

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 28th June 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 - Pentecost 5: Genesis 22: 1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6: 12-23, Matthew 10: 40-42



Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : Sunday 28th June

Aireys Inlet: 9.30am : David Wright

Bellbrae: 11am Taizé Service

Torquay : 9.30am with Rev Tina

As the **Uniting Church in Australia** celebrates its **49th anniversary** on Monday, 22 June, President Rev Charissa Suli has released a special video message reflecting on the Church's journey and looking ahead to a Jubilee year in 2027. Access the video [HERE](#) and the PDF of Rev Suli's words are here <https://uniting.church/uca-presidents-49th-anniversary-message/>



Wanted: interested people to join the FAITHFUL FUTURES working groups. Join to help shape the future of our ministry and mission with hope and faithfulness. Register your interest here—victas.uca.org.au/ff-eoi/

or email to FaithfulFutures@victas.uca.org.au.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10: 40.

A Reflection from Jane Skelton, your Surfcoast Linked Congregation Council Chair.

Dear friends, We give thanks to God for the ministry we share in this our Surf Coast community and for the many blessings entrusted to our care, for all the people that dedicate time and gifts to the service of our church community and share love and care with so many.

This makes our community rich and strong.

We are mindful that the ongoing work of the Church depends not only upon prayer and service but also by faithful giving.

Supporting our minister and caring for our church buildings are part of the shared ministry we have been entrusted with together. And through this our buildings are looking great and our services enriched by the leadership of Rev Tina, and others who regularly led us in worship.

Through your prayerful generosity, we can continue worship, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach in this place.

Thank you for all that you give and share.

We encourage you to continue your giving **prayerfully and faithfully**, so that this church may remain a welcoming home for God's people and a witness to Christ in our community for many years to come.

Shalom, Jane



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Uniting Learning Units

Uniting Learning offers accessible, Zoom-based units delivered 7-9pm, designed to support discipleship and leadership development in the Uniting Church. Units are **\$50 each** (with a **free orientation session**), providing flexible, low-intensity opportunities to grow in faith, theology, and ministry skills.

Introduction to Uniting Learning July 20 (free session)

Orientation session covering LMS, library access, assessments, and support. [Register by July 10.](#)

Understanding the UCA July 27 | Aug 17 | Sept 14 | Oct 12

Explore the identity, history, theology and structure of the UCA. [Register by July 17.](#)

Exploring the Old Testament Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | Sept 16, 23, 30 | Oct 7

Discover key themes of the Old Testament and its role in faith and history. [Register by July 27.](#)

Exploring Worship in the UCA Oct 26 | Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Learn to plan and lead meaningful, engaging worship services. [Register by Oct 9.](#)



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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.
- **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.
- **OPSHOP and BOOKSHOP at Bellbrae** - every **Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm** 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
Contact Jill on 0417 798 396

ARTS EVENTS!

1. Could you be interested in Book Making? The Anglesea Art Space is hosting an exhibition from Thursday 25th June to Sunday 12th July with workshops as well. 11am to 3pm each day.
2. The Surfcoast ARTS TRAIL is coming soon. Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August. Torquay and Bellbrae will be hosting exhibits, cake and craft stall. To be involved, check with council members and volunteer some hours.



As seen in the amazing JIM MORGAN gallery at Hawker, Flinders Ranges.

Life is like a bicycle: to keep your balance you must keep moving.
Albert Einstein.

Concert Notes: Vicki Gaye Philipp and Jeff Raglus come from Aireys Inlet on the South West coast of Victoria, and have packed a lot into the 15 years since they formed.

Recording 6 albums, 'Five Songs', 'Our Pleasure', 'Holy Roll', 'Red Moon Ray', 'The Freest of the Free' and their latest 'Happy Abduction'.

They have played their original tunes at festivals and venues in The UK, Europe, Japan, New Caledonia and continue to play locally and tour around Australia.

Playing on Sunday 5th July at Queenscliff Uniting. Tickets



Next week's services on the Surfcoast:

Thursday 2nd July: Elouera with Rev Tina at 2.15pm

Sunday 5th July: Pentecost 6

- * **Aireys Inlet 9:30am. Rev Tine & Communion**
- * **Torquay 9:30am. Favourite Hymns/Worship Team**
- * **Bellbrae 11:00am. Rev Peter Greenwood**

A note for Torquay:

1. Sunday 5th July will be a special service for many of your favourite Hymns. Choose a few and pop them down on the list next Sunday or email them to Robyn H.
2. Did some one say SCONES? If you are coming to worship at TQ this week please bring a scone cutter with you—any shape and size. Why, you may ask—well this editor doesn't know either. :)



Travellers Notes:

Geoff & Tricia Genat are wandering in the outback this week and enjoyed a visit to Farina and the famed bakery. Delicious egg & bacon pies and the best sponge kiss ever!

Great work by the volunteers in this historic town.

TECH Corner.

Battery Tip: Prolong your phone's battery lifespan by not charging it to 100%. Aim to keep your phone battery level consistent between 20% and 80%. Invest in a new fast charger if needed, so that your phone can charge as your kettle boils.

Photo Searching: Need to check out a new product, a TV ad or your friend's new shoes? Open Google on your phone and choose "Camera" rather than a new tab—your photo will appear in the search and you can ask any question you like—e.g. Where can I buy shoes like Jane's?

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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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