

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 24th 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 : Palm Sunday— Ps 118:1-2,19-29 Mk 11:1-11

Palm Sunday

This is Holy Week

Palm Sunday in Jerusalem. It's an unforgettable experience— to join the huge procession, thronged with pilgrims from a host of countries, all in bright colours reflecting the spring sunshine and singing in scores of languages— but all united in full-throated Hosannas.

They walk, they swing and sing and wave their Palm branches across the top of the Mount of Olives and down the slope through the Garden of Gethsemane and then up towards the narrow Gate into the city.

Yes, it's unforgettable but very different from that first Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode on a donkey's back down that same steep slope... and into what was to be a hostile city.....

And still today we watch the spiralling hostilities with no one able to answer the fervent prayer of Jesus for the things that make peace.

“ Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes.”

Prayer for today

O God our Father and Mother, we rejoice in the thrill of Palm Sunday. We see again the bright colours of that triumphant spring day; we hear the shouts of Hosanna; we wave palm branches in unison with the children of Jerusalem. Yet, we know that joy can be short-lived, that a crowd is often fickle; and that we are part of that fickleness.

Forgive our broken loyalty. Make us true followers of Jesus, each day of this coming Holy Week, that as we walk the way of his cross, we may commit ourselves all over again to the fashioning of his Kingdom... in our own communities and across your world.

Amen ... Taken from Lent and Easter Readings
from Iona



Sunday 24th March... Palm Sunday

Aireys Inlet 9.30am : Worship Team
At Torquay 9.30am and Bellbrae 11am
Jonathan Feldman

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

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Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday

Torquay 9.30am: Rev Peter Greenwood
Bellbrae 11am Rev Peter Greenwood
Aireys Inlet 9.30am : Rev Ann Keys

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
River

9.30am at Torquay - Bellbrae & Torquay
together ---Robert Packett
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.
@7.00am

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am **Rev Ann Keys**
Torquay at 9.30am Rev Peter Greenwood
Bellbrae at 11am Rev Peter Greenwood



Regular Weekly activities include:

Thursdays at 10.30am Coffee at BOMBORAS on the Torquay Esplanade. **Starts again this week.**

Beaut Beans—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.

What's happening soon.

Sat March 23rd at Drysdale —A Pilgrimage of Opportunities..
9:30am at Drysdale Railways station

Some time in May... our next community lunch at Oak Tree Place.
The theme will be **Veggie Delights.**

Valma had lots of wonderful greetings for her 100th birthday and here she is enjoying the comfort of one of the Prayer shawls . Remember if you have someone who you think would appreciate a shawl, let Jane or Tricia know and we can make it happen , thanks to the creative ladies of the Prayer shawl group.



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.

Your Offering for all our churches,
programs and outreach is welcome.

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