



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

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

15 April 2018

Today's readings: 1 John 2.3-3.6; Psalm 4; Luke 24.36b-48

In the next chapters of 1 John, the church is given two ways to test authentic faith and is reminded to walk with their Saviour as God's children.

The moral test follows on from the teaching that words and actions must match up in the life of a believer. As belief is a core component of worldview it affects lifestyle, so observance of behaviour is a valid way of testing commitment. Christianity, though, is not equivalently with moralism. Moralism suggests the Gospel is just about behavioural improvements. But moralism cannot save us, it merely produces sinners who are sometimes better behaved. The reality is none of us can keep the Law, even for a day. God wants us to live good lives, but moralism falsely claims that we gain salvation and righteousness by ticking off a list of rules. This is not authentic Christianity. The true Gospel says we are justified by faith *alone*, saved by *grace alone*, and redeemed from our sin by Christ *alone* (Galatians 2:16). This is faith lived in relationship with God, not in relationship with rules. Where Jesus makes sinners children of God and his Spirit transforms us into Christ's image over time.

Authentic faith is characterised by love for others, so John looks at the evidence of this in community relationships. A life where you choose to love Jesus and those that Jesus has made your family, is a life walked in the light. Love is not just about kindness and good deeds. It is a protection against coveting what belongs to others, and it is unselfish, wanting the other to succeed, taking delight when they thrive and helping them to do so. When this love is reciprocal, as it should be, you see sharing and support, understanding and forgiveness, providing in times of need and being aware of another's frailties. Those who live apart from Jesus light, who are going through the motions cannot maintain this sort of community.

The second test is a theological one. John restates the importance of faith in the real Jesus, the Son of God who walked on earth as a genuine man.

We have confidence in life and before God not due to the state of our moral checklist, but in the one who has made us his own. We have confidence in the real Jesus, the man who walked in Palestine, the man who sits beside the Father, the Son of the Living God. Our holy living comes as a response to his love and work on our behalf. As the body of Christ we love each other and the world with actions and in truth (1John3:8). Let us continue to walk as children of light to the glory of God the Father, so 'that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming (1John2:28).'

THIS COMING WEEK

- Mon 16 Apr** *Clergy day off*
Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (weekly, Mondays during term time)
- Tue 17 Apr** **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 18 Apr** **St Luke's - Eucharist**, 10am
- Thu 19 Apr** **Anglesea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 3rd Thu)
Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3rd Thu)
- Fri 20 Apr** **St Luke's Op Shop**, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (Fridays weekly)
- Sat 21 Apr** **St Luke's Op Shop**, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 22 Apr** 4th 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 4
Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

Regular Parish Meetings

- Torquay Home Group**, 7.30pm at Helen Clement's (fortnightly) - next: 19 Apr at Helen's
- 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
- St Aidan's Group**, 10.30am (fortnightly, Thursdays)
- Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm Peggy Forbe's (2nd & 4th Thu's)
- 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
- Maintenance committee**, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2nd Wed) - next: 9 May
- Mission Committee**, after the St Luke's service (quarterly) - next: TBC

General Notices

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

5th Sunday - Transfiguration will be hosting the Anglesea Combined Churches service on 29 April, at the usual time.

Op Shop & community service - our wonderful 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 now because the whole 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.

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.

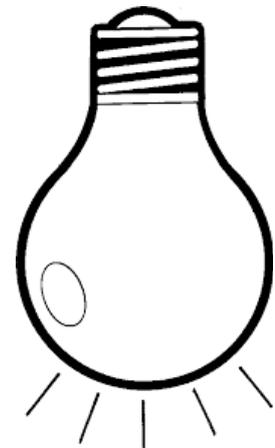
Craft Group street stall & raffle - stall in Torquay in June. We are appealing for knitters to knit something small, like a beanie, baby jacket, mittens, scarf, ready for sale. We need more goods to display & sell to make this a goer. Bring in raffle ticket money and stubs to Peggy Forbes by 21 April.

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!



Maintenance Committee Meeting - Some key points on jobs in progress or completed from the recent meeting.

- Ramp options are still in discussion for modification from original plans due to size and heritage listing issues. Peter McKernan has visited and will adjust the existing plans to make the hall entrance the main ramp. Discussions regarding the church ramp are now centred on having a walkway from the Cashin door to the Narthex door and then steps down. This option will be discussed with Peter McKernan as well.
- Options for updated signs for the church and op shop are being followed up with some urgency as this has been a long standing job
- The repair work following the break-in inside St Aidans has been completed. Carpeting will happen shortly. Still awaiting recommendations on security lighting options. A notice regarding local emergency food and shelter options will be attached to the front door
- Key safes are now installed at St Aidans and Transfiguration
- Quotes have been received for cleaning the spouting on the 4 buildings in the Parish. A recommendation will be made to the Parish Council
- Oxely Garages are preparing a quote to install an emergency exit and to update the ceiling vent covers in the Op Shop to assist with ventilation on hot days, they will advise on installation of powered exhausts
- The rewiring of Transfiguration should be commenced next week
- Still awaiting feedback on replacing glass panes of outside doors at Transfiguration with safety glass
- There will be consultation with users on the suggestion of eye level cupboards in St Luke's kitchen
- Roger is drawing up an option of a corner hall cupboard for play equipment at St Luke's to be considered by the regular users
- St Luke's aumbry light fitting will be replaced shortly

Next meeting 9 May.

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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.*