congregation, Agency, or School.
To register for this competition please email Richard Arnold from the Port Phillip West Climate Action Taskgroup: richard50@gmail.com
NOTE: Captions need to be a maximum of eight words.
Entries will be received until Friday 22 March and the winner will be announced on Friday 12 April.
The winning banner will be presented in time for the Green Faith International "Global Week of Action" from 3 May to 12 May.
Whilst there will only be one winner of this competition, we encourage everyone to make or purchase your own banners.

Do you or someone you know need a mobility scooter? One is available from Marjorie McKenzie, call 0428 345 299 to enquire.



A morning mist, the gleam of a new day, faintly we discern all the range of possibilities that are before us.

Energy rising, plans turning to action, we build our every yesterday from the living of our days.

May we live our hope into tomorrow.

May we wrap our lives around the challenges of today.

And in the quiet of the sacred space, may we listen at the centre of our being for the truth of our inner voice that sets before us the purpose of this day.

Amen.

Rev Bob Thomas



"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water or watching the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

John Lubbock.

English banker, politician, philanthropist and polymath.

Pancake Day
Flip for a good cause.



Learn more
unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day

Uniting

Take a short drive for a fluffy pancake with fruit and syrup and grow some funds for Uniting. At the Community Hall at Aireys Inlet from 10.30am to 3pm on Tues 13th Feb.

Notes from our Congregations:

Aireys Inlet Congregation invite you to fluffy pancakes and coffee to raise funds for Uniting on Tuesday 13th February.
AND the start of our Lenten Studies at 10.30am on Thurs 15 Feb.



Bellbrae members invite you to share an **Ash Wednesday** Service on 14th February at 10am, and a **Taizé** service at 7pm on Sunday 25th Feb -there will be no morning service that day. The Taizé evening service will be repeated every 4th Sunday if interest is high.

Torquay will host a Service of Celebration for Jeanette Jones who passed away in January. Tuesday 27th February (note new date) at 11am followed by a light lunch in Oak Tree Place.



A plate toward a light lunch would be appreciated. Thanks

What's happening in our wider neighbourhood?



torquaymotorshow.com.au - come and have a browse on Sun 11th Feb on the foreshore. Proceeds to local Rotary projects.

Are you collecting the 10c bottles & cans? You can now choose to donate your refund to Torquay Food Aid or another charity of your choice. Check the CDS website or App.

25th Feb on the Torquay foreshore, don't wear your white shirt for the Festival of (thrown) Colours.

Friday 8th March: International Women's Day

15-17th March at Aireys—join the music festival. At the Aireys Pub Beer Garden and admission by ticket only on TryBooking.

Also on Sat 16th March at Torquay—the ONE PLANET Festival. Empowering Communities, Protecting Earth. Free.

Regular Weekly activities include:

Thursdays at 10.30am Coffee at BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade.

Starts again this week.

Beaut Beanies—10:30am Tuesdays in Torquay church foyer
Coffee & Kids—9.30am every Friday during Term. @ Oak Tree Place (*Starts again on Friday 9th. February*).

Bellbrae Opshop & Book room open every Friday & Saturday from 10 to 4pm. We would love extra volunteers if you have 3 hours a month to spare.

Regular Monthly activities include:

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

Dates for your Diary in the coming weeks:

- **Pancake Day** at Aireys Community Hall: Feb 13th. From 10.30am. Gluten Free available.
- ASH Wednesday Service at Bellbrae on 14th Feb at 10am, followed by sharing at the Bowside Café.
- Thursday 15th @ 10.30am, Surfcoast Lenten Studies at Aireys Inlet. (see further details on front page)
- COFFEE Challenge for Uniting concludes next week so bring in your collection boxes by Feb 11th please
- 1st March WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Our Surfcoast 2024 shared service will be at St Theresa's in Torquay.

We need lemons for our pancakes. Please bring with you!

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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