

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 19th 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 3: Acts2:14a,36-41, Psalm 116: 1-4,12-19, 1 Peter1:17-23, Luke 24: 13-25.

Surf Coast Spirituality – a note from Rev Tina

Our book is coming along, with many great contributions.

We continue to welcome images, stories about your faith journey or your favourite Easter or Christmas story and why.

Also maybe an encounter with God or where you find God or how God finds you, or poetry, drawings or a story about prayer or how you came to know and believe in Jesus.

I'm wondering if we can call the book: **One with the ocean**. It would be great if some of you could write something about your relationship with the ocean and what you think is surf coast spirituality.

Keep in mind if you contribute to the book, you get a free copy.

Please send all submissions to:

revtinalyndon@gmail.com



FRUITS of the SPIRIT

Joy is love singing;

Peace is love resting;

Patience is love enduring;

Kindness is love's touch;

Goodness is love's character;

Faithfulness is love's habit;

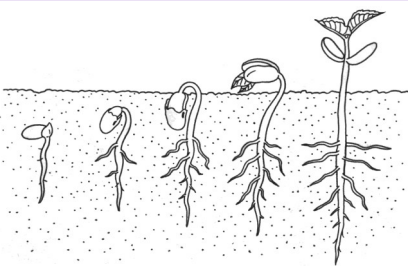
Gentleness is love's self-forgetfulness;

Self-control is love holding the reins.

Anon

"You have been given a new birth. It was from a seed that cannot die. This new life is from the Word of God which lives forever."

1 Peter 1: 23



The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is an ecumenical observance celebrated internationally over 8 days—an octave.

This week is coordinated by the World Council of Churches which encompasses unity in its member churches—Oriental and Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Old Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, Mennonite, Pentecost, Reformed, Moravian and Assyrian.

Resources can be found here to assist your prayer time. <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

17 – 24 May 2026

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"

(Ephesians 4:4)



Thank you - to all our members and friends who regularly provide an offering to our churches, either by direct debit, envelope or cash in the plate on Sunday. Every penny is counted and accounted for - these offerings keep our buildings well lit, warmed and cooled, provide coffee, toilet paper, clean floors and toilets, allow for pastoral care visits with cards and flowers, training and media materials for events and studies, pay our Ministers and visitors and plan for the future and outreach in safe and well maintained buildings.

We know that there are extra demands on everyone's budget this year and that makes your weekly or monthly offering doubly appreciated. We are the team that keeps the Surfcoast Churches alive and well. Our volunteer hours are of course, priceless and can only build on the strength of our financial well being.

P.S. If you are considering or checking on your Direct Debit with your bank—this can be via your banking app, or in person. Please note the account details are: BSB:083 929 ACC: 93009 8403 And please quote TQ, AI or BB in your comment field.



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 at Bomboras** every Thursday at 10.30am. Come and Go as you please, take time to chat and rest.
- **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, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Last week the Torquay congregation was blessed by a special visit from Marilyn Wendt who explained the prayer and love which goes into the making of their prayer shawls and its ministry. She had tender stories to share—one about a mother and sons where shawls were made to reflect their story and their shared love using the same yarns in all pieces. Thank you to Marilyn and her team. Remember to call her anytime for a shawl request.



Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 25th April is the ANZAC Day Public Holiday with many local businesses closed until 1pm.

Next week's worship (Sunday 26th April) at our churches:

- * Aireys Inlet 9.30am visitor Dr. Mick Pope takes the service and shares his interest in theology and climate change.
- * Bellbrae 11am has a Taize Service led by Maxine Flakemore
- * Torquay 9.30am an All Ages Service led by Rev Tina

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.



Word of the Day

Do you 'putter' or do you 'potter'.

There was a debate after last week's word of the day. You can do both as long as you don't 'temporise'.



Flu Shots in TQ

16th & 20th May

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

Book on

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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

2026 LOCATIONS
11 April - Lara
12 April - Little River
2 May - Lara
9 May - Little River
16 May - Torquay
20 May - Torquay

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What's in a name? A lot really ... most of us like our names and the identity they carry for us throughout life. Name tags make church life easier too—so please wear yours at services and meetings—this helps us all, especially newcomers. New nametags are readily available.

Thank You to the weeders, mulch movers, web removers, rakers, spreaders, cake and scone makers, dusters and sweepers for a very successful Garden Working Bee this week at Torquay and Oak Tree Place. 25 and 27 Anderson Street are looking very spiffy!

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.



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
Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

Your Offering for all our churches, programs and outreach is welcome. Direct Deposit or Cash

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