



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

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

**20 August 2017**

*Today's readings: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.13-32; Matthew 15.10-28*

Paul writes in his letter to the church in Rome about the fact that the faith of the Gentile (non-Jewish) followers of Jesus is grafted onto the root-stock of the Jewish faith.

Paul picks up on a metaphor of plant growth that Jesus often uses, and he refers to the olive tree - the source of olive oil which is a key part of our diet (that is, fats and oils are essential for our wellbeing, in spite of the fact that having too much or the wrong kind is harmful.)

Like many cultivated fruit trees and vines, a strong healthy rootstock is often used with shoots grafted on, to make for a vigorous plant that bears good fruit. But branches that do not bear good fruit - the fruit of the will of God - can be cut off and burnt, and new shoots can be grafted in to do what is needed.

So Paul reminds the Gentile Christians that just because they are new shoots grafted on to the old established rootstock, they should not be complacent in their faith-relationship with God.

They - and we - are still ultimately dependent on God through Jesus Christ, and on the Spirit guiding and enabling us to fulfil God's desire for us to find meaning and value through sacrificial love.



## **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 21 Aug Vicar's day off*

*Tue 22 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)*  
*Mainly Music, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am*  
*(weekly, Tuesdays during term time)*  
*Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 4<sup>th</sup> Tue)*  
*Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)*

*Wed 23 Aug St Luke's, Eucharist, 10am (weekly)*

*Thu 24 Aug Torquay Craft Group cancelled today*

*Fri 25 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)*  
*Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays, weekly)*

*Sat 26 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)*

*Sun 27 Aug St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)*  
*Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)*  
*St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)*  
*Readings for 12th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20*

## Regular Parish Meetings

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

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

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

**St Aidan's Group, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly) - next: 7 Sep**

**Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Roger's home (fortnightly) - next: 7 Sep**

**Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays) - next: 14 Sep**

**Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue) - next: 19 Sep**

**St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly) - waiting for Pauline's recovery**

**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

**Hum at St Luke's** - with the recent hearing loop installation, people have been disturbed by a hum associated with it. The installers have worked with an electrician to determine that the problem seems to be emanating from the transformer box on the street-pole outside the hall.

**Mainly Music at St Luke's** - continues well with 8 families attending the second session - a number of them experiencing Mainly Music for the first time. Give thanks to God for this blessing.

**Farewell to Peter & Pam** - after the Sunday service TODAY at St Luke's, 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** - combined Anglican/Uniting Church service at 10.30am Sun 3 Sep, followed by lunch at Truffles restaurant.

**Op Shop** - the new awning is in place and is already making a difference to our appreciative Op Shop volunteers. Roger continues to do good maintenance work in support - currently he's upgrading the casters on the racks to make them easier and safer to manoeuvre.

The winter season is coming to an end - now is the time to make the most of the winter stock before the changeover in September - do visit the Op Shop this month and make the most of the great range of items.

### **Kooyoora Ltd, the new independent professional standards company**

Archbishop Philip Freier announced that, as from 1 July 2017, the new independent professional standards company, Kooyoora Ltd, will commence operations as the Office of Professional Standards for the dioceses of Melbourne and Bendigo.

The commencement date for the *Professional Standards Uniform Act 2016 (Melbourne)* was 1 July 2017.

*"I emphasise that the Act is for the protection of all in the Church community, particularly those to whom we minister but also our clergy and lay persons who give ministry and service in the mission of the Church."*

This means that ensuring that our Parish complies with the requirements shows that we have taken reasonable steps to protect the public, and our church community, from unacceptable behaviour in this regard.

All *church workers* fall under the impact of the Professional Standards Uniform Act. All parishioners are *church workers*, and anyone in a position in one of the Parish's groups, e.g. Op Shop volunteer, is deemed to be a *church worker*.

Not all church workers need checks and training, but the following positions do:

Role	WWC check	Police check	National Register	Prof Stds trng	OH&S trng
Stipended clergy	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Synod rep		yes	yes	yes	
Churchwarden		yes	yes	yes	yes
Parish councillor		yes	yes	yes	yes
Children's group/crèche worker	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Home/aged care visitor	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Op Shop co-ordinator	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Op Shop volunteer	yes	yes	yes		

The Parish Office is gradually ensuring that all these office-holders have the necessary checks in place.

WWC Check - the working with children check: if you already have one, it also needs to include the Surfcoast Anglican Parish as one of the organisations you work for. This cannot be assumed, but must be explicitly done.

The Parish Office can arrange for Police Checks simply and conveniently, and pays for the checks.

The Diocese offers opportunities to attend Professional Standards and Occupational Health & Safety workshops.

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