



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 14

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

29 August 2021

Today's readings: Deut 4:1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27 ;6: Mark 7:1-8,14-23

Prayer for Afghanistan

Pray for the small group of believers in the country who are fearful and are uncertain who to trust. Pray that they find strength, wisdom, and supernatural peace in God's promises.

Pray for the displaced. As a wave of refugees are expected. Pray for God's protection and provision over them in their journeys. Pray for just dealings for them, processes with compassion and kindness.

Pray for the protection of women. Many fear that they they will be stripped of opportunities for education and freedom. Women involved in education or activism during recent years could be at risk.

Pray for the sick. Underreported Covid cases are spiking and hospitals have limited facilities. Pray that the health system will not collapse.

Pray for peace. Pray for hope. (Open Doors)

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We pray peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to needs. We pray for those who have served in this nations in recent years, give their hearts comfort as well. In Jesus' name, the peace-giver, we pray, Amen. (Church of Scotland)

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 30 Aug Sharon's Day off

Tue 31 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 1 Sept Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 2 Sept

Fri 3 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed

Sat 4 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 5 September
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 5 September

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

Pentecost 15: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10(11-13), 14-17;6: Mark 7:24-37

Regular Parish Meetings

Sharon @ Shire Trqy/Bell/JJuc Community Action - 1st Monday 1:30-3pm

Sharon @ Shire Anglesea Community Action - 2nd Wednesday 2pm

Sharon @ Shire Community Leaders Community of Practice -

Sharon @ Anglesea Housing Working Group - Mondays 3pm

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - monthly/as needed

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 22 Sept via zoom

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

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

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 10am @ St Luke's - 2 Sept

Parish Lunch - 1st Tues Noon @ Jan Juc Hotel - in recess

General News

NCLS - For 30 years this organisation has gathered data on church attendance and strengths across denominations and our nation. The survey provides evidence to inform strategic and pastoral planning, in a practical format - for us and to help the Australian church to see how things are faring. This year we will participate in October/November, aligning with the National Census on August 10. More info will follow.

Parish Council notes - Discussion of Day of Thanks, article given to TMA, publication to occur shortly; modification of clearances for volunteers, further submissions due end Aug; new signage at Anglesea - updates continue across other sites; St Luke's Ramps formal architectural drawings to be developed proceed then to Shire for approval; cashflow projection attached; finances doing better than budget by \$1,269, but we are conscious of loss of Shop income for some/all Sept; working on audio at St Luke's.

Please remember to continue your regular giving during lockdown.

Transfiguration - Over the last year Sharon has spent time researching, thinking and praying about a way forward for Transfiguration as a congregation and as a part of the community in Anglesea. She has joined the Community Action Group, Housing Working Group and Seaside Care board with the Baptist Church to connect and understand the needs and be involved in the work already taking place in the town. Other expert advice has come from a working group connected to Transfiguration and seminars. She now has proposals to help form a plan for this centre before Council, and will speak with Transfiguration soon about these. The proposals will help Transfiguration form a Mission Plan together, with financial and other assistance. Stay tuned.

Parish Council 2022 - We are moving toward the AGM/APM. We must consider whether we have a council of 6 rather than 9. The present Council have discussed options and are proposing to the APM that a decision be made when we meet. We will send out a pros/cons of each option. Please read and consider. In 2021 we have had 8 of 9 on Council. Roger Brown is now off Council in the Shop, and Margaret Vise is due for a sabbatical year. So our current mix will be down to 6 of 9 required in 2022.

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

St Aidan's Aireys Inlet - We have reached a point of change for St Aidan's, though it has been approaching and we have been speaking with each other about it for some time. We continue to visit and stay in touch with each other in various ways.

We are ending our use of the building as a gathering place, and enabling our remaining elders to release the future of St Aidan's to the Lord, while continuing to be committed to each other for the rest of their journeys in Aireys and beyond.

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

We are not closing the building, nor ending the Anglican community of St Aidan's @ Home. We will have a final gathering but have postponed the date for the time being due to allow all of us to participate.

COVID updates - Lockdown again until at least Sept 2. 5 km limit. 5 reasons to leave home, or for fleeing violence.

No meetings or groups can meet in private homes or church facilities. Op shops same as church rules. Funerals 10 limit. No weddings except for end of life situations.

If you are showing symptoms of COVID, get tested and isolate while waiting for results.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday