

Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 6th September 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 15: Exodus 12: 1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13: 8-14, Matthew 18: 15-20.



SEASON OF CREATION

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.

More to think about as we enter Spring and the Season of Creation: "Our efforts may seem small and futile, but many Gospel episodes reveal the recurring motif that **God has an eye for small people and small things**. Think of the widow's mite and the multiplication of loaves and fish. At Cana, dull water is turned into the best of wine and at the Last Supper, lowly bread and wine become the body and blood of the Lord. The life of each person, no matter how hidden, has an influence on all others. Any good deed, however small, that is done in love has an eternal quality, because love does not come to an end and we reap a reward at harvest time.

This grounds hope that tiny contributions on behalf of our sick planet carry their own symbolic value. Julian of Norwich expresses this hope: God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. I looked upon it and thought, "*What may this be?*" And I was answered, "*It is all that is made.*" I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for smallness. And I was answered, "*It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.*" **In this little thing I saw three truths: the first is that God made it; the second that God loves it; and the third that God keeps it safe.**

Extract from "*Creation Walk: the Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet*" by Brian Grogan.



Frontier Services
Standing with people in the bush



Sausages and Singing—our

Frontier Services worship was

all inclusive at Aireys Inlet last Sunday. Many thanks to those who led the service, the music, the message and brought and cooked some delicious food for the shared BBQ.

Rev Noel Williams shared stories and song, and James Nevien provided support and plenty of Frontier Services information.



Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20



Reminders:

1. Our Oak Tree Care freezer is full again, thank you—now your job is to empty it for love.
2. Aireys Pub lunch is THIS Friday. Drop in to chat & eat.
3. Newsletter items are greedily devoured by your editors...feed the readers with pics & news.



Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast : This Sunday 6th September

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



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 Sunday 13th September

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Tina's Liturgy & Worship C'tee

Bellbrae at 11am: Communion Rev Tina

Torquay at 9.30am : Communion Rev Tina

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

Angair Wildflower & Arts Show



ANGLESEA
COMMUNITY HUB
MCMILLAN ST

Saturday &
Sunday
19th & 20th
Sept 2026

10am to 4pm



Image, Jewel Beetle, John Lenagan

Wildflower displays, plant sales, guided walking tours, educational displays, kids activities, art show and sales, food and drink stalls.

FROM OUR PRESBYTERY:

At the Presbytery in Council meeting on Saturday 22nd August, it was agreed that the letter from the Port Phillip West Climate Action Group be sent to members for discernment at your church council or congregational meeting to encourage members or church councils to sign up to if they so wish. This letter is for religious institutions, to call on world leaders to enact a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that will:

- End the expansion of new coal, oil, and gas production immediately
 - Phase out existing fossil fuel production fairly, with wealthy nations leading this transition
- Implement a just transition to renewable energy for all, ensuring affected communities and workers are actively engaged, supported, and heard

Click here for more details. Further discussion will be held at Church Council Meetings.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/multi-faith-letter?source=arrrc>

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 this Friday 4th Sept.** Enjoyed by locals & the Aireys congregation. Anyone is very welcome. Call Mary Bremner to confirm.
- **Prayer Shawl group...** contact Marilyn Wendt if interested in joining this faithful group.
- **Silent Worship** : 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

Recipe Corner... as requested

Rhubarb Relish (with permission from Jeff @ Danawa Community Garden)

4 onions, 1 Kg rhubarb, 4 cups sugar, 3 tablespoons curry powder, 1 full cup of white or malt vinegar, 2 tsp salt, 1 tsp pepper.

Cut up rhubarb and put all ingredients in a pot and cook until thickens—about 40/45 mins. Stir as needed. Bottle and enjoy. Goes well with sandwiches & blue cheeses.

Slow cooker Rice Pudding: A Kiwi contribution from Linda

Put your Crockpot on low.

Pour in 2 litres full cream milk,

1 cup of medium or short-grain rice,

1 cup of sugar and a drop of vanilla essence.

Stir. Pop the Lid on and leave for 4.5 hours. Enjoy.

A Good News Item:

Last weekend, 40,000 runners took part in the Sydney marathon over 42km of the up and down course. Sunshine, stunning views and shared joy. There were no nasty incidents, no nasty things were thrown, no nasty words were spoken. Runners from all over the globe ran together and a local resident from Torquay won the fastest time for an Australian woman in 2hrs 28m. Well done Ellie.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." – Ephesians 4:3

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Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

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