



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 3

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

13 June 2021

Today's readings: Genesis 3.8-15 ; Ps 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3:20-25

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea

Torquay service is on the church website

The familiar builds a bridge to the unfamiliar. Parables help us to ponder on Jesus' words and be curious about what he says, growing in maturity as we chew on his words. The Kingdom is like a farmer who sowed seed, and turns up to harvest to reap the rewards. What we see are not the fruit of the farmer's labour, but the rhythms and cycles of the Creator that bring success. The Kingdom has come as a result of the activity of God. It grows as certainly and as effortlessly as seeds grow into plants, and will come in fullness because he is in control. How? Like the farmer, we do not understand but we are assured that it will be so.

The mustard seed: from small beginnings, large and life giving things can result and the purpose of the seed is achieved. It grows into not just a mustard tree, but a shrub that provides shade and shelter for those that depend upon it for life. Jesus' ministry on earth may have seemed of no consequence, insignificant, but he affirms the Father is setting creation aright through him and it will come to pass. The mustard seed says, don't be put off by what seems unimpressive, God's kingdom has entered history in Jesus' words and works and what we have seen and do see in Jesus, is an indication of what is ahead.

Let us happily join God at work, trusting that he will fulfil his purposes around us, confident that God's good intentions will occur, as surely as seed time leads to harvest.

Surfcoast Parish acknowledges the Wadawurrung community as the traditional owners of the land on which we worship. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

Parish Mission (*our purpose*)

Surfcoast Anglican Parish exists to:

- nurture people's relationship with God;
- encourage people by example to live by the teachings of Jesus;
- engage and work with the broader community.

Parish Vision (*our aspiration*)

An enthusiastic and welcoming Church valued for its contribution to the wellbeing of the Surf Coast community; and for providing ways for people to explore their spirituality.

THIS COMING WEEK

Mon 14 June Sharon's Day off

Tue 15 June St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 16 June Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - Open
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly)

Thu 17 June

Fri 18 June St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 19 June St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Church Services

2nd & 4th Thurs St Aidan's Aireys Inlet, 10:30am Eucharist - TBA

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 4 July
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - when COVID outbreak ends

Weekly Sun Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist - Open
St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - Open

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Regular Parish Meetings

Sharon @ Shire Trqy/Bell/JJuc Community Action - fortnightly Monday 1:30pm

Sharon @ Shire Anglesea Community Action - second Wednesday 2pm

Shire Community Leaders Community of Practice - 5 August 11:30am

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 23 June

Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs 7:30pm @ Clement's - Next TBA

Torquay Craft Group - 2nd & 4th Thurs 1.30pm @ TBA contact Peggy/Barbara - 24 June

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 10am @ St Luke's - TBA June

St Aidan's Bible Study - 1st, 3rd, 5th Thurs 10.30am @ St Aidan's - *in Recess*

Parish Lunch - 1st Tues Noon @ Jan Juc Hotel - next TBA

History Group - 4th Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA

General News

Surfcoast Feed Me is a different sort of food service that rescues fresh food that would go to waste and is open for all to use as they are able to pay or for free if they cannot. Everyone can have access to the food. I know Brooke who has set it up, and I am aware of how the needs and their service provision has increased during COVID. They are looking for delivery drivers to take food to those in need. Speak to Ken Farrow.

Donation to Anam Cara - Parish Council decided to give \$1000 annually for 5 years to Anam Cara Geelong as part of mission giving. There are flyers at Anglesea and Torquay for you to find out more about this important ministry. Our contribution helps ensure hospice services are made available to more people in need in our community when they will need it most. Anam Cara House Geelong makes a significant and positive difference to the lives of those with chronic or life-limiting illness, while also providing invaluable support to their carers and families.

Torquay Food Aid for June - Washing Detergent & Dishwashing tablets. Non perishables.

Fete - We are conscious that while Easter Saturday was a successful and busy day to trade, it was challenging to incorporate with Holy Week and family time. Council would appreciate your thoughts on whether to consider the non-Holy Week of the same school holidays for next year to revert to January, or another date. **Please give us feedback to council by email or in person so we can finalise a date for 2022.**

St Luke's 75th Anniversary - The anniversary of moving the current St Luke's church building to the Torquay site occurs on the first Sunday in August 2022. I would like to gather a group who will think, collaborate and plan how we will celebrate - either a few events across the year or one in August. **Please get in contact with Sharon or a Council member if you are interested or have ideas.**

Torquay Service online - If you would like to be a part of the parish from home at anytime, Sunday services at Torquay are recorded and made available on the Church @ Home section of the parish website. www.surfcoastanglican.org.au/page/

Organ Recital Tom Healy - U3A recital will be held again at St Luke's, Tuesday 14/9 at 2pm COVID permitting.

EFT DIRECT GIVING via ADF Parish Account

Electronic giving is one way to contribute regularly and privately to Parish ministry. If you would like to give this way, **take a form from the foyer or the website**, fill it in and mail it off. Laminated slips are available in the foyer for you to place in the offertory bowl, to participate physically in worship during this part of a service.

BANK GIVING

If you are not able to make use of the ADF giving pathway, we encourage you to deposit your contribution to the Parish account at the Bendigo Bank, or contact Ken for some envelopes. Any cheques must be made to Surfcoast Anglican Parish. Contact the Office or a warden for bank details, please do not mail cash.

Safety From Violence and Abuse, Help to Change

If you are at risk of family violence, or abuse by another person in your home, safe accommodation and support is available. Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 or email safesteps@safesteps.org.au for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
OR call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or look on their website to find support
For counselling for men who have anger, relationship or parenting issues call the Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491

COVID updates - Masks mandatory indoors, distancing outdoors. Digital check in on site mandatory - phone or kiosk. 75 people maximum plus one leader for church services, indoors or outdoors with a 4sqm. 15 in St Luke's church, 5 in the foyer and meeting room, 36 in the hall. Anglesea has 12 in church, 10 in foyer. ID checks to ensure only regional attenders are present - no one from Metro Melbourne is permitted. Apart from church services other meetings for church can take place in church facilities.

Weddings can occur with a total of 20 people present. Funerals can occur with 75 mourners plus those required to conduct the service. Only 2 extras in the home so that means no home group yet. If you are unwell and showing symptoms of COVID, which are like symptoms of a cold, get tested and isolate while waiting for the results. Results are returned often in 24hours. Please get immunised for both COVID and the flu.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday