

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 12th April 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 : Easter 2: Acts2:1a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter1:3-9, John20:19-31

We celebrated, sang, shared and worshipped in many ways over the Easter weekend.

Many thanks to both Rev Tina and Rev Stephen for leading us through the services, and to all those who offered hospitality, set up and planning for our Easter time together.

Nearly 200 (est) gathered at the Ecumenical Dawn Service at Cosy Corner, for singing, eggs, apples and a spectacular sunrise. We give thanks to the many paddlers who braved the cool morning to share their faith to make a cross on the calm waters.

About 30 gathered at Genat's to share time and HCB's in gentle sunshine after the Good Friday Service.

We are a lucky mob.



Dear Father, Lord of humankind,

Forgive our foolish ways;

Reclothe us in our rightful mind:

In purer lives your service find,

In deeper reverence, praise.

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Drop your still dews of quietness,

Till all our striving cease;

Take from our soul the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of your peace,

The beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire

Your coolness and your balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still small voice of calm,

O still small voice of calm.

TIS 598: J.G. Whittier.

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

Psalm 16: Vs1

A miktam of David

(A miktam is a precious poem)

Coffee, Cake and Weeding...

During the school holidays, coffee & cake will be available on Thursdays at Oak Tree Place from 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to drop in for a chat and catch up. We will revert to Bombara's for coffee on Thursday 23rd April.

AND—You are invited to bring gardening gloves and dusting tools on **Thursday 16th** for a **working bee** to spread mulch, de-web walls, tidy Jack's shed and maybe clean windows—and coffee of course!



9.30am to 12 Noon WORKING BEE. 10.30am COFFEE



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 on Thursdays at 10.30am at OTP for school holidays. Come and Go. Coffee & good conversation guaranteed.
- **Calvary Elouera Aged Care** Rev Tina and Robyn H lead this precious Ministry monthly on the first Thursday. Next date: Thursday 7th May at 2.15pm.
- **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

"SINGING FOR A FOSSIL FREE FUTURE"

You are invited to join Sue Strong, Rev Margie Manning and Linda Wannan:



At 4:30-5:30pm On Thursday 09 April

Geelong Railway Station (Trainshed Way footpath)

in a singing (serious but fun) climate action.

It is organised by the Geelong-Bellarine-Surf Coast folk of ARRCC Sue, Rev Margie and Linda. It is safe, well-supervised and contributing to public awareness and political pressure for Australia to participate in the "Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty" conference in Colombia in April.

UCA VicTas Synod has already endorsed this proposed treaty and information can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/fossilfuel treaty>

and https://www.arrcc.org.au/fossil_fuel_treaty

For similar actions already taken in Victoria, check:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19YKLMGxIB/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DREI7Dip9/>

The plan is to make short videos of the Geelong action and share them in alignment with the values of the 2026 Colombia conference, ARRCC and UCA VicTas

Torquay Church Choir is starting practice after Easter on Thursday 16th April at 5pm in the church.
 If there is anyone in the congregation who would like to join us then please contact June or just turn up on 16th at 5pm.
 We are a lovely group who love singing.

Word of the Day

“Puttering” a verb

“Moving slowly and happily through small tasks, with no rush and nowhere particular to be.

It is a soft and aimless kind of productivity.”

Calling all yarn friends...

The **Geelong and Bellarine Yarn Show** is on from 9.30 to 3pm on Saturday 18th April at the Deakin University Waterfront campus. Entry \$5.

Stalls with product for sale plus many demonstrations of knitting, crochet and fibre art all through the day.



Flu Shots in TQ

16th & 20th May

Including the new intranasal vaccine for those who don't like needles.

Book on

0409437097

Geelong Mobile Vaccination Services

2026 LOCATIONS

11 April - Lara
12 April - Little River
2 May - Lara
9 May - Little River
16 May - Torquay
20 May - Torquay

FLU SHOTS
Pop Up Clinics

Free for under 5 years & over 65 years

Bring a valid Medicare card with you

\$20 per person
or
\$49 per person intranasal vaccine available for 2 - 17 years of age

0409 437 097

BOOK VIA

Oak Tree Care Freezer has a few meals ready and waiting if you or someone you know needs an extra quick meal to help them through a difficult time. Desserts & cake also available!



There is a book to sign in and out if you either take a meal or leave one.

Call Marg Hirth if you have any questions.

Thank you from Geoff & Tricia Genat for all your lovely cards and wishes on the death of Geoff's sister, Marilyn.



Join the **Bellarine Book Crawl** this month—pick up a passport from your local bookshop and be in it to win free books and an audiobook.

Visit the website for more info: <https://www.globalbookcrawl.org/>



April 20 - 26, 2026

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BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM : Uniting Church Hall, School Road. Bellbrae
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