



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

25 February 2018

Today's readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

If we understand that the fundamental character of God is sacrificial love - and that we are called to align ourselves right-wisely with God's sacrificial love as made tangible and real for us in the life and death of the Son of God, Jesus the Anointed One -

if we understand that this is how our lives are given meaning, through ensuring that the lives of others flourish, even at our own cost -

then the words of Jesus "*If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me*" might hopefully make more sense to us.

This is one powerful way to engage with this hard teaching: sacrificial love - enabling others to flourish, even when - and especially when - it is costly to us.

If we are intent upon making our own lives flourish at the expense of others, then we are denying others. But if we are intent upon making the lives of those we encounter flourish, to our own cost, then we are denying ourselves, taking up the cross of sacrificial love, and following in the way of Jesus.

Put like this, it is hopefully easy to understand. The hard part is doing it. But we can support and encourage each other in our church community. And as St Paul reminds us in his letters, God gives us his grace to enable us to follow Jesus in the strength of his Spirit. We are not alone as we walk the Way.

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 26 Feb** Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time)
- Tue 27 Feb** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly)
Mainly Music, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (weekly, Tuesdays during term time)
Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays)
- Wed 28 Feb** St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am
- Thu 1 Mar** St Aidan's Home Group, 10.30am (weekly in Lent)
Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Helen Clement's (weekly)
- Fri 2 Mar** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)
G-RAP run (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (mthly, every 1st Fri)
World Day of Prayer service, 1pm at St Luke's
- Sat 3 Mar** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm
- Sun 4 Mar** St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)
Readings for Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Regular Parish Meetings

- Parish Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1st Tue) - next: 6 Mar
- Maintenance committee, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2nd Wed) - next: 14 Mar
- Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3rd Thu) - next: 15 Mar
- Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3rd Thu) - next: 15 Mar
- Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm Peggy Forbe's (2nd & 4th Thursdays) - next: 22 Mar
- Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next: 27 Mar
- Mission Committee, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - next: TBC

General Notices

- Lenten giving** - our mission giving for Lent is ABM as usual. Please use envelopes in pew sheets, or other envelopes marked 'mission', and place in the collection plate during the offertory through the Lent season.

Rev'd Sharon Valentino to be full-time - repeated from last week

After much careful and prayerful consideration, Fr John and the church wardens have offered Sharon an adjustment to her contract with the parish. Sharon started a 2-year part-time position on 1 June 2017.

This has been changed to a 6-month full-time position effective from 1 March 2018. Towards the end of this time, Sharon and the parish's circumstances will be reviewed.

In addition to continuing her good work in assisting with parish services and providing ministry support to the Op Shop team, I have asked Sharon to take the lead in helping parishioners to form a Pastoral Care Group. This will be her main project during her remaining time with us.

World Day of Prayer - at 1pm Fri 2 March - you are invited to support this ecumenical event hosted by St Luke's, and assist with afternoon tea after.

Fr John on leave - I am on a short break until Mon 5 March. Thanks to Sharon and Irwin for covering my services.

Kays Fashion - fashion parade and afternoon tea 1.30pm at St Luke's Thursday 8 March - \$10 donation.

Mainly Music - the parish's two small teams at Transfiguration and St Luke's need more team members. We are still dependent on four members of Waurm Ponds Community Church to help with this parish activity. Come along to a session to see how great it is.

Progressive dinner - Anglesea Combined Churches on Fri 16 March: 6pm starters at Transfiguration, main course at Uniting Church, dessert at St Christopher's. RSVP by 12 March, either 5263 2744 or Carmen Koster.

St Luke's/Parish history - Norma Morrison is taking the lead with this. If you have any stories, photos or documents relating to the history of St Luke's and all the neighbouring churches that have been associated with St Luke's from time to time, kindly make them available to her or the Office.

Lent course: *Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert*

10.30am at St Aidan's and 7.30pm at Helen Clement's on the Thursdays of Lent. This modern Lenten program booklet for group or personal study is available for people at \$8.

Author Joanna Thyer has taken her theme from Jesus' 40 days in the desert. She explores this using prayer, biblical reflection and modern stories.

Currently 17 people are signed up at St Aidan's and 9 for Torquay.

Parish Directory for 2018 - FINAL CALL

It is time again to prepare, print & distribute the new Directory. A new Database Information and Permissions Form has been developed for you to complete. Please collect a copy from your Parish Centre, complete it in full and return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can.

If we do not receive your written consent prior to publishing next month, we will not be able to include your entry in the new directory. Only those parishioners who do so will be able to have a directory.

If your photograph does not appear in the current directory, could you please include one with your completed form - this helps new members of our Parish in putting names to faces.

WHEN COMPLETING YOURS DON'T FORGET
TO SIGN IN THE SECOND PLACE RIGHT AT THE BOTTOM AS WELL
IF YOU'RE HAPPY FOR YOUR PHOTO TO BE INCLUDED.

History from Anglesea & Freshwater Creek - St Andrew's was built in Anglesea in 1896, and burnt down in the bush fire of 1898.

Shortly after the First World War, the army chapel from the Geelong show grounds was bought by Anglicans in Freshwater Creek, moved there, and named St Andrew's. *Was it given this name because it was seen as a successor building to St Andrew's Anglesea?*

Then the Church of the Transfiguration was built in 1957 - *was it given a different name to keep it distinct from St Andrew's Freshwater Creek?*

Ironically, St Andrew's Freshwater Creek was closed and sold in 1960.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday.
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