

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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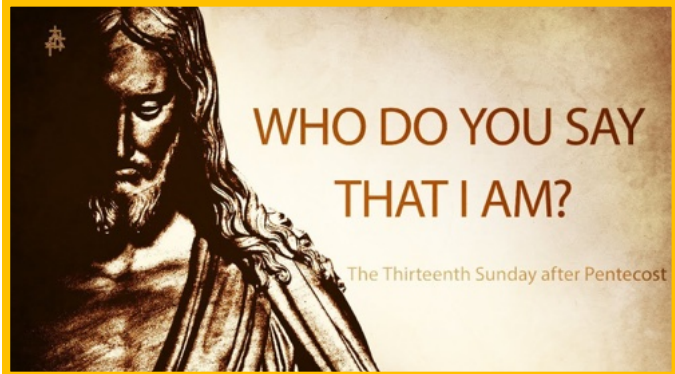


Sunday 23rd August 2026

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 13: Exodus 1: 8 to 2.10, Psalm 124, Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20.



Join in worship together at Aireys Inlet

Next Sunday 30th August at 10am.

Our theme is Frontier Services and the wonderful work they achieve with our help. Our Speaker: Rev Noel Williams, Barwon Remote Area Bush Chaplain.

We will share a **BBQ** after the service and you are invited to bring—salads (Torquay) and sweets (Bellbrae).

BB & TQ—For transport—check with Tricia, Robyn or Maxine.

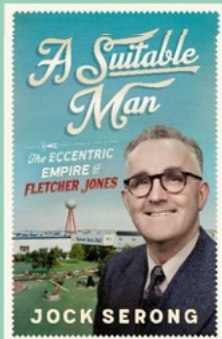


Frontier Services
Standing with people in the bush



Thursday 3rd September, 12:30pm

Jock Serong in conversation with Chrissie Bellbrae



Many Australians know of Fletcher Jones - the stores, the clothing, the daggy dad slacks - but few know the extraordinary man behind it all.

David Fletcher Jones was an autodidact, a wanderer and dreamer who became a visionary businessman and social entrepreneur...

Tickets: \$10
Available through Humanitix or via our website:



Oak Tree Place
27 Anderson St, Torquay



Jock Serong



with Chrissie Bellbrae

Good News Items:

1. Our freezer in **Oak Tree Place** is almost full again—many thanks to the cooks and bakers. There are soups and casseroles, sausage rolls and cake. We had a bit of a run—which is EXACTLY what we wanted. Call Tricia (0419340056) or Marg Hirth to access the freezer.
2. We now have a “Live” calendar of booked times at Oak Tree Place on our **web site** thanks to some tweaking from Alan H. You cannot use it to book but you can use it to see if the hall is free. Underneath the “Venues for Hire” tab is the spot. Or Click [HERE](#).
3. The garden at **Bellbrae** continues to develop with new brick paving and planting thanks to many hours of work and contributions from the local community. Drop in for a quiet sit—and perhaps pull a few weeds!

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : This Sunday 23rd August.

Aireys Inlet: 9.30am : David Wright. **Bellbrae:** 11.00am: Taizé with Rev Peter Greenwood

Torquay : 9.30am: Brian & Thelma Shaw



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

Worship next week:

Sunday 30th August:

Combined Service at 10am at Aireys Inlet

REMINDER: if you have a new email address or phone number—please let Robyn Harper know to update our Surfcoast UC Directory. (0407 829 926).

Need a new Directory? —just ask for an electronic or paper version. Please shred the old one securely. *Thanks*

Coming Soon...



The global *'Season of Creation'* (1 September to 4 October 2026) is inspired by Ezekiel 47: 1-12, where God's life giving river flows from the temple, bringing healing wherever it goes. As the river deepens, barren land is restored, waters are revived, and creation flourishes. It is a beautiful picture of God's desire to bring renewal, abundance, and life to the whole creation. In a world facing an escalating climate crisis, that vision feels more important than ever. *Season of Creation* invites us to slow down and pay attention—to delight in the beauty of God's creation, lament what is being lost, and respond with hope as we join God's work of restoration, justice and reconciliation.

Quote taken from the Victorian Council of Churches newsletter.

OCTOBER FILM EVENT

Sun, 11 Oct, 2pm - 4pm

Portarlington Guides Hall



The Justice Team at the Bellarine Linked Uniting Church Congregations (Portarlington and Drysdale) are proud to present the film 'The Price of Free,' which documents one man's quest in the liberation from child slavery.

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, *THE PRICE OF FREE* (formerly titled *Kailash*) is a suspenseful yet intimate look at one man's groundbreaking struggle to liberate every child possible from slavery.

THE PRICE of FREE Tickets: \$15 ea.



TICKETS AVAILABLE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW,
OR FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES: bit.ly/4q6lkEz
OR <https://portarlingtonunitingchurch.org.au>



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THEFORE, I URGE YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY, TO OFFER
YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD—THIS IS YOUR TRUE
AND PROPER WORSHIP.
ROMANS 12: 1. NV.

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 connect and 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 - Friday & 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 is 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

News from our travellers:

Rev Tina and John— sent this lovely shot from sacred Lindisfarne— accessible on a paved tidal causeway, covered by water twice a day and home to a 12th century Priory ruins.



Marg & Peter Hirth are exploring the



area around Swan Hill and have spent an enjoyable time at the Catalina Museum at Lake Boga as well as walking in native woodland and checking out Silo Art.

June Angus is travelling Sri Lanka and provides our **Ahh** picture with these elephants from Minneriya National Park. The little one is only 10 days old.



A Blessing

with permission from Rev Ann Key

My God be patient with us as we grow in understanding.

May Christ be generous with us as we seek and question.

May the Holy Spirit be constant with each one,

Always guiding every word, thought and deed.

By this may we be a blessing to all we meet.

Amen.

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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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