

Epiphany 4

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

29 January 2023

Readings on Service Sheet

Call to Worship

Our land is alive with the glory of God; desert sands hum and gum trees dance. Brown grasses sing and mountains breathe their stillness.

All created things add their rhythms of delight and even stones rap out their praise.

Let our voices mingle with those of the earth; may our hearts join the beat of her joy, for our triune God is with us: the Source of all being surrounds and upholds us.

Christ Jesus walks beside and before us.

The Spirit moves within and between us.

Blessed be God, our wonder and delight.

- Day of Mourning 2023 - UCA

What we do can alter the course of history, especially the small histories we all inhabit as our everyday lives. We are able, if we are willing, to be partners in creation.

- Bp. Steven Charleston

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.

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - Feb 5

Weekly Sun Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist

St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist

Online St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

www.cathedral.org.au/worship

Readings Next Week: Is 58:1-9a; Ps112; 1 Cor 2.1-13; Matthew 5:13-20

Regular Gatherings

Mon Sharon's Day off

Tue St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

Mainly Music, 10am @ Transfiguration (term time)

Wed Mainly Music, 10am @ St Luke's (term time)

Group Meditation, 11am Transfiguration (weekly)

Parish Council - 4th Wed 7pm - at St Luke's (monthly) - Feb 1st

Thu Maintenance Committee - 10am @ St Luke's (1st Thu)

Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (2nd & 4th Thu)
Torquay Home Group - Pm Thurs, Helen/Jess (fortnightly)

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

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

Other Meetings

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - Monthly TBA

Sharon @ Area Deanery - TBA

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Feb Tu 21 Pancake Night We 22 Ash Wednesday/Lent starts

Mar Su 5 Bishop Kate Visits

Th 30 Kay's Fashion

Apr Fr 8 Good Friday Su 9 Easter Sunday

Sa 15 Fete St Luke's School Holidays

Congratulations Jean Young - we celebrate Jean receiving an OAM this year for her many years of volunteering for community work, in our parish for over 30 years, as a founder of Outpost Geelong, with the Geelong Refugee Action Group at Corio Anglican and in Bendigo region and PNG in earlier years. We give thanks for her ongoing contribution to our community and the region.

Surf Coast Camino 2023 - 20+people from church communities along the Coast shared our first Camino from Split Point Lighthouse to Urquhats. The Uniting Church hosted the event, with good preparation and organisation. We had 4 devotions along the way, prayer and songs and shared a picnic at the end. I shared a devotion at Sunnymeade Beach. Many of us expressed it was a great way to start the year, and we expect to hold it again.

Pilk Purriyn (Sunrise) event Jan 26th hosted by Wadawurrung elders - The rising of the sun on the water was a time for reflection and deep listening for up to 2000 people at Cosy Corner. The ceremony was deeply moving, rich, honest and positive. I attended with a diverse range of community members and leaders, as guests of 4 generations of Wadawurrung people. The morning included a traditional Welcome to Country, smoking/dancing ceremonies, song and an address from Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Corrina Eccles about their culture, history and the meaning of the day for First Nations people. The event acknowledged the trauma and harm done through colonisation, recognised the survival and continued resilience and significance of First Nations people and represents part of the Shire and State's work toward reconciliation and treaty matters. I look forward to good fruit for all from this gathering.

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

Parish Fete - This year the fete is on Saturday 15th April. Julienne Welsh did a great job coordinating last year, but is unavailable during this Easter holidays. She is happy to assist another person to coordinate this time using same format. Please contact either Julienne or the office if you are interested.

Bishop Kate visit 5th March - I've arranged for Bp Kate to visit us in March. It is likely that we will have a private adult baptism/confirmation service for 2 people while she is here.

Trio Océanique - 19th March 3pm for a classical music afternoon at St Luke's. Olivier Bonnici will provide details shortly for those who would like to attend.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday