

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 9th 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 10: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28, Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14: 13-21

It's a wrap for the ARTS Trail 2026 at Bellbrae and Torquay—Book Launches, Trading Tables, Soup and Scones, Art and Craft and Conversations. Many thanks to all those who baked, swept, served, and smiled through some glorious winter sunshine and lots of interested visitors. All the events were successful money raisers and filled with good community interactions.

At Bellbrae, Jane Edmonson from Gardening Australia, dropped in too



At Torquay, art and cakes & savouries sold well and visitors enjoyed scones & coffee too.

Vale John Peck.

John Peck - A long time Torquay congregation member, Church Council member, lover of boats and family and the Geelong football club, died this past week whilst receiving care at Star of the Sea. The Peck family are pleased that he is now at peace.

John will be farewelled by his immediate family at a private cremation. You are invited to share a Memorial Service for John at Torquay Uniting at 12 noon on Tuesday 11th August, with refreshments at Oak Tree Place, next door, to follow.



*Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of
my life and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23.

Barry and Jane Skelton would like to say a big thank you to the folks from our Surfcoast churches who sent best wishes, love, prayers, and so much more, to Barry during his 3 weeks in hospital on the Sunshine Coast. He is out now and with many more tablets than he went in with. I'm sure many of you can identify with this! Time to build up his strength and enjoy some sunshine. Thank You

- Reminders...**
1. Tuesday 11th August is CENSUS Day. Expect paper information to be delivered to your letterbox—or check out here - <https://www.abs.gov.au/census>
 2. Thank you to everyone who supports our churches and outreach with a regular offering. Remember that the Surfcoast UC bank account for regular direct deposits is : **BSB 083 929 and Acc# 93 009 8403**. Please check you have the correct bank details.
 3. The Freezer at Torquay is full with sweet and savoury offerings for you, your family, friends and neighbours. PLEASE come and grab a casserole, soup or cake to make someone's day. If you need help accessing the freezer, please call Tricia (0419 340056) or Marg (0407 3480085).

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : This Sunday 9th August.

Aireys Inlet : 9.30am : Rev Ann Key, Bellbrae: 11.00am: Communion with Rev Peter Greenwood,

Torquay : 9.30am: Worship Team and the Frontier Services Theme



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 16th August:

- * **Aireys Inlet 9:30am: Rev Sue Townsend**
- * **Torquay 9:30am : Rev Ann Key and Communion**
- * **Bellbrae 11am : Rev Stephen Rowe**

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 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

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
he leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul:
he leads me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies:
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

What's happening in our neighbourhood?

Every Wednesday at 5pm Oak Tree Place: Ballet for Balance.
Contact Ocean Road OT at oceanroadot@gmail.com or
phone 0484 929 508.

Sunday 30th August at Aireys Inlet—Surfcoast UC Combined Service at 10am (Note different time please). Our Guest: Noel Williams. Do you need a ride? Check in with Robyn H or Tricia G

Season of Creation this September "Living Water Theme"

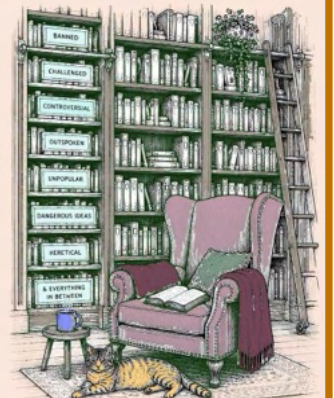
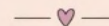
Christians around the world will mark the **Season of Creation** from **1 September to 4 October**, joining in prayer, reflection and action as they celebrate God's gift of creation and renew their commitment to care for our common home.

This season incorporates the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September), Feast of Creation and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (celebrated 4 October)

Tech Tips!

1. To complete your Census online you will need the census number and temporary password which was delivered to each household. Sit down with a cuppa, pencil and paper and enjoy. Remember, if you know you will be home on Tuesday evening, you can fill in the form early.
2. After the Census, ditch the tech, keep the cuppa and enjoy a good book instead!

A truly
great library
has something
in it to
offend
everyone.



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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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