

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 10th March 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 : LENT 4: Numbers 21: 4-9, Psalm 107:1-3,17-22, Ephesians 2: 1-10, John 3: 14-21

EASTER SERVICES ON THE SURFCOAST

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

Aireys Inlet 9.30am with Worship Team
Torquay at 9.30am with Jonathan Feldman
Bellbrae at 11am with Jonathan Feldman

Wednesday 27th March

Bellbrae Taizé Service at 7pm

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

@ Torquay at 7.30pm

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

Aireys Inlet : Ecumenical Service at Anglesea Anglican
9.30am at Torquay - Bellbrae & Torquay together
followed by fellowship & Hot Cross Buns
@ Geoff & Tricia's. 8 Gogoll Crescent.

Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday. *He is Risen*

Dawn Service at Cosy Corner, Torquay. 6.30am

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am with Rev David Thompson
Torquay at 9.30am with Rev Peter Greenwood
Bellbrae at 11am with Rev Peter Greenwood.

Sunday 10th March: Lent 4

Rev Amanda Nicholas and Holy Communion
At Torquay 9.30am and Bellbrae 11am
Aireys Inlet 9.30am : Worship Team

Elouera Aged Care Service

Thursday 7th March at 2pm
Volunteers to sing & chat welcome.

Sunday 17th March: Lent 5

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

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. The study booklet for this week is attached to the newsletter email for your interest.

Come along next Thursday to enjoy discussion.

Bellbrae : will hold their monthly Taizé service on Wed 27th March at 7.30pm

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 and new nomination forms and details for those providing reports are available.

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",

You are welcome to join in and the current study pages are attached to this weeks email as a PDF for easy download,

Questions? Contact Noni at aireysinletunitingchurch@gmail.com

What's happening in our wider neighbourhood?

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.

Time for a break: the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on hold for a time We have shawls in reserve but no recipients. Please, if you know of anyone who would appreciate a shawl, let either myself or Margo know as soon as possible. We would love to continue this ministry, but we can only do it with your help. Thanks
Marilyn 0427 750 36 & Margo 0412 742 117



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.

Monthly Service 2pm at Elouera, - First Thursday.

Plant and Pot Sale

Robin & Heather Dennis are preparing to move house and have donated many plants in pots and pots without plants for fundraising for the Trading Table. On the lawns at Torquay. Pick your pot or plant and make a donation. Assistance

is available for larger pots. Please see Geoff Genat.

Thank you all.



⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

New Living Translation : Ephesians 2: 8-10

This Sunday's Poem

In honour of International Women's Day and being who we want to be.

Have you been enjoying the series? If any reader has their own idea for newsletter content we would love to hear from you.

WHO'S WHO

I used to think nurses
Were women,
I used to think police
Were men,
I used to think poets
Were boring,
Until I became one of them.

~ Benjamin Zephaniah, British Poet (1958-2023)

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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