



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

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

25 March 2018

Today's readings: Mark 11.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 15.1-39

When Jesus processed into Jerusalem, the Roman governor Pilate was having his annual procession of power into Jerusalem from the other side.

From opposite directions

by Lucy Berry from Songs for a Servant Church (2015)

(our offertory hymn - to the tune of 'The Church's one foundation')

1. From opposite directions
two great processions came;
one in the name of Power,
one in Salvation's name.
One from Oppression's palace
beneath an emperor's thumb.
The other from the people,
the village and the slum.
2. From opposite directions
rode Pontius Pilate in,
expediency's servant,
the willing slave of sin;
and Jesus Christ, a servant
to love which never dies,
to God, to us, to Meaning,
to dreadful sacrifice.
3. From opposite directions
they rode from east and west;
God on a borrowed donkey
and Rome its pure-bred best,
while two great crowds of people
applauded in one breath
the brutish might of bullies
or love which conquers death.
4. From opposite directions
we still are called today.
We choose to join with power -
or take the other Way;
while some wave palms and worship,
declare we're Jesus' friend,
yet disappear, like magic,
before the bitter end.

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 Mar** *Clergy day off*
Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time)
- Tue 27 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)
- Wed 28 Mar** **St Luke's - Eucharist**, 10am
- Thu 29 Mar** Maundy Thursday
St Aidan's Home Group, 10.30am (weekly in Lent)
St Aidan's - Eucharist & hand-washing, 2.30pm
Transfiguration - Eucharist & hand-washing, 5pm
St Luke's - Eucharist & hand-washing, 7pm
- Fri 30 Mar** Good Friday
Anglesea Uniting Church - combined churches, 9am (followed by *March of Witness*)
St Aidan's - service, 10.30am
St Luke's - service, 10.30am
St Luke's - Bach's St John's Passion, 1pm
- Sat 31 Mar** **St Luke's Op Shop**, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 1 Apr** Easter Sunday
6.30am combined churches Dawn Service at Cosy Corner beach (next to Pt Danger, Torquay)
St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist & baptism, 10.30am (weekly)
Readings for Easter Day
Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

Regular Parish Meetings

- Parish Lunch**, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1st Tue) - next: 3 Apr
- Torquay Home Group**, 6pm at Helen Clement's for a bring & share meal (fortnightly) - next: 5 Apr
- Coffee & Chat**, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 6 Apr
- Group Meditation**, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly) - next: 6 Apr
- Maintenance committee**, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2nd Wed) - next: 11 Apr
- Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm Peggy Forbe's (2nd & 4th Thursdays) - next: 12 Apr

Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (*mtly, every 3rd Thu*) - next: 19 Apr

Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (*mtly, every 3rd Thu*) - next: 19 Apr

Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (*mtly, on 4th Tuesdays*) - next: 24 Apr

Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (*mtly, usually on 4th Tuesdays*) - next: 24 Apr

G-RAP run (*to St Andrew's Corio*) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (*mtly, every 1st Fri*) - next: 4 May

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

Palm Sunday Justice for Refugees march - 2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne - see flyer on noticeboard. Lifts anyone? Local Anglicans are meeting outside St Paul's Cathedral at 1.30pm. There is a *Justice for Refugees* petition available on notice boards to sign.

Maundy Thursday services - instead of foot-washing, we will be doing hand-washing. Other parishes have found this to be an acceptable alternative, that still effects the sacrament of service.

Rewiring Transfiguration - funding appeal

After 60 years, the Church of the Transfiguration needs rewiring. Quoted in two stages, the 1st is for upgrading the the mains connection, including a new switchboard, for \$3,850 (ex GST).

Depending on what then becomes apparent, the 2nd stage of rewiring the power and lighting circuits is estimated at an additional \$5,600 (ex GST).

This significant unexpected cost is giving the parish budget a knock - and so we invite parishioners, particularly at Transfiguration, to make some specific donations towards covering this, as you are able. Mark any contributions - through the offertory plate or to the parish office - as **Transfiguration Rewiring Appeal** - so that we can keep the lights on!

Good Friday services - expect something a bit different. At St Luke's the service format requires a slightly longer time of 1 hour 20 minutes, but should be worth it. And people are welcome to take loo-breaks when needed - you'll figure it out.

St John's Passion (J S Bach) - a recording will be played in St Luke's on Good Friday beginning at 1pm. Come for the whole recording (1hr 46mins) or drop in for a short time to meditate on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

'Viewpoints' art exhibition - Val Parker & Michelle Endersby are exhibiting in St Luke's hall 30 Mar to 9 Apr. Opening event Sat 31 Mar 2.30pm to 4pm.

Baptism on Easter Sunday - Jenny Stewart's grandson, Aaron Flanagan, will be baptised at St Luke's. Parishioners are invited to help with some light refreshments afterwards - but do speak to Helen Clement & Peggy who are in charge of morning tea.

Parish Directory - final call for anyone who hasn't completed a permission form yet. Parishioners who miss out can be included later, but they will still need to complete a permission form to receive this year's directory.

Anzac dawn service wreath - parish council agreed that a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Parish.

G-RAP - Jan Heiner writes: *The next run I do to Corio will be Fri 4 May, but the appeal is for Sat 5 May & I would be very happy to drive anyone interested in helping - it makes it easier if 2 people to do this together as I find it is a full day & by the time I drive home it would be really nice to be able to talk to someone about the day's activities. The times helpers are needed are from 8.45am to 11am. Please speak to Jan to help.*

Craft Group street stall - in Torquay in June. We are appealing for knitters to knit something small, like a beanie, baby jacket, mittens, scarf, etc ready for sale. We are needing more goods to display & sell to make this a goer.

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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.