

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 8th 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 : Epiphany 5: Isaiah 58: 1-9a, Psalm 112: 1-9, I Corinthians 2: 1-12, Matthew 5: 13-20.

Matthew 5: 13-20

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.



¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



The "Be Attitudes"

Last week if you were sharing a service led by Rev Stephen Rowe, you will have been given a challenge to read the "Beatitudes" every day for the next 2 weeks.

How are you going with that challenge? Maybe a friend needs to remind you...

Matthew 5: 3-10

The Sermon on the Mount.

News and Dates from Aireys Inlet:

- Our 2026 AGM on Friday 13th at St Aidan's at 10am prior to the quarterly meeting.
- Lunch at the Pub, this Friday 6th Feb @ Noon.
- Rev Tina & congregation members delivered a basket of good things in gratitude to the staff at Aireys Primary School. We met Principal Simon & some grateful staff.

- **39 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!
- Ro Thompson has arranged a half day guided visit to the newly opened Budj Bim park and fish traps site.
- Something special to enjoy along with the people, the food, the water and the R&R.



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 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. All \$4 only Coffee & Tea.

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

Email Linda on scuctreasurer@gmail.com



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 Beanies** meet at Torquay each Tuesday at 10am to knit and crochet, socialise and plan their donations. Starts 11 Feb.
- **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** is being trialled at Aireys. Meeting in a private home to explore and to evaluate this type of our spiritual engagement. Every second Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30pm **STARTING 12th FEBRUARY.** Contact Jill on 0417 798 396



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.

Market Watch

TQ Farmers Market
Each Sat 8.30 to 1pm

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Aireys Inlet

8th Feb & 8th March
9am to 1pm

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TQ Cowrie Market

15th Feb & 15th Mar
9am to 2pm

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Anglesea Twilight

6th Feb & 20th Feb
4.30 to 8pm

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Grab a friend and a basket and Go!

Worship at the Surfcoast Churches next week 15th February

'Transfiguration of Jesus'

Aireys Inlet @ 9.30am : Rev Tina

Bellbrae @ 11am: Rev Tina

Torquay @ 9.30am: Rev Tina's Liturgy & Worship team

Easter on the Surfcoast this year:

Shrove Tuesday with Pancakes on 17th Feb at Aireys

Ash Wednesday Service on 18th February : 10am at Bellbrae

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.



Fashion Parade

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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

Fashion by  feel good fashion

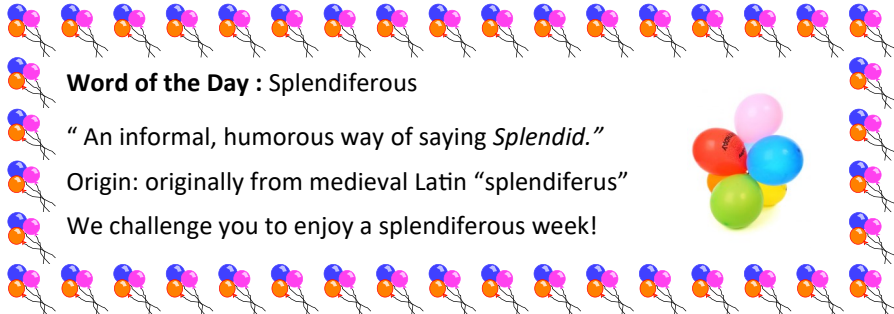


Torquay Men's Shed at 18 Price Street in Torquay is trialling a Saturday morning opening from 9am to 12pm, starting in February. For further information please call 0473 189 925 or email to mensshedtorquay@gmail.com.

Pass on this good news to a man who may need a shed!

Community Sport & Events Dates FYI:

- Fri 6th & Sat 7th Feb: Grovedale Book Sale
- Sat 7th-Sun 8th Feb: Woorangalook Victorian Koori Surfing Titles. Aireys
- Sunday 8th Feb: Torquay Rotary Motor Show
- Sunday 22nd Feb: Festival of Colours. Torquay



Word of the Day : Splendiferous

" An informal, humorous way of saying *Splendid*."

Origin: originally from medieval Latin "splendiferous"

We challenge you to enjoy a splendiferous week!



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