



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 15

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

05 September 2021

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

Season Of Creation

We are celebrating the Season of Creation this month, responding prayerfully to the urgent need to heal our relationships with each other and all creation. I ask you to consider how God might be asking your to respond in your corner of his world.

Common Grace has provided material for churches to use. This organisation is a grassroots movement of people pursuing Jesus and justice, navigating denominational, theological, and political differences to come together for the common good, discover common ground and share in common grace. They are responding to Jesus' call to love our neighbour, and members share the same goals: to listen to stories of injustice, equip individuals and communities, and mobilise Christians to undertake meaningful action to bring about change.

Collectively, the movement is raising a generous Christian voice in the public conversation.

Enjoy the different resources we have permission to use.

Resources were developed by Common Grace CEO and Aboriginal Christian Leader Brooke Prentis along and Common Grace Creation & Climate Justice Coordinator Jane Kelly, and their teams.

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 6 Aug Sharon's Day off

Tue 7 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 8 Sept Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 9 Sept

Fri 10 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed

Sat 11 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 3 October
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 3 October

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

Pentecost 15: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 2:18-26; Mark 7:27-38

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 - TBA

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.

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. TBC

St Aidan's Aireys Inlet - We have reached a point of change for St Aidan's, though it has been approaching. **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, continuing to be committed to each others journeys in Aireys and beyond. We are not closing the building, other churches use it. Nor are we ending the Anglican community of St Aidan's @ Home. A final Eucharist on site has been postponed.**

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 - Lockdown again remains at present. 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