

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 8th March 2026 : LENT 3

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 3: Ex 17:1-7 Ps 95 Rom 5:1-11 Jn 4:5-4

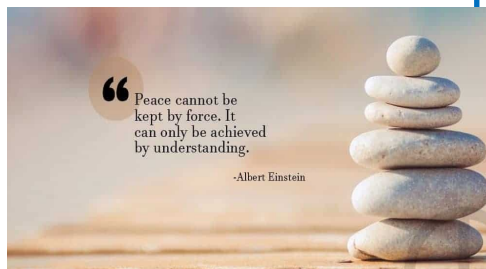


Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli has released a special video message to mark International Women's Day on 8 March, inviting congregations across the Church to give thanks, reflect and re-commit to justice.

Recorded to share in worship services this Sunday, Rev Suli's message honours the faithful leadership, courage and witness of women across the Church's congregations, schools, agencies and communities.

Reflecting on this year's theme, "Balance the Scales", Rev Suli describes it as a call to justice and a reminder that equality does not happen by accident. She affirms that throughout scripture, women have courageously proclaimed God's saving work and that their witness is woven into the gospel story.

Excerpt from Rev Suli UCA email



A Prayer for Peace

Pray for peace in the Middle East and for all whose lives are threatened by war.

Support humanitarian assistance for displaced families and churches providing refuge.

Advocate for peace, encouraging our leaders to pursue diplomatic and peaceful solutions.

May justice and mercy meet

In the name of Jesus, who is our peace.

Amen

**GOSPEL AND SOUL MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY March 15th ,
AIREYS AND BELLBRAE JOIN TOGETHER, led by Rev Tina.**

**TORQUAY
MEET AS
USUAL AT
9:30AM WITH
Rev Tina's
liturgy,**

**Followed by
Torquay**

AGM

You are invited to the "Gospel and Soul" event planned at the St Aidan Church, Aireys Inlet, 9:30am -10:30am Sunday 15 March. Featuring, you guessed it, Gospel and Soul music by our talented Aireys Inlet and Bellbrae UC musos, plus some equally-talented friends. All this around the theme of helping and loving others, lead by our Rev Tina Lyndon. It will be our first outdoor event since the front lawn was done. Yay! Stay and chat over morning tea. under the veranda. We'll keep you informed about weather closer to the day.



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

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 and followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Genats (8 Gogoll Crescent).
Easter Sunday Dawn Service at Cosy Corner at 6am.
Easter Sunday services at usual times at each congregation.

Latest update from Uniting in regards to Grovedale ER.

Previously we had advised we would be closing 5 March, however we recently received one-off surge funding from the Federal government to help support Otways communities impacted by natural disasters over the summer.

This funding allows us to keep our Grovedale emergency relief centre open until 30 June 2026. We would love to continue working with you as normal during this extended service period.

Our move to consolidate operations to Norlane will happen in July when we'll be opening more days and extended hours. We are also investigating other ways to reach communities across the Barwon region.

Closer to the transition of services, we'll be in touch again to share with you our plans for our new emergency relief operations. Thank you for supporting us in delivering emergency relief and other services to vulnerable people in our community

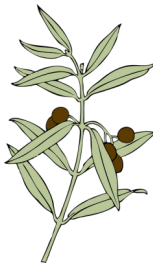
Shelley Johnston
Team Leader ER & Community Supports

Our Lenten study continues with the next date below:

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
Followed by a light lunch.



Some quotes from Rev Stephen's Café church last week for you consideration.

"It is one thing to wish to have truth on your side; quite another to wish to be on truth's side.

The pure and simply truth, is rarely pure and never simple.

To be a seeker of truth you must first doubt things"

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 2026 Aireys Inlet Music Festival.

If you are one, or know one, please contact Keith Bremner 0427 701 276

March Dates:

Sun 8th: Int'l Women's Day

Sun 8th: Bellbrae AGM

Monday 9th: LABOUR DAY

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
Combined Worship at Torquay.

The theme will be Leprosy , with guest speaker and personal stories.

Please note a starting time of 10:00am to allow those coming from further away more time

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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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