



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

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

7 January 2018

*Today's readings: Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11*

Today's story from Mark's Gospel account focuses on the baptism of Jesus. However, there is both a divine and a human context in which this event unfolds.

The divine context is hinted at by the first reading from Genesis, with God's breath (Spirit) giving the word to create light. And at Jesus' baptism '*the heavens [are] torn apart and the Spirit*' descends on Jesus, thus making him the Light of the world: the man Jesus becomes the conduit of God's light.

And in his missionary travels Paul encounters a faith community who have received John's baptism of repentance, but have not yet entered into the baptism of Jesus, that is, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The reading from Acts highlights this subsequent event, reminding us that - like them - we too have been given the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and have the opportunity to be like Jesus, transmitting God's light.

The human context is that Jesus is one of many coming to John for a baptism of repentance, involving a confession of sins - a personal admission of where each person has become misaligned with God's desire.

**This confession needs the light of God's reality  
to be able to see what is misaligned, and humility to admit to it.**

While this is a key part of our own baptism (or confirmation if baptised as an infant) as a one-off event, since we are so inclined to follow our own desires rather than God's, we need to be coming back to God on a daily/weekly basis, and admit to God and ourselves where we are misaligned, and seek to reorient our lives. And this is only achievable through the light and power of God's 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 8 Jan Vicar's day off

Tue 9 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

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

Thu 11 Jan -

Fri 12 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)  
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)

Sat 13 Jan Parish Fete, 9am to 1pm

Sun 14 Jan St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8am (weekly)  
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)  
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)  
Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139.1-5,12-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51

## Regular Parish Meetings

St Aidan's Group, 10 for 10.30am (fortnightly) - next: to be decided

Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm (fortnightly) - next: to be decided

Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu) - next: 18 Jan

Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) - next: 23 Jan

Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next: 23 Jan

Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 2 Feb

G-RAP run (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 2 Feb

St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly) - next: 6 Feb

Mainly Music, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (weekly, Tuesdays during term time) - next: 6 Feb

Parish Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Tue) - next: 6 Feb

Maintenance committee, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed) - next: 7 Feb

Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays) - next: 8 Feb

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


## General Notices

Welcome to Bishop Philip Huggins - presiding at St Aidan's and St Luke's TODAY. Members of Transfiguration are invited to either attend one of these services, or join those congregations for refreshment after.

**Christmas Bowl** - our mission giving for December/ January. Please use the envelopes found in the TMA, or your planned giving mission envelopes, and put it into the offertory plate during any service.

**Fete** - now one week away (Sat 13 Jan):

- Look through home libraries for donations to the book stall - clean good quality books, but NO magazines or encyclopedias. Donations to be left inside St Luke's hall near the kitchen servery when the Op Shop is open.
- Those who provide cakes, jams, etc, kindly update your details as necessary on the lists on the notice board of each centre.
- Plants required for sale - bring on the day. Flowering ones sell well, labelled and/or priced is not essential but would help.
- A draft layout of where each stall will be is on St Luke's noticeboard - kindly review it in consultation with each other.



***Living with divine imagination: Jesus and us***  
**Oodthenong Mission**

Four summer evenings at  
**All Saints' Church, Barwon Heads, 7-9pm**

Bishop Philip Huggins will offer a mixture of Jesus Prayer meditation, spiritual exercise and Gospel reflections.

**Sunday 21 January:**  
*Gratitude*

**Monday 22 January:**  
*Grace and healing*

**Tuesday 23 January:**  
*Shaping a rule of life for 2018*

**Wednesday 24 January:**  
*How then should we now live? Reaching some conclusions.*

RSVP: [bishopphiliphuggins@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:bishopphiliphuggins@melbourneanglican.org.au)

**Cologne Philharmonia Chamber Orchestra** (Kammerphilharmonie Köln) - returning to the Surf Coast, with 2 concerts hosted by the Catholic Church: Thu 25 Jan at St Therese' Torquay & Sat 27 Jan at St Christopher's Anglesea, both 8pm. Tickets at door. More details to follow.

## Parish Fete: Saturday 13 January - 9am to 1pm

Convenor: Alan Anderson 5261 3691

### Stall-holders:

Pre-loved toys	Elizabeth Backhouse	0408 324 863
Cakes & produce	Peggy Forbes	5261 7222
	Dorothy Anderson	5261 3691
Plants	John Bell	5261 3543
Craft	Jan Heiner	5261 9384
Op Shop	Barry Butcher	0458 612 653
BBQ	Roger Brown	5261 4675
Morning Tea	Chris Farrow	0418 686 752
Kitchen	Jessica Clement	5261 3231
Books	Peter Murton	5261 4826
Lollies	Helen Clement	5261 3231
Band	James & Thomas Webster	0449 704 715

Kindly contact the stall-holders for any donations/assistance you are able to make.

**Reminder: to work closely with the Op Shop volunteers, as a combined Fete/Op Shop team, both with preparations and on the day.**

*Also, it was decided at a previous meeting not to have the jumping castle, face painting, white elephant, spinning wheel, raffle or mystery parcels.*

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