



St Luke's, Torquay
Transfiguration, Anglesea
St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet
St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 16

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

12 September 2021

Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 2:18-26; Mark 7:27-38

The Guest House - Rumi

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honourably
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in

Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond

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 13 Aug Sharon's Day off

Tue 14 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 15 Sept Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 16 Sept

Fri 17 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Closed

Sat 18 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 16: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:30-37

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 @ HousingChallenge3230 - 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.

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.

Wiser Driver Program - This refresher course for drivers is designed to upgrade knowledge and build on experience to help you keep driving safely. It is being offered in November in Torquay over 4 sessions. Call Rose Salvo, Age Friendly Officer, Surf Coast Shire Council on 5261 0600 or rslavo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Organ Recital Tom Healy - This has now been postponed until 2022.

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 - Regional areas open. 20 max attending church or groups using hall/facilities. No meetings or groups can meet in private homes. So craft group and bible study and meditation can use hall if they wish. Check in and masks inside.

Op shops use 4sqm rule and morning tea outside. Check in and masks.

Funerals 20 limit. Weddings max 10.

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