Surfcoast Uniting Churches Newsletter

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Sunday 29th 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 Advent 1: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm80: 1-2, 7-19, 1 Corintians 1-3:9, Mark 13: 24-27.

Uniting Church Services on the Surfcoast

This Sunday 29th November

Our Combined Surfcoast Uniting Worship at 10am at Torquay church.



Morning tea to follow

Rev Sandy Brodine will lead us.



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?"





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

Thursday 3rd December at ELOUERA at 2.15pm

Sunday 6th December: Advent 2

Aireys Inlet at 9.30am: Rev Tina and Communion

Bellbrae at 11am: Rev Stephen Rowe

Torquay at 9.30am: Rev Stephen Rowe

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 start knitting. ***Thank you***





"Not the Church Camp" - It's time to book your spot!

When: Tuesday 13th April to Friday 16th April (3 nights)

Where: Echuca Discovery Caravan Park: 75 River Avenue. Echuca.

Why: a guaranteed good time, good coffee, good chatting, good shared food and some new spots & experiences to explore along the mighty Murray river.

How: Call the park office—03 5482 1533. Mention you are camping with the Genat's and ask for your preferred site or cabin type. Some Superior Cabins ($255 pn) and Grassy powered sites ($55pn) have been set aside for us. Being a G'Day Parks member will get you additional discount.

Then: Pay your deposit and Pop it in your new 2027 diary! ***See you there...***

Just a thought:

You may have read in the recent UC National Update a reference to "Project Reconnect" which has weekly resources for small churches complete with prayers, a recorded message, readings and a youth focused activity. Easy to read, easy to download and easy to use on days when you need something extra in the service.

Click below to access.

https://projectreconnect.uca.org.au/get-started/

Watch out for the SURFCOAST UNITING advert in the **Surfcoast Times** listing all our Christmas Services across the 3 churches.

December 4th & 11th. Share it!

But who am I,

and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14

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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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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