



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 15

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

18 September 2022

Today's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-10; Luke 16:1-13

Every year, Christians around the world, from across denominations, commit the month of September as a season to celebrate God's beautiful Earth, and renew our shared commitment to preserving and restoring that beauty. This is called the Season of Creation.

We share in a time of prayer, action, renewed commitment and advocacy for God's beautiful creation, guided by this year's focus to 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'.

When things are not right among humans, the whole earth groans.

We are answerable not just to ourselves as individuals, but we are accountable to all our fellow human beings and to the earth from which we came.

When we inflict violence on each other, we hurt the earth. When we abuse God's good creation, we damage ourselves.

Knowing God, by the prophetic definition, means that we act justly with each other and live responsibly in relationship to all of God's creation.

— Frank Yamada

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 19 Sept Sharon's Day off

Tue 20 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (term time)

Wed 21 Sept Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (term time)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - OPEN

Thu 22 Sept

Fri 23 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN

Sat 24 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - Sept 4

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

Pentecost 16: Amos 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Regular Parish Meetings

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - Monthly TBA

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm - Sept 28 at St Luke's

Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs - Sept 22

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

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 10am @ St Luke's - 6 Oct

UPCOMING DATES

Oct W-Sa 12-15 Synod online in person Saturday

Th 27 Kays Fashion Parade

Sa 29 Anglesea Ecumenical Service Catholics @ 6pm

Nov Su 6 St Luke's Anniversary Combined Parish Service & Lunch

Su 20 Surf Coast Camino UCA Aireys Inlet meet noon @ lighthouse

Dec Sa 17 Carols in the Park Combined Churches Torquay common

We 21 Anglesea Lions Carols village green

Sa 24 Christmas Eve

Su 25 Christmas Day

COVID - Church activities are free of restrictions but masks are encouraged as a precaution in services. Please do not attend gatherings if you are unwell.

Elizabeth North Memorial Service 20 Sept St Luke's 1pm - service followed by afternoon tea, speak to Barbara or Peggy regarding contributions.

Date Change St Luke's 75th Anniversary event now on November 6th - Please put this date in your diary for a thanksgiving service and bring and share lunch. ALSO bring a story/memory to share over lunch from your time at St Luke's. We will have an open microphone - you can share your story or write it down for someone else to read for you. If you can submit these stories/memories to the office in written form, we will keep them in archives add them to the digital version of Norma's parish history book.

Ramps - Sharon has applied for a \$5000 grant from the Shire to support this project, we wait to hear. We are also awaiting a quote for Stage 2 - the steps.

Parish Support Process 17th Sept St Luke's 1:30pm - the Rev Len Firth and Rev Dr Lyn Pearson are meeting with a group of parishioners who received an invitation from Ken on behalf of Parish Council. We will provide an update to the parish following this meeting.

APM Reports - Please submit your reports for your group so I can complete the APM Reports book as soon as possible. A short paragraph or two is all that is needed to summarise your group's year or the area for which you are responsible - warden, centres, treasurer notes to add to the financials/ Lynda's notes, home/craft/meditation groups, fete, Op Shop, Mainly Music.

APM 2022 - We still have 2 vacancies for Wardens and our current Council sabbatical years are: **Ken Farrow 2023 (warden at present), Helen Clement 2023 (Minute Secretary at present), Barbara Bell 2024. Bronwyn Patrick**

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

2028 (Treasurer at present). Roger and Margaret took sabbaticals during 2022, and Roger is now an Op Shop Coordinator.

Give thought to serving as a councillor or a warden and speak to Sharon or Ken if you have questions. A Warden has more responsibilities and cannot be the treasurer. You must be able to give your time, energy and unique life skills to the role, and be committed to working as a team on behalf of our congregations with the others on Council and the Minister.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday