



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

4 March 2018

Today's readings: Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Psalm 19 proclaims creation in all its splendour and reminds us it is the spokesman for the Creator. In ancient and modern times humanity has been fascinated by the wonder of creation. Turning heavenward, transcending our mortal realm, our vista expands in all directions.

In Romans Paul reminds us that God's invisible qualities, his power and nature, can be understood as we look at the work of his hands, it testifies to his presence and leave humanity without excuse (Romans 1:20).

The second witness to the Lord's goodness in this psalm, is his Law. In it we consider what God has revealed to humanity about himself, his purposes and instructions. The Law originally referred to the first five books in our OT, known as the Torah, but could be understood more generally as God's revealed words, including the wider scope of Scripture. We pick up this idea when we refer to the whole of Scripture as the Word of God.

This psalm tell us the Law is not so much rules to be kept, it is intended to guide, warn and reward those who will be instructed by it. It is precious and sweet, reliable and trustworthy, and provides a firm foundation for life. Rather than bringing a stiff uprightness to God's people it enlightens them to live well, brings wisdom to the simple, and gives joy to the heart.

As we continue in Lent, use this psalm as a meditation on the blessings of God, and with the psalmist offer your life back to God as a fitting response to his glory and provision.

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 5 Mar	Vicar's day off Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time)
Tue 6 Mar	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 Lunch, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1 st Tue)
Wed 7 Mar	St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am
Thu 8 Mar	St Aidan's Home Group, 10.30am (weekly in Lent) Kays Fashion, 1.30pm at St Luke's Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Helen Clement's (weekly)
Fri 9 Mar	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly) Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)
Sat 10 Mar	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm
Sun 11 Mar	St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8am (weekly) Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly) St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly) <u>Readings for Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Regular Parish Meetings

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
Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next: 20 Mar
Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 6 Apr
G-RAP run (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 6 Apr
Mission Committee, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - next: TBC

General Notices

TMA - Please remember to collect your Melbourne Anglican news. As usual there are many worthwhile articles. The front story is the installation of our first female Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy in Perth.

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.

Thanks - to Kaye and all who helped to host the World Day of Prayer on Friday. Also thanks to all who provided hospitality. It was a great time of fellowship as we support the people of Suriname.

Fr John - will be back from leave on Tuesday 6 March.

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

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.

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.

ANZAC Day 100 years commemoration - Parish Council is seeking some feedback from parishioners to decide if we present a wreath at the Dawn Service. As this year is a significant one, we need to book in shortly if we wish to do so. Can you indicate your thoughts to a member of Council, Fr John or Ps Sharon.

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 - EXTENSION

As we have a significant number of people who have not yet returned the permission forms to enable us to update our Parish Directory, the closing date is now the end of March.

If this is you, please fill in a form this morning.

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.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday.

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