

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 23rd 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.

Lectionary this week Christ the King : Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Luke 1: 68-79, Collosians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43

On Saturday Nov 29th—an invitation to join a Surfcoast 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

Planning Ahead for Advent & Christmas

Sunday 30th November: ADVENT 1

Aireys Inlet 9.30 am Start of Advent David Wright

Torquay 9.30 am Start of Advent Brian Shaw

Bellbrae 11 am Start of Advent Brain Shaw

Thursday 4th Dec Aged Care Elouera 2.15 pm Carol Service with Rev Tina

Sunday 7th December : ADVENT 2

Aireys Inlet 9.30am Communion Rev Tina

AND Christmas Movie Showing at 4.30pm at Aireys Community Hall

"It's a Wonderful Life" starring James Stewart

Bellbrae 11 am Communion Rev Tina

Torquay 9.30 am Café Church Rev Stephen Rowe

Sunday 14th December: ADVENT 3

Aireys Inlet 9.30 am Rev Peter Greenwood

Bellbrae 11 am Rev Peter Greenwood

Torquay 9.30 am Communion Rev Tina

At the Pub Airey's Inlet Pub 5pm Community Carols

Saturday 20 Dec: Aireys Inlet Blue Christmas 3pm Anglican Rev Sharon Valentino

Sunday 21st December: ADVENT 4

Aireys Inlet 9.30 am Rev Tina

Bellbrae 11 am Rev Tina

Torquay 9.30 am Carol Service

Christmas Eve Torquay 7pm Family Carols (NEW this year) Rev Tina

Christmas Eve Bellbrae Carols 10.30pm Rev Tina

Christmas Day Aireys Inlet 9.30 am Rev Tina

Join in Christmas in our Communities:

1) Christmas Lunch for everyone

at **Noon on Thurs 27th Nov @ Oak Tree Place.**

Lovely food, good conversations, door prizes, Christmas Tree. Lunch is free. Donations of goods or cash are always 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.

2) Christmas Movie Afternoon

4.30pm Sunday 7th December at Aireys Community Hall

Some say this is the BEST Christmas movie of all time—directed by Frank Capra and starring James Stewart.

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Discussion & Finger Food Tea to follow.

3) CAROLS AT THE PUB

Sunday 14th December

Starting at 5pm at the Aireys Inlet Hotel.

Bring your best voice, and a gift for Uniting Christmas hampers *Santa* is guaranteed to appear!



A Closing Service for Moriac Uniting Church was held on Sunday 16th November. Doreen Stevens, Maxine Flakemore and Marilyn Sewell from Bellbrae attended the service and report that although it was a sad day for the generations of faithful people who have supported the church in its many years of service to the community, it was a joy to be there together.

The service was conducted by Rev Lisa Carey, with Rev. Tevita Holani delivering an inspiring message of hope in the future of their new direction, based on the comforting words of Psalm 100 that God will be with His people throughout history. Many members of the Moriac congregation are now worshipping at Barrabool Uniting, with Rev. Tevita providing supply ministry.

The Methodist Church formerly Ebenezer Chapel, opened in 1934 in a church hall relocated from Geelong. Prior to the opening, worshippers met in homes. The present church building was built in the 1990s. The remaining members have been linked with Barrabool for several years, sharing worship and resources.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4: 12

Worship on the Surfcoast

Sunday 23rd November

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

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Coryule Chorus invites you to their
Christmas Concert
on Thursday 4th December at 2pm
St James Hall, Collins Street, Drysdale.

All welcome

\$5 donation for entry. Afternoon Tea
and wonderful music provided.

www.coryulechorus.com

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 is cancelled next week (27th) because of Christmas Lunch at Oak Tree Place at Noon. Do come!**
- **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.

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

www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

You are invited to a **Fashion Show** and
Afternoon Tea at St Luke's Anglican
Church in Torquay on **Thursday 27th**

Nov at 1.30pm. \$10 entry fee

You may just make it after the Christmas Lunch at
Oak Tree Place!!



An Experience of Meditation and journeying was held at Bellbrae on Sunday the 9th November. The retreat was based on Luke 24:13-35 *The Emmaus Road*. Highlights and readings shared are available on a separate page attached to this newsletter email.

“Open our hearts, so we may know the fragrance of your presence
Give us courage to journey deeper into ourselves
Help us know more about you and who we are.
Grow us, bless us and open the eyes of our heart.” part of a poem by Rev Tina.

“For he who has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and
brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we
have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1: 13-14.

Geelong Norlane Grovedale Emergency Relief Update



A group of Grovedale volunteers have been working hard these past months to try and prevent the closure /merge of Grovedale ER, now scheduled for March 2026. The Grovedale

ER opened in 2015, with support from all the Geelong & local churches. The centre has excellent office/storage space to assist the provision of essential support to our regions most vulnerable. The volunteers are of the strong opinion that this site gives best practice service provision and is very disappointed in the seeming lack of care and communication from Uniting VicTas officials for the proposed closure of Grovedale.

Since January 2025—1037 clients have presented for assistance, \$21,000 of food vouchers have been distributed, \$14,000 of material aid (clothes etc) has been distributed, Food in kind worth over \$36,000 has been donated and distributed, furniture worth over \$17,000 has been offered and Geelong Mums (now The Village) has received \$17,000 for 35 clients. Over 2,450 individuals and families have been assisted.

YOU are invited to a Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 26th November at Grovedale Uniting Church to discuss this further.

Meeting called by Rev Linley Liersch—Words & Stats by Helen Gaylard.

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

Facebook: **Surf Coast Uniting Church**

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. Direct Deposit or Cash

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