



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

TRINITY SUNDAY

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

11 June 2017

Today's readings: Exodus 34.1-8; Song of 3YM 29-34; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Over the centuries much energy and effort has been spent on describing, understanding and explaining who God is. On Trinity Sunday we have an opportunity to dip our toes in the water a little. We can pause to reflect what the Scriptures tell us about God, what other's experience of God is, and what we know of God's character and nature ourselves.

While we are limited in our capacities to fully comprehend God, we can come to know him truly and more deeply. It is truly challenging to understand the nature of God, but it is not impossible to experience his character and presence. It doesn't happen by accident: it comes by setting time aside with him; choosing God's values and cooperating with his Spirit; being willing to change; and listening in prayer as well as speaking. Our efforts may bring us to the awareness with Moses that we cannot follow God's ways without God's assistance and presence. But inspired by Moses' courage to ask God for greater understanding we too may be granted the very thing we seek.

In Scripture men and women share their experiences of discovering more of God's faithfulness, love, power and justice. Finding him to actually be who he says he is. Today's readings invite us to hear God's words to Moses as he passed close by on Mt Sinai; to hear the thankful praise that comes from Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego as their powerful God preserved them from the flames of the furnace; to be stretched by the mystery of God who is Three yet One, as Paul blesses the church in Corinth; and to step out after standing in the steps of the first disciples as we are too are sent into the world with Jesus' message of life with the blessing of Father, Son and Spirit.

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

Mon 12 Jun QUEENS BIRTHDAY

Tue 13 Jun St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly)
Mainly Music, Transfiguration 10am (weekly, Tuesdays during term time)
Maintenance committee, St Luke's 9.30am (mthly, every 2nd Tue)

Wed 14 Jun St Luke's, Eucharist, 10am (weekly)

Thu 15 Jun -

Fri 16 Jun St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays, weekly)

Sat 17 Jun St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

Sun 18 Jun St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)
Readings for 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35-10.8

Regular Parish Meetings

Take A Breath Playgroup, St Luke's 10am (weekly, Mondays during term time) - next: 19 June

Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (every 3rd Tue) - next: 20 June

Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually 4th Tuesdays) - next: 20 June

St Aidan's Group, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly) - next: 22 June

Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm at Peggy Forbes' home (2nd & 4th Thursdays) - next: 22 June

Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Helen's home (fortnightly) - next: 22 June

Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next: 27 June

Parish Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1st Tue) - next: 4 July

Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 7 July

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

TMA June issue - collect your copy from the narthex.

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

St Aidan's hamper raffle - raised \$580 yesterday. Thanks to all who helped.

Hearing Loop grant - the Shire has given St Luke's a small grant of \$1,000 to assist with the installation of a hearing loop. Thanks be to God & the Shire.

The Case for Christ - special screening to raise funds for BWA South Sudan Appeal, at 3.30pm TODAY at Village Cinema, Geelong. To book call 5263 2744 or email admin@angleseabpatist.org.au - see noticeboard flyer.

Sunday services - now that we have an Assistant Priest, from next Sunday the general alternating pattern will be that one minister leads at St Aidan's and St Luke's, while the other leads at Transfiguration.

Mainly Music at St Luke's - training is planned over the next few Tuesdays at 1.30pm at St Luke's. There is still a need for at least one more person to assist with morning tea - even if you can only do this occasionally on Tuesdays next term, please let us know.

Take A Breath playgroup - the team have decided not to continue during term 3, with a view to assessing whether it continues or closes in term 4.

G-RAP - Jan Heiner needs assistance on 1st Fridays: leaving Torquay at 12.45 for St Andrew's Corio, to unload car & sort until 3-ish. This also helps provide company, especially when Jan's returning home, in this important aid to refugees that our parish is participating in - it's very rewarding. Speak to Jan, please.

Parish Council notes: 30 May - repeated from last week

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.

Our new Assistant Priest introduces herself - repeated from last week

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

A burglar stole every lamp and bulb from a house.

When the owner came home he was absolutely delighted. (Boom-boom!)

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