

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 22nd 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.

Lectionary this week : Lent 1: Genesis 2: 15-17,3: 1-7. Psalm 32, Romans 5: 12-19. Matthew 4: 1-11.

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 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



Join our local prayer service focused on Nigeria

World Day of Prayer 2026



Friday 6th March at 1pm at Torquay Church

March Dates: *don't say we didn't tell you!*

Thursday 5th : AFL Season starts

Friday 6th: World Day of Prayer

Sun 8th: Int'l Women's Day

Sun 8th: Bellbrae AGM

Monday 9th: Kings Birthday Holiday

Sunday 15th: Torquay AGM

Thursday 19th: Close the Gap Day

19th to 23rd: Harmony Week

17th to 20th: NtChC at Port Fairy

Sunday 29th: Palm Sunday

Please Note:

Bellbrae's AGM will be held on Sunday March 8th after the Service..

Also, a 'Dreams and Vision' time will be held on April 19th following the service with lunch.

Pancake Day is on at Aireys Community Hall this FRIDAY from 10.30am to 3pm.

Date change due to extreme fire code.

Come and Enjoy!

You are invited to the Geelong Progressive Christian Group meeting in the afternoon on Thursday 26th February at 1.30pm at the Waurnd 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



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

Find us at : www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au

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** 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 once a month. Next 5th March.
- **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
Contact Jill on 0417 798 396

Worship at the Surfcoast Churches next week

Sunday 1st March : Lent 2

Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am Communion Rev Tina
Bellbrae @ 11am: Café Church. Rev Stephen
Torquay @ 9.30am Café Church. Rev Stephen
Elouera Aged Care @ 2.15pm on Thursday 5th.



Easter on the Surfcoast this year:

Palm Sunday Service Sunday 29th March: Combined at Torquay

Maunder Thursday Service Thursday 2nd April at Torquay at 7pm

Good Friday on 3rd April at Aireys and Torquay at 9.30am and followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Genets.

Easter Sunday Dawn Service at Cosy Corner at 6am.

Easter Sunday services at usual times at each congregation.



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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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A little bit of Torquay musical history rubs shoulders with Musical Theatre Stars.

At a recent production of "Anastasia" in Melbourne, Heather Price (front centre) with her grandson Joshua Robson and the leading lady Georgina Hopson (L) and of course Nancy Hayes (right).

Heather and husband Graham were long time members at Torquay and valued choir singers. She is now 87 and very much enjoys a musical outing.

(Photo taken with permission)



WANTED: one bass guitarist. To join the happy musicians from Bellbrae and Aireys Inlet for the **Gospel and Soul** event to be held on Sunday the 15th March at 9.30am in conjunction with the Aireys Inlet Music Festival.
If you are one, or know one, please contact **Keith Bremner 0427 701 276**

Planning ahead for Flu Season..

The Geelong Mobile Vaccination Service will be offering a free Pop UP Clinic at Torquay Community Centre on Sat. 16th and 20th May from 9am to 4pm.

Registration details coming...

Note: the intra nasal spray will also be available for children at a small fee.



Free Photography Tutorial for all artists:

Saturday 7th March from 2 to 4pm. @ 12 Merrijig Drive. Kurrabee Myaring Community Centre.

Led by professional photographer Kirstie-Lee Smith, this covers, simple techniques for lighting, composition and clarity and many tips for editing.

No charge but registrations essential. Ph: 5261 0600 or email: artsteam@surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

“ It is in the shelter of each other that people live.”

Irish Proverb.

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

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