

# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 15th February 2026

*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 : Transfiguration of Jesus. Exodus 24: 12-18. Psalm 2. 2 Peter 1: 16-21. Matthew 17:1-9.**

## Join us for a Lenten Study

Based around the movie "The King's Speech" and the Lenten Study "Finding your Voice".

The film is based on the true story of the second son of King George V, Prince Albert, who after his father's death and brothers' abdication, became King George the VI.

This is an inspiring story about his transformation from stuttering when he spoke to finding his voice. With the help of Lionel Logie, an Australian speech therapist based in London, his wife's support and a great deal of perseverance, he gives a speech to the nation that is unforgettable. In the movie and Lenten study, we come to understand how perseverance, courage and friendship can help us overcome whatever may be holding us back from finding our voice.

This Lent we will be offering a Lenten study at two venues – Torquay at Oak Tree Place and Aireys Inlet Uniting. The study will be held at both Torquay and repeated at Aireys Inlet on two occasions, and we will complete the study series as a combined study on the final week. The study is being held at 10am the first week and 10:30am on the following weeks.

Please come along and enjoy an inspiring study and discussion, followed by a light lunch.  
Led by Rev Tina.

**Thursday 19th Feb: Lent 1 10:00am -12:00pm**

Film and study at Torquay at Oak Tree Place (Study 1)

**Thursday 26th Feb: Lent 2 10:30am -12:30pm**

Film and study at Aireys Inlet Church (repeat 1)

**Thursday 5th March: Lent 3 10:30am-12:30pm**

Lenten Study Torquay at Oak Tree Place (Study 2)

**Thursday 12th March: Lent 4 10:30am –12:30pm**

Lenten study at Aireys Inlet Church (repeat 2)

**Thursday 19th March: Lent 5 Recess for Not the Church Camp**

**Thursday 26th March: Lent 6 10:30-12:30pm**

Combined Lenten Study at Torquay at Oak Tree Place



## Pancake Day

### Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day on Tuesday 17th February.

Celebrate with a pancake at Aireys Inlet, hosted by our Aireys Congregation as a big FUNdraiser. All proceeds to Uniting.

Pancakes are available from 10am to 3pm @ the Community Hall.

Take Away until 4pm

Chose your topping, fruit salad, maple syrup or traditional lemon & sugar.

Pancakes \$4 only /Coffee & Tea.

P.S. Extra volunteers are always welcome on the day—to serve/mix & toss.

Email Linda on [scuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:scuctreasurer@gmail.com)

**You are invited to the Geelong Progressive Christian Group meeting on Thursday 26th February at 1.30pm at the Waurin Ponds Library.**

Topic: Rev Kenneth Ralph will be the first speaker for the year to discuss his recently published book "Doubt Boldly; Faith and Uncertainty in Contemporary Christianity." Kenneth is a retired Uniting Church Minister. His book records the stories of many who have abandoned traditional ways of being and believing, and encourages an active & thoughtful approach to the reality of doubt.

Contact Ro Thompson for further details. m: 0408 319 385

### 30 Sleeps until the "Not the Church Camp" at Port Fairy

Gardens Caravan Park, Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 March. It's not too late to book! Or call Tricia to chat about options.

Ro Thompson has arranged a half day guided visit to the newly opened Budj Bim park and fish traps site. This is a special excursion to enjoy along with the fabulous people, the delicious food, the wonderful water in river and sea, and the R&R.



**Aireys Inlet** St Aidan's Church, 29 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*

**Bellbrae:** Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae. *Sunday Worship at 11am.*

**Torquay:** Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay. *Sunday Worship at 9.30am*

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**ON Facebook: Surf Coast Uniting Church and Bellbrae Opshop and Bookroom**

### Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Beaut Beans** meet at Torquay each Tuesday at 10am to knit and crochet, socialise and plan their donations.
- **Coffee SPOT—Thursdays at 10.30am** Back at Bomboras again in February. Come and Go as you are able. Coffee and good conversation guaranteed.
- **Calvary Elouera Aged Care** Rev Tina and Robyn H lead this precious Ministry
- **OPSHOP and BOOKSHOP at Bellbrae - every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm**—open for business in 2026. 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 & the Aireys congregation. All are welcome.
- **Prayer Shawl group...** contact Marilyn Wendt if interested in joining this faithful group.
- **Silent Worship** i Meeting in a private home to explore and to evaluate this type of our spiritual engagement. Monthly on the second Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30pm  
STARTING 12th FEBRUARY. Contact Jill on 0417 798 396

### Worship at the Surfcoast Churches next week

**Ash Wednesday** : 18th Feb Combined Service at Bellbrae at 10am

**Sunday 22nd February : Lent 1**

Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am Worship Team

Bellbrae @ 11am: Taizé Service

Torquay @ 9.30am Rev Tina

### Easter on the Surfcoast this year:

**Palm Sunday Service Sunday 29th March: Combined at Torquay**

**Maundy Thursday Service Thursday 2nd April at Torquay at 7pm**

**Good Friday on 3rd April at Aireys and Torquay at 9.30am**

**Easter Sunday Dawn Service at Cosy Corner at 6am.**

**Easter Sunday services at usual times at each congregation.**



Join our local prayer service focused on **Nigeria**

**World Day of Prayer 2026**



Have you been to Nigeria? Please let Robyn Harper know if you have resources to share for the service.

**Friday 6th March at 1pm at Torquay Church in Anderson Street.**



### Fashion Parade

BELMONT UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP



Prices from **\$29 - \$99**

Beautiful Ladieswear and accessories from around the globe. Great gifts.

Sizes XS - XXL

Donation \$10 - includes door prizes at 1.15pm

Enquiries: Julie 0418 996 592 or Lois 0418 334 994

BELMONT UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP invites all Ladies to join us

**Wednesday 25th Feb 2026**  
1pm Start - 1.30pm Parade  
Afternoon Tea to follow  
Belmont Uniting Church Hall  
42 Thomson St, Belmont

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If your congregation is involved—**Thank you** for your contributions so far to the Coffee Cup Challenge which is supporting Uniting Vic/Tas.

There is only one week left to make a contribution until our next exciting event at **Aireys for Pancake Day!**

*We have received a grateful note from Maidie Graham who leads the "Homelessness" support unit at Uniting where she explains how our donations can keep people in their homes, provide temporary shelter when needed, extra emergency supplies, and very important protection for vulnerable families.*

**Keep up the good work—your coffee & pancakes can change a life.**



In honour of St Valentine—some Valentine quotes from two classics ...

"We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness—and call it love—true love."

Robert Fulghum from "True Love". Robert also wrote the best selling "All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten"

"True Love is the best thing in the world, except for cough drops"

William Goldman from "The princess bride."



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**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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