

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 16th November 2025

*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 this week Pentecost 23: Isaiah 65: 17-25, Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 5-19



On Saturday  
Nov 29th—an  
invitation to  
join a Surf-  
coast Uniting  
Church

## Meditative Walk

*On this walk experience a new beginning for Nature and a new spiritual beginning offered by the season of Advent.*

*Be inspired by the transformation of a horse paddock into a beautiful rewilded nature reserve and meditate on the many new beginnings we are each offered - to transform our lives.*

**When:** Saturday, November 29, 2025, starting 10:00 AM

**Where:** 101 Bambra Rd, Airey's Inlet a rewilded property

**What to bring:** Don't forget the essentials: hat, sunscreen, water, insect repellent, good walking shoes.

The Meditative Walkers are invited to join in a morning tea (BYO to share) at the end of the walk

Please note: All Uniting Church Events are cancelled on days of fire danger ratings of extreme or higher. The Meditative planning committee reserves the right to cancel the event if the weather conditions on the day are considered unsuitable for the planned activity. Please consult the church website for further information. Website: [surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

## Planning Ahead for Advent & Christmas

30/11/2025	Advent 1	Aireys Inlet 9.30 am	Start of Advent	David Wright
30/11/2025	Advent 1	Torquay 9.30 am	Start of Advent	Brian Shaw
30/11/2025	Advent 1	Bellbrae 11 am	Start of Advent	Brain Shaw
04/12/2025	Aged Care	Elouera 2.15 pm	Carol Service	Rev Tina
7/12/2025	Advent 2	Aireys Inlet 9.30am	Communion	Rev Tina
07/12/2025	Advent 2	Bellbrae 11 am	Communion	Rev Tina
07/12/2025	Advent 2	Torquay 9.30 am	Cafe Church	Rev Stephen Rowe
14/12/2025	Advent 3	Aireys Inlet 9.30 am		Rev Peter Greenwood
14/12/2025	Advent 3	Bellbrae 11 am		Rev Peter Greenwood
14/12/2025	Advent 3	Torquay 9.30 am	Communion	Rev Tina
14/12/2025	At the Pub	Airey's Inlet Pub 6pm		Community Carols
20/12/2025	Aireys Inlet	Blue Christmas 3pm		Anglican Rev Sharon Valentino
21/12/2025	Advent 4	Aireys Inlet 9.30 am		Rev Tina
21/12/2025	Advent 4	Bellbrae 11 am		Rev Tina
21/12/2025	Advent 4	Torquay 9.30 am		Carol Service
24/12/2025	Christmas Eve	Torquay 7pm (NEW this year)		Rev Tina
24/12/2025	Christmas Eve	Bellbrae 10.30pm		Rev Tina
25/12/2025	Christmas Day	Aireys Inlet 9.30 am		Rev Tina
25/12/2025	Christmas Day	Torquay 9.30 am		Rev Stephen Rowe

## Join in CAROLS AT THE PUB

Sunday 14th December 5pm to 7pm

Aireys Inlet Hotel.

Bring your best voice, and a gift for the Uniting Christmas hamper appeal.

*Santa* is guaranteed to appear!



## Would you like to come to lunch?

We are hosting a **Christmas Picnic Lunch** for everyone at Noon on Thurs 27th Nov @ Oak Tree Place.

Lovely food, good conversations, door prizes and a Christmas Tree.

*Lunch is free.* Donations of goods or cash are always very welcome for our Giving Tree to Uniting.

Grab a neighbour, cousin or friend and make up a table.

Call Tricia on 0419340056 to ask any questions.



## More on Friendship...

*"Friendship along the way.*

*"I will go before you and make the crooked places straight"*  
Isaiah 45: 2

Your going out—and your coming in—  
are under His protection,

The future path—unknown—unseen

Is under His direction;

Fear not, though hills are steep to climb,

His power will uphold you,  
and every hour of every day,  
His love and care uphold you.

Text from "The Friendship Door" by  
Clara Simpson.



## Worship on the Surfcoast

### Sunday 16th November

Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am with Rev Tina  
Bellbrae @ 11am with Rev Tina's Liturgy  
Torquay at 9.30am with Rev Tina's Liturgy

### Sunday 23rd November

Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am with Rev Stephen Rowe  
Bellbrae @ 11am Taizé with Rev Tina  
Torquay at 9.30am with Rev Tina

## Church Council Mtgs

Aireys: Friday 14th Nov.  
at 9.30am at St Aidens.

Torquay: Friday 14th-  
Nov. at 2pm @ OTP

Link: Fri 28 Nov at 3pm.

Last week, Rev Tina provided a blessing to Molly, a faithful, peaceful friend to Lyn Edebone at our Torquay congregation.



Always remember our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** if someone you know needs an extra blessed hug.

*Eric, friend to Marie Harding at TQ, loved his rug.*



## Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Tuesdays at 10.30am.** Beaut Beanies meet at Torquay to knit and crochet, socialise and plan their donations.
- **Thursdays at 10.30am**—Coffee at Bombora's on the Esplanade. Everyone welcome, come and go as you please, pay your own way. Need a ride? Call Tricia or Jane.
- **Thursday at 2.15pm**—once a month at Elouera Aged Care. Check with Robyn H or Rev Tina if you would like to help. (THIS month on Thursday 6th November)
- **Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm**—our OP-SHOP at Bellbrae opens for business. Call Doreen to add your name to the roster ( 0479 164 938). We'd love to have you. Full training provided.
- **Aireys Inlet Lunch at the Pub** held on the first Friday of each month. Enjoyed by locals and our own Aireys congregation. All welcome.
- **Prayer Shawl group...** contact Marilyn Wendt if interested in joining this faithful group.
- **Silent Worship** is being trialled at Aireys. Meeting in a private home to explore & evaluate this type of Spiritual engagement.

# OPEN GARDENS

## around the Borough



Five Gardens  
Saturday November 22

10am-5pm

\$8 per garden or \$28 all gardens

Devonshire Teas, Wine, Lunches, Coffee & Slices  
Raffle, Plants & Books, Art Activities, **Host Gardeners**  
SBEA 'Gardens for Wildlife' info &  
Indigenous Nursery Plant Stall

**Bookings and Info:**



[www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au)

contemplation creativity compassion

*Thank you* to the many helpful members and friends who joined the Torquay Working Bee on Thursday morning. The windows are sparkling, the ovens are clean, the church is shiny, the garden is weeded and we have created a warm and welcoming space for our summer visitors and events.

The new Revised Common Lectionary 2025-2026 is now available. A copy is attached to your Newsletter email this week. Or download at [Uniting.Church/worship-community](http://Uniting.Church/worship-community).

**Our website has undergone yet more changes and improvements—check it out and make our stats sing:**

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

## Leaning into the practice of Peace: from the Victorian Council of Churches newsletter.

In every crumbling structure of our world, God is still at work, bringing forth life from the ruins.

The call remains: endure, trust, and keep practising loving-kindness and peace until the reign of God breaks through.

### Prayer

God of endings and beginnings,  
when the world trembles and all we know feels uncertain,  
turn our eyes from fear to faith.

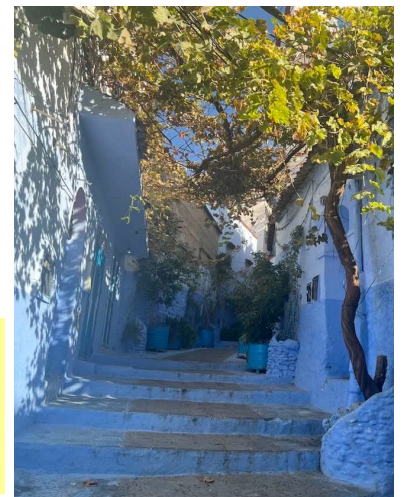
Teach us to see your new life growing  
even among the ruins.

Make us steady in hope, gentle in strength,  
and faithful in the daily practice of peace.

Through Christ, who endures with us. *Amen.*

The blue city of Chefchaouen in northwest Morocco. Established in 1471 as a fortress and then a refuge for Muslims and Jews.

Photo from June Angus on tour.



**Airey's Inlet** St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Airey's  
**Bellbrae:** Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae  
**Torquay:** Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

Facebook: Surf Coast Uniting Church

**BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM** : Uniting Church Hall, School Road. Bellbrae  
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