



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

12th After Pentecost

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

24 August 2025

Prayer for Growth

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Witness

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who're lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen

Name 2 people, pray they will come to know Jesus.

**Let us reimagine our Parish as
reclaiming Village, Community, Family and Self
through Mission as an act of Communion**

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 and present

Church Services

<i>1st Sun</i>	St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - Sep 7, Oct 5
<i>Weekly Sun</i>	Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist
<i>Mon</i>	St Luke's Torquay, 11am Outdoors on St Luke's Garden <i>Low key communion and fellowship - Ps Sharon & Ps Dave Curnow</i>
<i>Online</i>	St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne www.cathedral.org.au/worship

Regular Gatherings

<i>Tue</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) Mainly Music, 10am @ Transfiguration (term time)
<i>Wed</i>	Mainly Music, 10am @ St Luke's (term time) Group Meditation, 11am Transfiguration (weekly) LyCiG - Parish Council - @ St Lukes' (monthly) - Last Thursday 28/8
<i>Thu</i>	<i>Sharon's Day off - tends to move around the week ;)</i> Maintenance Committee - St Luke's - As Needed Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (2 nd & 4 th Thu) Torquay Home Group - Thurs am, Helen/Jess TBC
<i>Fri</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
<i>Sat</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

Other Meetings

Surf Coast Gospel Unity - 9/10 @ Oak Tree
Sharon @ ADOM Property Committee - 2nd Tuesdays 4-6pm
Sharon @ Seaside Care Anglesea - TBA @ Bellarine Area Deanery - 20/8

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Aug	Sa 30	Anglesea Combined Church Sat 6pm Catholic Hosting
Sept	MF 15-17	Oodthenong Ministry Conference for clergy Melb
	Su 21	Violin Favourites
Oct	Fr 10	Anglesea Combined Churches lunch/dinner TBA
	Su 19	Amy's Gran Fondo - Surfcoast Cycling Team 3 levels of kms
Nov	Su 23	MoGOR @ St Luke's 3pm
	Th 27	Kays Fashion St Luke's 1:30pm
	Su 30	Archbishop Induction St Paul's Melb @ 4pm

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31 August 2025

HYMNS

228 Crown him with many crowns

246 Christ is the world's light

229 Jesus Loves Me



SENTENCE

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

COLLECT

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place
in the festive assembly of the new covenant:
teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord
in the poor and the outcast,
so that we may learn to recognise each other
as sisters and brothers gathered together around your table.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the book of Proverbs:
Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Proverbs 25.6-7

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 112 alternately:

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice,

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 112

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Luke 14.1 (2-6) 7-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Mothers' Union Australia, Diocese of Melbourne (Karen Hayden, President); The Church of South India (Abp K Reuben Mark); St Thomas' Werribee; St Peter's Box Hill; Christ Church South Yarra; St Aidan's Noble Park

For the Parish:For the congregations of our parish and visitors. For the churches on the Surf Coast: the Baptist Churches, Salvation Army, Uniting and Catholic Churches; City on a Hill Surf Coast, The Living Room and Surfcoast Chapel, and those who gather in small ways in homes. May we work together as sisters and brothers in the body of Christ.

For the sick & in need, and those who have need of strength, courage and peace in their journey: Morgan, Dina, Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John B, Barry B, Roger B, Lorraine D, Val D, Lydia E, John F, Kevin H, Nan L, Jane M, Barry M, Terry M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Yvonne S, Susan T-J, Ray W, Margaret V and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's mind

28th Frances McPherson, Ron Scott

1st Muriel Rathmill

3rd Joan Tarn, Keith Heller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

28th Roger Brown

30th Julie Shirley

2nd Ray Woods

Ecumenical Service at Anglesea Churches - No service at Transfiguration on 31st August. Combined at Catholic Church Saturday 6pm and supper afterwards.

Op Shop Updates - A New Shop mobile...so they can be contacted directly... 0477 109 888. Volunteers are not expected to take it home, but it will provide quicker access for shop related questions from customers.

Parish Mobile - coming soon. Both these new phone numbers will move the church contacts to a church and shop phone instead of the ministers' private mobile, the minister will carry the parish mobile along with their personal one, unless they are on leave or days off. It will also mean the mobile is used by the locum or warden during times of leave.

Council minutes & Financials - on the noticeboard.

Website - Our new parish website will be visible soon, if not already. It's been a work in progress and still has some small tweaks since handover from the team who helped us. We will refresh all the history material and any photos that need an update. It will showcase our community and church offerings and invite interaction with us.

Surfcoast Parish Cycling Team - the next event, Amy's Gran Fondo in Lorne on Sunday 19 October. Already a team has signed up. Three distance options are available, 122, 45 and 3km courses offer something for everyone from the keenest cyclists to families and outdoor lovers of all ages. On the Saturday evening prior to the Sunday cycling event, we will be hosting a short, tailored service and blessing at All Saints Lorne. On the Sunday, we will be again offering a service of thanksgiving for the safe and successful return of the team, and sharing tall stories and true of our adventures. Service details to follow. Entry fees apply for the event, but you can receive a discount by nominating Surfcoast Anglican Parish as your 'team'. Contact Richard Kelly.

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. 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

Alternatively, deposit your contribution to the Parish account direct to Bendigo Bank. EFTPOS is available in the foyers, cash is accepted, and cheques must be to Surfcoast Anglican Parish. Contact the Office 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

Music @ St Luke's - upcoming dates 21/9 Violin Favourites - 23/11 Musicians of the GoR

Kays Fashion Parade - Thursday 27th November St Luke's Torquay at 1:30 pm followed by afternoon tea.

Ridley Certificate Online - is free. It's a high quality format, with many subjects available: Genesis, Jesus, Romans, Reformation, Bible Overview, Knowing God, Youth/Children's Ministry, Psalms, Ethics, and more.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday