

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 30th 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 is Pentecost 14: Exodus3: 1-15, Psalm 105: 1-6,23-26, Romans 12 :9-21, Matthew16: 21-28



One of the joys of our Surfcoast Uniting community is shared worship, meals, sadness and joy.

This Sunday you have a chance to put that joy into action by joining the combined worship at Aireys Inlet at 10am on Sunday 30th. It's a short and pretty drive, it's a chance to share music and faith, it's a chance to catch up on news, and meet a few new faces (remember to wear your name tag) and most of all it's a chance to support our faithful friendly Aireys congregation members with love and commitment.

So—at 10am—we hope to make the walls at St Stephens bulge with Gods people, good music and good words. And after that to BBQ a snag or two with salads and desserts. **N.B.** For a lift—ask Robyn, Tricia or Maxine. **P.S** As usual there will be a cash offering for FRONTIER SERVICES.



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...



Jock Serong



with Chrissie Bellbrae

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



Oak Tree Place
27 Anderson St, Torquay



Bill Hunter, from the Bellbrae congregation would like to extend an invitation to the funeral service and end of life celebration for his wife Lisa. This will be at the RACV Club in Torquay at 12 noon



on Monday 31st August. (Please arrive early and wear bright colours).

We send Bill and the family our love and condolences.

"Be joyful in hope. patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Always practice hospitality."

Romans 12: 12-13.

Good News Items:

1. Our freezer in **Oak Tree Place** is almost empty again—we know, we know, we said full only last week! A casserole or two would be greatly appreciated. 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](#).

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : This Sunday 30th August.

Combined Service at Aireys Inlet at 10am followed by a shared BBQ.



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 on the Surfcoast for the week ahead:

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Tina and Communion

Bellbrae at 11am: Café Church with Rev Stephen Rowe

Torquay at 9.30am : Café Church with Rev Stephen

NOTE: Aged Care Service at ELOUERA on Thurs 3rd at 2.15pm

REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER—PLEASE LET ROBYN HARPER KNOW TO UPDATE YOUR SURFCAST UNITING CHURCH DIRECTORY. (0407 829 926) AND LET THE NEWSLETTER KNOW TO DIRECT YOUR WEEKLY NEWS!

Coming Soon...



The global *'Season of Creation'* (1 September to 4 October 2026) is inspired by Ezekial 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.

Last week Torquay was blessed with a gentle yet challenging service from Brian & Thelma Shaw for our "All Age" worship.

Our shared verse was Romans 12:2 from the JB Phillips version:

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan for you meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity."

We all brought home a hand studded with jewels and joy to guide us through the weeks ahead.



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

Do you sometimes wonder what's going on at SYNOD level in the Uniting Church? Check out the SYNOD e-news and sign up for your very own delivery [HERE](#).

Did You Know? A common catch phrase for something exceptional is "the bees knees" - this probably refers to the fact that bees carry pollen on their legs, making their 'knees' the most valuable part of the journey!



Recipe Corner... as requested

The famous moist and tasty Evans Date Loaf

4 Weetbix or VitaBrits, crushed.

1 cup dates, chopped

1 cup sugar (half is really plenty!)

2 tablespoons butter

1 large cup boiling water

1 teaspoon bi-carb soda

Put all ingredients in a bowl and cover with the cup of hot water. Leave for 5 minutes.

Add: 1 beaten egg and 1 cup SR flour.

Mix together, pour into a lined loaf tin

Cook in moderate oven 30-45 mins.

Slice, butter and enjoy.

More recipes next week...



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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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