



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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

11 March 2018

*Today's readings: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21*

Today's psalm reading is only part of Psalm 107 - but it is worthwhile reading the whole of it. It has six parts: the introduction (v1-3), and conclusion (v33-43), and in between four scenarios of people in unhappy situations, and in each case:

*Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress. (v6, 13, 19, 28)*

The Lord gives them all salvation in a form appropriate to their distress, and again in each scenario there is the invitation:

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness  
and the wonders he does for his children. (v8, 15, 21, 31)*

The psalmist recognises that our God is - has been and always will be - a God of salvation. God is always concerned about our hurts and the things that diminish his love, light and life within us and within our community - and so is always ready to give us his salve, in whatever form we need it.

St Paul reminds us of this in today's passage from his letter to the Ephesians: *by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. (Eph 2.8)*

And in John's gospel passage, Jesus himself assures Nicodemus and all of us: *God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3.17)*

*Indeed, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (Jn 3.16)*

### **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 12 Mar** Clergy day off & Public holiday  
St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm - 1/2 PRICE SALE final day
- Tue 13 Mar** St Luke's Op Shop - closed  
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly)  
Mainly Music, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am  
(weekly, Tuesdays during term time)  
Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)
- Wed 14 Mar** Op Shop breakfast, RACV, 8am  
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am  
Maintenance committee, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)
- Thu 15 Mar** St Aidan's Home Group, 10.30am (weekly in Lent)  
Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu)  
Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu)  
Torquay Home Group, 7.30pm at Helen Clement's (weekly)
- Fri 16 Mar** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)  
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)  
Progressive dinner, starting Transfiguration 6pm
- Sat 17 Mar** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 18 Mar** St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8am (weekly)  
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)  
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)  
Readings for Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

## Regular Parish Meetings

- Monday Morning Playgroup**, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time) - next: 19 Mar
- Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm Peggy Forbe's (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays) - next: 22 Mar
- Parish Council**, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next: 20 Mar
- Parish Lunch**, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Tue) - next: 3 Apr
- Coffee & Chat**, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 6 Apr
- G-RAP run** (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next: 6 Apr
- Mission Committee**, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - next: TBC

## Services for Holy Week/Easter

	St Aidan's	Transfiguration	St Luke's
Maundy Thursday	2.30pm	5.00pm	7.00pm
Good Friday	10.30am	9.00am*	10.30am
	<i>*Anglesea combined churches at Uniting Church building followed by March of Witness</i>		
Easter Sunday	8.00am	9.15am	10.30am
	<i>combined churches 6.30am Dawn Service at Cosy Corner beach (next to Pt Danger, Torquay)</i>		

### General Notices

**Thanks** - to Barbara Bell and all who helped to host Kays Fashion parade and afternoon tea last Thursday. There was a good response, and enjoyable parade & tea, and \$320 was raised. Next year's: 14 March!

**Op Shop SALE** - tomorrow is the last day of our Op Shop's half-price sale. Come along for some *bargain* bargains! The Op Shop will be closed on Tuesday to allow the team to recover. They will then be treated to a special breakfast on Wednesday as a thanks for the fantastic work they do on behalf of the parish.

**ANZAC Day** 100 years commemoration - Parish Council is seeking 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. Indicate your thoughts to a member of Council, Fr John or Ps Sharon.

**TMA** - Please remember to collect your Melbourne Anglican news. As usual there are many worthwhile articles. The front story is the installation of the world's first woman Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy in Perth. Hooray!

**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.

**Baptism on Easter Sunday** - Jenny Stewart's grandson, Aaron Flanagan, will be baptised at St Luke's.

### 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.**

**A Movie Night** - featuring 'The Shack', on Fri 16 March at St Stephens Belmont (cnr Regent & Thomson Streets), Belmont. Wine, cheese & biscuits from 7.30pm, film starts at 8pm. Entry by 'crumply donation' - funds to 'Foundation South Sudan' with an opportunity for prayer ministry following the film. Come along to support 'Foundation South Sudan' providing university scholarships for young leaders to build the nation of South Sudan when peace comes.

**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.

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*Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday -  
must be hand-delivered or emailed or posted to PO Box 2.*