



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

**TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

13 August 2017

Today's readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

Like last Sunday's Gospel story of the feeding of the 5,000, this Sunday's story of Jesus and Peter walking on water can be understood as an enacted parable, and approached in the same way. Once again, if we only take a literal approach to Scripture we risk missing deeper meanings. (Jesus is often shown as exasperated with those who take a lot of his teaching only literally, and who do not engage with its meaning.)

The sea - especially when in turmoil due to wind or storm - is an iconic symbol for chaos or disorder. We are reminded of the first account of creation in the book Genesis, when God brings his order to bear on the waters of chaos, and puts in order the various facets of creation.

Jesus, in walking on the chaotic water, reveals within himself God's power over creation. And then, in response to Peter's request, he invites Peter to participate in this. Which Peter does!

When we encounter the power of God - the power and desire of ordering things rightwisely - are we inspired like Peter to want to participate in this work of God? Are we inspired to step out of our comfort zone, into what might appear to be unordered or chaotic, and - keeping our focus on, and faith in, Jesus, step forward in this faith?

And when we find ourselves overwhelmed, likewise cry out, 'Lord, save me!', trusting in our Saviour's hand to rescue us.

I wonder what the other disciples thought of Peter afterwards. After all, he got to participate with Jesus in something quite extraordinary.

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 14 Aug Vicar's day off

Tue 15 Aug St Luke's Op Shop - CLOSED DUE TO BUILDING WORKS
Mainly Music, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am
(weekly, Tuesdays during term time)
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly)
Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3rd Tue)

Wed 16 Aug St Luke's, Eucharist, 10am (weekly)

Thu 17 Aug St Aidan's Group, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly)
Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Roger's home (fortnightly)

Fri 18 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays, weekly)

Sat 19 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

Sun 20 Aug St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)
Readings for 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.13-32; Matthew 15.21-28

Regular Parish Meetings

Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (*mthly, every 4th Tue*) - next: 22 Aug

Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (*mthly, on 4th Tuesdays*) - next: 22 Aug

Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm (*2nd & 4th Thursdays*) - next: 24 Aug

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

G-RAP run (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (*mthly, every 1st Fri*) - next: 1 Sep

Parish Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (*mthly, every 1st Tue*) - next: 5 Sep

Maintenance committee, St Luke's (*mthly - day & time need reviewing*)

Mission Committee, after the St Luke's service (*quarterly*) - TBC

Take A Breath Playgroup, St Luke's 10am (*weekly, Mondays during term time - on sabbatical for Term 3*)

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

General Notices

Op Shop is closed - on Tue 15 August due to installation of the awning.

Hearing loop - at St Luke's has been installed, thanks to a Shire grant of \$1,000. Effective throughout the church building, including the narthex. Switch hearing aids to 'T' to connect to it. Readers & interceders please note: speak directly into mic, otherwise the hearing loop won't transmit your words, making it ineffective.

Maintenance committee - was due to meet last week on Tue morning. This now clashes with the start of Mainly Music at St Luke's. Another day & time needs to be determined. Members please discuss.

Mainly Music at St Luke's - has started well with 8 families attending the first session. Give thanks to God for this blessing.

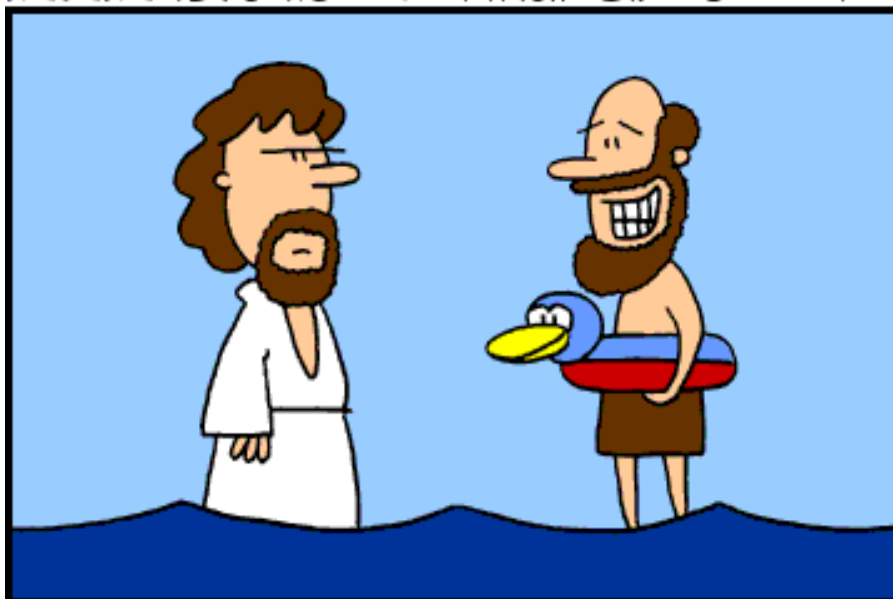
Film screening - *Freedom Stories* by Aireys Inlet Rural Australians for Refugees, at Aireys Inlet Pub 3-5pm TODAY, followed by Q&A with filmmaker Steve Thomas.

Presenting a welcome respite from the political cacophony that usually accompanies discussions of asylum seekers and refugees, *Freedom Stories* takes a considered look at the lives and achievements of former 'boat people' who have spent the last decade making Australia their home. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Steve Thomas (Hope, 2008), some of the documentary's participants were just children when they arrived from the Middle East around 2001 seeking asylum.

These are ordinary people who found themselves trapped in the extraordinary consequences of political manoeuvring. Now, finally, it is time for their voices to be heard.

Fundraiser entry: \$10. Booking: aireysinletrar@gmail.com or 0425 792 911.

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(See Matthew 14:24-33)

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PETER'S EARLY ATTEMPTS TO WALK ON WATER WITH JESUS DISPLAYED AN INADEQUATE AMOUNT OF FAITH

Farewell to Peter & Pam - after the Sunday service at St Luke's, 20 August, parishioners are invited to participate in a BYO luncheon (soups and finger-food) in the hall, in celebration of Peter & Pam Thorsen's time in the parish, and to wish them well in their move to Warrnambool.

St Aidan's patronal festival - service & lunch at 10.30am Sun 3 Sep.

Portarlington Golf Club - charity day in aid of Mission to Seafarers, Mon 20 Nov. Copy of flyer is on St Luke's noticeboard for interested golfers.

From North Geelong Secondary College - which we have given support to through a donation earlier this year:

I have attached an invitation to our Multicultural Festival and we would be honoured if you and members of the congregation would like to attend. The Festival is a wonderful celebration of diversity and is enjoyed by other schools and the community. [see flyers on St Luke's noticeboard]

I have also attached an invitation to a fundraising luncheon hosted by EAL (English as Additional Language) VCAL students to launch a recipe calendar that they have created. Calendars will be available for purchase at the luncheon for \$20. Funds raised from the calendars will be donated to 'Kids Under Cover' to support young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The students have put a lot of work into the Calendar and any assistance you can provide by promoting it through your networks would be very much appreciated.

Should anyone not be able to attend the luncheon but wish to order a Calendar they can do so by emailing Lawrence Jordan (lawrence.jordan.w@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Once again, thank you for your generous support of our students.

Warm regards, Tina Doyle BSW, Student Wellbeing

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