



St Luke's Torquay  
Transfiguration Anglesea  
St Aidan's Aireys Inlet

## PENTECOST

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

4 June 2017

*Today's readings: Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.26-36; Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23*

In our faith, as in many aspects of our own lives, there are dichotomies - two contrasting ideas - which generate tensions. One area in our faith relationship is how/where we perceive God to be: God is somehow both beyond us *and* within us, at the same time.

While Jesus was physically present among his friends and followers this was relatively straightforward for them to get their heads around: God the Son was present within their community, and God the Father was beyond and above them.

After Jesus had physically left them through the events of his death and resurrection, they needed a new way to engage with this dichotomy of God being within and also beyond. At the Pentecost event, God the Holy Spirit becomes tangible to them - they experience some of the manifestations of the presence of God's Spirit: wind, and flames, and speaking in new ways, with a euphoric vitality that is attractive to others.

God's Spirit always was within them: the writers of Genesis knew this when they described God breathing his breath, his Spirit, into the man of clay (Adam) to bring him to life. Jesus knew this as well, but he also recognised that we so often need an external impetus to help us recognise and acknowledge what God has already blessed us with. And so Jesus in turn breathes his Spirit upon us - and our response is to inhale, and allow who we are and what we do to be reinvigorated with God's *ruach* - the Breath of Life.

### **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 innovative ways for people from all backgrounds to explore their spirituality.

## THIS COMING WEEK

<b>Mon 5 Jun</b>	<b>Vicar's day off</b> <b>Take A Breath Playgroup, St Luke's 10am (weekly, Mondays during term time)</b>
<b>Tue 6 Jun</b>	<b>St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)</b> <b>St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly)</b> <b>Mainly Music, Transfiguration 10am (weekly, Tuesdays during term time)</b> <b>Parish Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Tue)</b>
<b>Wed 7 Jun</b>	<b>St Luke's, Eucharist, 10am (weekly)</b>
<b>Thu 8 Jun</b>	<b>St Aidan's Group, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly)</b> <b>Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm at Peggy Forbes' home (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)</b> <b>Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Helen's home (fortnightly)</b>
<b>Fri 9 Jun</b>	<b>St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)</b> <b>Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays, weekly)</b>
<b>Sat 10 Jun</b>	<b>St Aidan's hamper raffle, 8 to noon, at General Store opp.</b> <b>St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)</b>
<b>Sun 11 Jun</b>	<b>St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)</b> <b>Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)</b> <b>St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)</b> <b><u>Readings for Trinity Sunday</u></b> <b>Exodus 34.1-8; Song of 3YM 29-34; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20</b>

### Regular Parish Meetings

**Maintenance committee, St Luke's 9.30am (mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue) - next: 13 June**  
**Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue) - next: 20 June**  
**Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next: 20 June**  
**Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 7 July**  
**Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next: 27 June**  
**Mission Committee, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - TBC**

**Prayer Chain - please contact Joan Bingham on 5261 2372, for prayer requests or to participate in the prayer chain.**

### General Notices

**A refugee family - urgently need blankets/duonas and covers: 6 single and 1 queen. Also jumpers and jackets for children and adults. Requested through Spring Creek Community House, via Rosemary Faris.**

### **The Little Winter Concert Series - mark your diaries!**

at 3pm Sundays at the Church of the Transfiguration, Anglesea - \$20 per ticket (full & concession price), includes light refreshment after.

- 16 July - Accord, a Geelong recorder ensemble
- 13 August - M.O.J.O., a contemporary Melbourne ensemble, playing both familiar and original compositions, with a bit of Jazz 101
- 10 September - back by popular demand, Raziél Gutierrez Soto, the Mexican classical guitarist

**TMA June issue** - collect your copy from the narthex. This issue includes:

- How Christians can survive the World's 'perfect storm' of global unrest;
- Ecumenical body condemns latest 'shaming' of asylum seekers;
- Christians sign climate petition; and a viewpoint, 'Adani coal mine would intensify climate crisis'.

**St Aidan's hamper raffle** - 8 to noon, at General Store A.I. - please support.

**The Case for Christ** - special screening to raise funds for BWA South Sudan Appeal, at 3.30pm Sun 18 June at Village Cinema, Geelong. To book call 5263 2744 or email [admin@angleseabpatist.org.au](mailto:admin@angleseabpatist.org.au) - see noticeboard flyer.

### **Parish Council notes: 30 May**

Apart from ensuring that the parish is ticking over well, the main focus was on the preparation for **Mainly Music** at St Luke's, the planned focus of Sharon Valentino's work as Assistant Priest, and maintenance matters:

- the need to double the parking space outside Transfiguration's front door, and a ramp for disabled access to the toilets;
- various door handles & locks needing maintenance;
- electrical, ramp and Op Shop awning lined up at St Luke's.

Bronwyn Patrick's shift situation is obliging her to take her sabbatical year from the Parish Council early, and so has resigned from the Council.

### **Mainly Music at St Luke's - IT'S ON!**

Enough parishioners have put their hands up to explore helping to get **Mainly Music** going at St Luke's. We DO still need a few extra names, as some listed below are not available every Tuesday - AND we need some hospitality people to provide and serve morning tea.

The team for St Luke's:

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| 1. Phil Shirley  | 5. Lydia Erving               |
| 2. Julie Shirley | 6. Helen Reed                 |
| 3. Roger Brown   | 7. Elizabeth Backhouse        |
| 4. Chris Erving  | 8. - <i>space for another</i> |

The current planned start date is now 1 August - definitely not earlier.

## Our new Assistant Priest introduces herself

A little about me... I have known Jesus from a young age, and continued to follow him mostly in the Anglican community. I am married to Ben, and have three adult children from my first marriage: Caitlyn, Rachael and April. I grew up in southern Sydney, lived in NZ, Wollongong, Newcastle, Melbourne and moved to Bendigo in 2003. I began theological training as a young mum, gained my BMin in 2009 and finished my Masters in 2015. I also hold a Dip of Management. I have included cultural and mission learning as part of my studies.

I have used my gifts and experience as a home maker, voluntary worker and clergy spouse then was ordained in the Bendigo Diocese. There I worked as a theological educator and pastoral worker, and led the Parish of Tongala for the last three years. Ben and I moved to Geelong last year and are enjoying living on the coast again.

I have usually held pastoral and administrative jobs concurrently. My second job at present is with RIAC in Geelong, where I work as an advocate for people pursuing appeals with disability services.

I will be providing assistance in the Parish in partnership with Fr John and will be available between Friday and Sunday. Aside from Sunday ministry, I will be spending time in the Op Shop, helping to develop pastoral care ministry and liturgy, supporting leaders in their ministry, and helping in the parish office. Thanks for your warm welcome, I look forward to getting to know you.

*Sharon Valentino*

*Please note: from Sun 18 June the general Sunday service pattern will be that one minister leads at St Aidan's & St Luke's, while the other leads at Transfiguration, taking turns Sunday by Sunday.*

## Contact details for the Parish

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*Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday.  
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