



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

8 April 2018

Today's readings: Acts 4.32-27; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

1 John is written near the end of the first century. For John truth is based in a person who could be seen, heard and touched. His instruction is based on the fact that Jesus the God-man was real, and he uses imagery of light and darkness to distinguish Christian truth from false versions of Christianity that had emerged.

There are three claims John refutes. To claim true fellowship with God, but not display a godly life is inconsistent with authentic Christianity. A Christian believes in Christ, and as a result of believing a particular sort of lifestyle and community exists that is faithful to Jesus. Faith and practice match up. Those who do not walk in Jesus' light have false claims of fellowship. Secondly, some were claiming to be without sin, saying things they were doing were not *really* sinful. This failure to take responsibility for behaviour rationalises sin away, resulting in self-deception and a compromised faith. Third is the claim to have not sinned at all. In this instance God is made out to be a liar. As the reason Jesus died is denied, there is no need of a Saviour, and the price he paid is mocked. This claim denies humanity is unclean, unholy, broken, rebellious and estranged from its Maker, it says - we are ok, we need no intervention plan. This is at complete odds with the Gospel.

The temptation to compromise was strong. Complying with local culture made life easier. We are prone to the same temptations, so John's words are for us. Those who claim to fellowship with Jesus love him, walk in his light, and bear a resemblance to him by following his lifestyle and teaching - whatever the cost. Rather than denying sin we deal with it through confession and forgiveness, and step out on the path of Light-filled living as Jesus' witnesses.

John presents the gravity of sin and the path of healing, he is realistic and compassionate, acknowledging human imperfection. He reminds us that Jesus our advocate does not say we are innocent, or plead extenuating circumstances but acknowledges our guilt and presents his work on the cross as the ground of our acquittal. This is the good news of Easter.

THIS COMING WEEK

- Mon 9 Apr** Clergy day off
- Tue 10 Apr** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Wed 11 Apr** St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am
Maintenance committee, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2nd Wed)
- Thu 12 Apr** St Aidan's Group, 10.30am (fortnightly, Thursdays)
Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm Peggy Forbe's (2nd & 4th Thu's)
- Fri 13 Apr** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)
- Sat 14 Apr** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 15 Apr** 3rd Sunday of Easter
St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)
Readings for Easter 3
Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

Regular Parish Meetings

- Torquay Home Group**, 7.30pm at Helen Clement's (fortnightly) - next: 19 Apr at Bronwyn Partick's home, first night of the Pilgrim series.
- Monday Morning Playgroup**, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time) - next: 16 Apr
- St Aidan's Painters**, 10am (Tuesdays, weekly) - next: 17 Apr
- Mainly Music**, at both St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (weekly, Tuesdays during term time) - next: 17 Apr
- Anglesea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3rd Thu) - next: 19 Apr
- Star of the Sea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3rd Thu) - next: 19 Apr
- Parish Council**, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next: 24 Apr
- Elouera**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, usually on 4th Tuesdays) - next: 24 Apr
- Parish Lunch**, Beach Hotel Jan Juc, noon (mthly, every 1st Tue) - next: 1 May
- Coffee & Chat**, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 4 May
- G-RAP run** (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's at 12.45pm (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next: 4 May
- Mission Committee**, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - next: TBC

General Notices

Thanks - to everyone, especially flower-arrangers, cleaners, & sacristans, who helped prepare our church buildings for a wonderful Holy Week journey and Easter celebration.

'Viewpoints' art exhibition - Val Parker & Michelle Endersby are exhibiting in St Luke's hall through to TOMORROW. Two artistic journeys down the Great Ocean Road, including a display by the Torquay & District Historical Society. Helen Clement has very generously donated the **Memorial Rose Cross** by Michelle Endersby in memory of her husband Glen and her mother Jean, to St Luke's. Come and see them along with the rest of the exhibition.



Professional Development - Fr John has attended a *Mothering as a Metaphor for Ministry* seminar. Ps Sharon has recently attended Lifeline's *DV-alert (Domestic Violence Response Training)* 2-day course, and Partners in Prevention's *Leading Change* workshop - engaging a workforce in the prevention of violence against women. Some important statistics were highlighted:

- 1 in 5 women from age 15 have or are experiencing sexual abuse;
- 1 in 4 women have or are experiencing emotional abuse;
- 1 in 3 women have or are experiencing physical abuse.

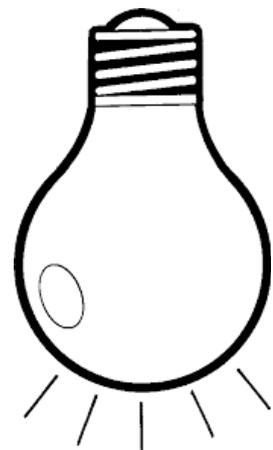
With these statistics, they will include members of our own congregations. If this means you, you are encouraged to speak about it, to Ps Sharon, or Fr John, or someone else. If you might be an abuser, you are invited to ask for help - completely confidentially.

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!



The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) April issue is available to collect, & includes:

- Bishop George Browning argues that growth in the Australian economy ... is not environmentally sustainable;
- Rev'd Dr Gordon Preece talks about the current favouring of warfare over welfare, where every weapon made and used is effectively a theft from those who hunger and are not fed;
- ANZAC Day should be a time to reflect on Jesus' call to non-violence.

Fr John - is on leave until Mon 16 April. Ps Sharon is on duty.

The 2018 Parish Directory - is available to those who have completed and handed in their signed information forms. When you receive yours, kindly make a point of shredding the old one before disposing of it.

Op Shop & community service - our Op Shop is giving high school students the opportunity to do community service as part of their school programs. We are able to do this because the Op Shop team is up to date with the required police checks and Working With Children Checks, thanks to the admin and ministry oversight of Ps Sharon.

Anzac dawn service wreath - a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Parish.

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.

Craft Group Raffle - Can anyone selling raffle tickets return butts and money to Peggy by the 21 April.

Fun history fact - did you know that the original St Aidan's church in Bambra Road Aireys Inlet was called St Paul's? When the Parochial District of Lorne, Deans Marsh and Aireys Inlet was formed in the 1950's, St Paul's Deans Marsh had the prior claim to the name, so the Aireys congregation opted to change their patron saint to St Aidan of Iona.

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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.