

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 5th July 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 6: Genesis 24, Psalm 45: 10-17, Romans 8: 1-11, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23.

NAIDOC Week 2026 (5–12 July)

marks 50 years of honouring the voices, cultures and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Uniting Church, together with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), gives thanks for this significant milestone and celebrates the enduring strength and leadership of First Nations peoples.

[Click here](#) to see events you can attend



A BIG Thankyou to Robyn and Alan for all the hard work that went into the scones set up and cooking for the All Age Service in Torquay last Sunday . Many enjoyed the service on **Sharing** and the scone morning tea, with the extra ones going to good homes.

Thanks go to our Puppet masters, Gail and Ian and Rev Tina, too.



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 are 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.

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : Sunday 5th July

Aireys Inlet: 9.30am : Rev Tina

Bellbrae: 11am Rev Peter Greenwood

Torquay : 9.30am Worship Team leading a service of Favourite Hymns.



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

Next week's services on the Surfcoast:

Sunday 12th July

- * **Aireys Inlet 9:30am. Rev Tina's liturgy**
- * **Torquay 9:30am. Rev Tina and Communion**
- * **Bellbrae 11:00am. Rev Tina and Communion**



World Chocolate Day July 7th.

If you need an excuse to enjoy delicious chocolate, then this is it.

On **Sunday 19 July**, the Uniting Church will celebrate **Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday** for the fourth time. Emerging from a [decision of the 16th Assembly](#), this day is an opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity and explore ways to build intercultural relationships in our churches and neighbourhoods.



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.



Prayer

Gentle Christ, when we are weary from striving and burdened by expectations, teach us again the freedom of your grace. Help us hear the music of your kingdom, trust your kindness, and walk beside you in joy. Amen.

(the [prayer](#) has been prepared by the VCC Executive Officer, Rev Deacon Sandy Boyce

Photo: the moon over the ocean at Marcoola,
Sunshine coast , Taken by Jane



Bellbrae Garden Bee will be held on Saturday 11th July at 11am

to weed and plant out native succulent cuttings and place star pegs between posts around the quiet space, to stabilise the wire. Sausage sizzle lunch. All helping hands are very welcome , and the more hands the better.



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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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