# Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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**Sunday 22nd 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 Christ the King: Ezekial 34: 11-16,20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46**

## *Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast*

### *This Sunday 22nd November*

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Stephen Rowe

Bellbrae at 11am: Taizé Service: Peter Greenwood

Torquay at 9.30am : All Age Worship Rev Tina

**Q:** What has heaps of good music, loud voices, fabulous morning tea, cheerful and heartfelt worship and over 40 bums on seats?

**A: The Combined Surfcoast Uniting Worship on Sunday 29th November at 10am at Torquay** church. Rev Sandy Brodine will lead us. Sandy loves fibre arts, painting icons, genealogy, cooking and travel in her spare time!



## Psalm 100

*His Steadfast Love Endures Forever*
*A Psalm for Giving Thanks*

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

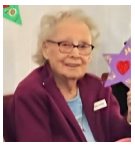
5 For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

***Prayer Points for this week:***

- Samson & Philomena from Bellbrae church have had bad news this week regarding health issues and ask for your prayers for strength and healing.
- As our churches and members enter the new Advent season this can bring stresses and sad memories . Pray for calm and support throughout Christmas.
- For our congregation members with new or chronic conditions, pain, broken bones and infections—we pray for rest and recovery and good medicine.

We made a mistake: The memorial service for Jean Elder at Torquay Church on Thursday 10th December is at 2pm. (Not 11am as previously noted). Apologies.

Jean's family have requested that the church provide some refreshments after the service so all plates will be happily accepted from 1pm on the day.





***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 and 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 29th November Advent 1***

## *Combined Service at Torquay at 10.00 am.*

**Bring your best singing voices and a plate for MT**

**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

Knitted Squares for supporting Ukraine families.

Even if you are not an expert knitter—these are very easy—squares need to be 10cm x 10cm and knitted in garter stitch. Any colour.

Deliver to our Beaut Beanies group which meet every Tuesday from 10 to 12 in the TQ Church foyer. Or bring to church for Robyn or Tricia.

Contact Robyn Harper if you would like some wool to strat knitting. ***Thank you***



***Thank you…***

To all the great models, bakers, servers, helpers and friendly chatterers at the Fashion Show. Over $500 was banked and we all had a good time!

From Barry & Jane Skelton—a big thank you for your card and good wishes. Barry is out of hospital and looking well.

***Why, Why, Why?***

Are they called Apartments when they are all stuck together?

Didn't Noah swat those two mosquitos?

Is 'abbreviated' such a looong word?

Don't sheep shrink when it rains?





**A Five Finger Prayer:**

**Thumb: Those closest to you**

**Index: Those who lead**

**Middle: Those with power**

**Ring: Those who are suffering**

**Pinkie: Yourself!**

**German Christmas Market**




Free Timed Entry—Tix on TRYBOOKING.
Search "German Christmas Market".




***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 Carols 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. All Age. "What's Christmas got to do with it all?"

***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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