Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 15th November 2026

Wadawurrung

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 25: Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast

This Sunday 15th November

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Tina

Bellbrae at 11am: Rev Tina

Torquay at 9.30am : Rev Tina's Liturgy

1 Thessalonians 5

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

[7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

[9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

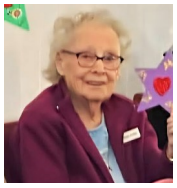
[10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

[11] *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*



Come to the fashion show TOMORROW!
Come for the afternoon tea, the chat with friends, or just an outing. Any excuse will do!

Vale Jean Elder.



At Torquay we will miss the faithful and always cheerful face of Jean Elder who passed away quietly this week and we pass our love and condolences to her family.

Jean moved to Torquay around 20 years ago and set up home in the Sands estate. She was an active member of our congregation and the choir and was always willing to help where needed and still made her delicious lemon curd. She was also a member of the Spring Creek Ladies Probus Group which she enjoyed. There will be a memorial service for Jean at Torquay Church on Thursday 10th December at 11am.



An Invitation to a BLUE CHRISTMAS Service.

Is Christmas a difficult time for you with the flurry of busyness and others expectations? Perhaps your family is complicated or is absent. Maybe this Christmas is especially hard due to grief, loss and suffering in the past year.

Our contemplative service at Airey's Inlet is an invitation for you to pause, ponder and be still. Everyone welcome.

Date Thursday December 17th

Time 7.00 - 7.30pm

Where St Aidan's Aireys Inlet, 29 Great Ocean Road, 3231

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 22nd November: Christ the King

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Stephen Rowe

Bellbrae at 11am: Taizé Service led by Maxine

Torquay at 9.30am : All Age Worship Rev Tina

Can you help? A request has been received from the **Welcome to Barwon** group (W2B) who are helping Bellbrae members, Philomena and Samson, to resettle in the Surf Coast community. The couple now require more permanent rental accommodation. W2B members are exploring multiple options and have reached out SCUC to seek our help. If you are aware of a small unit, granny flat, bungalow or other suitable accommodation, can suggest another option or would like more information, please contact Torquay member **Gail Chrisfield** via gbingfield@gmail.com or 0409 624 577. or **Steve** on 0425813981

RECIPE CORNER: from Jane...

Recipe for Bacon Crisps from the Weekly Best Recipes.
(you may have enjoyed these at the fashion show!)

2 rashers of bacon
3/4 cup of wholemeal plain flour
pinch of cayenne
90g butter
90g cheddar cheese4
1 tablespoon of water, approximately
Milk

Remove rind from bacon and chop very finely, cook until crisp , drain on paper towel and cool
Sift flour and cayenne into basin, return husks to bowl, rub in flour, add bacon, finely grated cheese, and just enough water to bind together
Kneead lightly until smooth
Roll out , using baking paper on top, until 3mm thick.
Cut into 5cm rounds or whatever shape you want.
Brush tops with milk, bake in oven, 180degrees, for 15 minutes or until golden.
Delicious!



Many of us this week may have been reading stories about adversity in war times but here is a story you may have missed, showing the resilience and fortitude of our service personnel across all nations.

From the archives of the Australian War Memorial.

The Van Amstel Class minesweeper Abraham Crijnssen was deployed at the time of the Japanese invasion in Surabaya in Java, and in early March 1942 was ordered to make its way to Australia. Japanese air superiority was overwhelming, and the crew could see little prospect of the ship making the passage undetected. The minesweeper's meagre defences were certainly not sufficient to protect it from air attack.

The only possible solution seemed to lie in *camouflage,* and the ship was accordingly covered up with jungle foliage. By lying up during most of the day, and regularly replenishing the protective foliage, the vessel blended into the islands among which she was travelling, and managed to escape notice. On 15 March, Abraham Crijnssen arrived safely at Geraldton in W.A and was employed as a convoy escort with the Royal Australian Navy for the remainder of the war. It can be seen today at the Dutch Naval Museum.



Planning ahead for Christmas Worship on the Surfcoast:

Sunday 13th December at 5pm: Carols at the Aireys Pub
Sunday 20th December at 9.30am: Torquay Carol Service
Thursday 24th December at 7pm: Family Service at Torquay
Thursday 24th December at 10pm: Carol Service at Bellbrae
Friday 25th December at 9.30am: Rev Tina at Aireys Inlet
Friday 25th December at 9.30am : Rev Stephen at Torquay
Sunday 27th December at 11am: Bellbrae Taizé Service
Sunday 27th December at 9.30am: Torquay and Aireys regular Services.

Regular Surfcoast Uniting Events

- **Beaut Beanies** meet at Torquay each Tuesday at 10am to knit and crochet, chat and share 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 of the month.
- **OPSHOP and BOOKSHOP at Bellbrae - Friday & *Saturday from 10am to 4pm*** Call Doreen to add your name to the roster (0479 164 938).
- **Aireys Inlet Lunch at the Pub** First Friday of each month. 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.

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