



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

**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

**18 June 2017**

*Today's readings: Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35-10.8*

In today's Gospel story, when Jesus sees the crowds '*harassed and helpless*' - presumably with the cares of life and the indifference of political systems, or economic systems, or governmental systems - Jesus has compassion on them.

So he sends his disciples out to *bring* the good news of God's kingdom to the people, and to *be* the good news to them. This is what evangelism is about. This is what mission is about. This is what being a disciple is about. This is what being a Christian - a follower of Christ - is about. This is what we are about.

So how do we do this? Do we put money in the collection plate and have fund-raising initiatives so that we can hire a professional to do it for us? Or do we ask this question seriously for ourselves, and join in the discussion and the learning about what is relevant for ourselves, and for our culture and community?

We look around the Surf Coast, Australia, and the world, and we see so much need for the love and peace of God, for the insight and enlightenment of Jesus, for the life and wisdom of the Spirit - we can see the need plainly, because the harvest is plentiful.

Can we hear the call of God, through Jesus, calling us as disciples to labour in this harvest? And when we do, are we prepared to be honest and, where relevant, say 'I don't know how to do this effectively' - not in order to reject the call, but as a starting point to learning?

## **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 19 Jun** *Vicar's day off*  
**Take A Breath Playgroup**, St Luke's 10am (weekly, Mondays during term time)
- Tue 20 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)  
**Anglesea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 10.30am (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue)  
**Elouera**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)
- Wed 21 Jun** **St Luke's**, Eucharist, 10am (weekly)
- Thu 22 Jun** **St Aidan's Group**, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly)  
**Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm at Peggy Forbes' home (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)  
**Torquay Home Group**, 7.30pm at Roger's home (fortnightly)
- Fri 23 Jun** **St Luke's Op Shop**, 9am to 4pm (weekly)  
**Group Meditation**, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays, weekly)
- Sat 24 Jun** **St Luke's Op Shop**, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 25 Jun** **St Aidan's** - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)  
**Transfiguration** - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)  
**St Luke's** - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)  
Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.7-10,16-19; Romans 6.1-11; Matthew 10.24-39

## Regular Parish Meetings

- Parish Council**, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next: 27 June
- Parish Lunch**, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Tue) - next: 4 July
- Coffee & Chat**, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 7 July
- Maintenance committee**, St Luke's 9.30am (mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue) - next: 11 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

**St Aidan's hamper raffle** - raised \$580. 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 Little Winter Concert Series at Transfiguration**

all on Sundays at 3pm, \$20 per ticket, includes light refreshment after.  
See program on noticeboard: 16 July, 13 August, 10 September.

***Tickets are selling fast - buy yours TODAY***

**Sunday service ministry** - now that we have an Assistant Priest, the general alternating pattern will be that one minister leads at St Aidan's and St Luke's, while the other leads at Transfiguration. This will give all parishioners the opportunity to get to know Sharon Valentino better as we linger after the services at St Aidan's and Transfiguration.

**Vicar on leave** - Fr John & Phillippa will be leaving to visit their mothers in Cape Town on Wednesday, and will be back on Sat 8 July. Sharon and Irwin will be conducting the usual services.

**Mainly Music at St Luke's** - training next Tuesday at 1.30pm at St Luke's. There is still an opportunity to join in - let Fr John know.

**The Story of a Man Seeking Asylum in Australia** - 2pm Sun 25 June at St Therese Catholic Church Torquay. Mujahid, a school principal from Pakistan, via Nauru, will tell his story. Q&A and refreshments after. RSVP for catering: 0427 729 183, or matuffy@hotmail.com

**G-RAP** - Jan Heiner needs assistance on 1<sup>st</sup> 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, before the next 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7 July.***

**Tip vouchers** - if you have recently received any unneeded tip vouchers from the Shire along with your rates bill, kindly hand them in to the Parish Office where they will be used to cover Op Shop tip runs.

**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.

### **Maintenance Committee notes: 13 June**

- St Luke's hall & kitchen electrics: all the niggly issues have been fixed - the only remaining recommendation is to put the hall light switches outside of the fuse box.
- Architectural plans for St Luke's have been obtained from the Shire, so now planning can proceed with upgrading the car park ramps.
- We are awaiting the builders to give a start date to constructing the Op Shop awning.
- St Aidan's blinds are being assessed for replacement.

### The votive candle space at St Luke's

In front of the pulpit at St Luke's - which is hardly ever used as a pulpit - there is sand in a tub with a candle. Before and after services, and during communion, people like to light a taper and put in the sand, as a tangible sign of prayer for loved ones and themselves. We are encouraged in our faith when we do it ourselves, and also when we see others doing it - it is both personal and corporate.

During communion there can be a traffic jam in that corner, because the space is cramped, and old joints find it hard to get down to the tub on the floor, and up again.

There have been a number of quiet conversations about reorganising that corner: replacing the pulpit with a table-height broad shelf against the wall, which would support sand bowls for the tapers. Readers and intercessors can easily make use of the lectern instead.

The pulpit was donated '*in memory of Stanley Thomas Tuck / a loyal churchwarden & a diligent worker for this church / called to higher service 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1956*'. This plaque would be kept, with something extra along the lines of: 'the wood from the pulpit has been repurposed to provide support for prayers offered up to God'. I am confident we can compose wording that honours the past while valuing transformed use.

Ken and Chris Farrow have acquired an icon of Christ for St Luke's from their recent trip to Greece, which, if placed above the proposed votive candle shelf, would provide a good focus for contemplation - for those who wish to.

As you observe or participate in the 'traffic jam' in that space during communion, think about this idea - prayerfully.

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