

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 25th 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](http://www.wadawurrung.org.au).

Lectionary readings : LENT 2: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

## *A Prayer before Worship*

With all who have ever sought you,

With all who have ever found you,

With all the faithful people in the Body of Christ,

I come to you , O God.

Out of my doubts and fears, I come to acknowledge you.

Out of my forgetfulness, I come to remember you.

Out of my indifference, I come to love you.

Out of my sin, I come with repentance.

Out of my darkness, I come to your light.

Out of my weakness, I come to your strength.

Out of my restlessness, I come to your peace.

M.L. Yates

(from the book, 'Praying our Days' 2009, compiled by Frank T Griswold)

## Pancake Day Flip for a good cause.



Learn more  
[unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day](http://unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day)

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## NEW DATE!!!! Friday February 23rd.

There's no rule to say Pancake Day has to be on a Tuesday. Come to the Aireys Inlet Community Hall for a delicious pancake - served with a cup of tea or coffee and a smile between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Takeaway pancakes served to the local school children from 3.00pm.

Sponsored by the Community Bank Anglesea & District.

**All proceeds to Barwon Uniting's welfare projects**

## Surfcoast Lenten Studies

WHEN: every Thursday at 10.30am 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).



Questions? Contact Noni at [aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com)

## Mark 8: The Way of the Cross

**34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**35** For whoever wants to save their life<sup>a</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

**36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

**37** Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

**38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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## TAIZÉ MUSIC

and outdoor worship

at 7PM this Sunday February 25<sup>TH</sup>

Bellbrae Uniting Church

*Join us to share a reflective worship with music.*

### Sunday 25th February

Torquay 9.30am  
Aireys Inlet 9.30am  
Bellbrae at 7pm Taizé Service

*An invitation to an evening service  
at Bellbrae for a reflective Taizé service.  
7pm Sunday 25th.*

### Sunday 3rd March

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

**We have received some entries for the Climate Action—Banner Caption Competition!**

**Here they are...**

**Do you think any are worthy of entering, or do you have another entry to contribute? Email them in!**

1. **Don't burn your kids future—STOP Global Warming**
2. **Save Trees or the Earth may take revenge**
3. **The climate is changing and so should we.**
4. **End Global warming before it ends YOU!**
5. **Do something for our planet—plant a tree.**

Who can come up with the catchiest caption? The prize will be a free banner measuring 4000 mm x 1000 mm, valued at \$150

To register for this competition please email Richard Arnold from the Port Phillip West Climate Action Taskgroup: [richard50@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### Notes from our Congregations:

Aireys Inlet Congregation invite you to take part in the last few weeks of the Lenten Studies—Thursdays at 10.30am.

Bellbrae Congregation is trialling a Taizé Evening Service instead of a morning one for the next few months. First one is Sunday February 25th at 7pm.

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

Torquay Congregation give notice that they will hold their **AGM on Sunday 24th March** directly after the morning service. Nominations for Council members are welcome. Last year's minutes & nomination forms and details for those providing reports will be available next week with details.

Do you or someone you know need a mobility scooter?



One is available from Marjorie McKenzie, Call 0428 345 299 to check details.

#### **Oak Tree Place News:**

We have space on Wednesday & Thursday mornings for new bookings.

If you know a group who may be interested (book club, singing group, games group etc) please ask them to email Tricia at [oak-treeplacerentals@gmail.com](mailto:oak-treeplacerentals@gmail.com) or call on 0419 340056.

#### *What's happening in our wider neighbourhood?*

Friday 1st March - World Prayer Day being held at St Theresa Church. 1pm

Friday 8th March: International Women's Day  
Next Aireys Market—Sunday 10th March 9am to 1pm

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.

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.

#### **Ministry in Action**

The group who knit and crochet for **Prayer Shawl Ministry** are keen to hear from you about anyone who may enjoy the *gift* of a shawl. These are lovely for comfort, solace or even a celebration. Many families and friends of our congregation members have been blessed by these hand made gifts.

Please let Margo (0412 742 117) or Marilyn (0427 750 369) know if you would like a shawl for a friend, neighbour or a family member.

*For men, women and children!*



#### 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 (*Term 1 has started*)

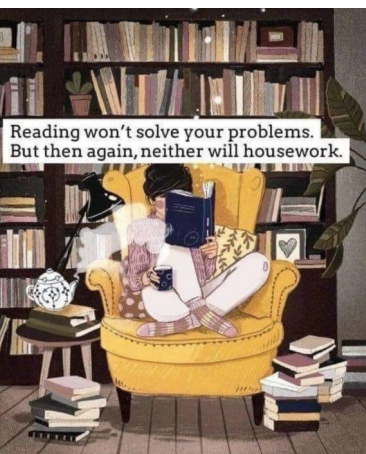
Bellbrae Opshop & Book room open every Friday & Saturday from 10 to 4pm.

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



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***Don't burn your kid's future—STOP Global warming***

***Which one should we enter? Or maybe yours?***

**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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