



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

## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

14 October 2018

*Today's readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-16, 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31*

Hebrews describes the scriptures as sharper than any two edged sword, able to divide between joint and marrow and expose the motives of the heart. And then we have the story of a sparky young Jew keen to keep God's law. This guy wants to make it into heaven and claims to have perfectly kept all the commandments Jesus gives him. But Jesus didn't mention a few of 10 commandments...which ones? Honour the sabbath/no gods before Yahweh/no carved images and don't use God's name dishonourably. Interesting.

Then Jesus prescribes a cure for what the man is lacking in his spirituality. For all his effort he has struck out on commandments 1, 2 and 3. We know Jesus has hit the nail on the head because of the man's reaction. He knew Jesus was right. Although the 6 commandments were faithfully kept, He was not honouring God above all, he was honouring himself. Fail on commandment #1. Furthermore, he has images of his real god all around him - his wealth. Fail for commandment #2: don't worship false gods. It appeared like the guy honoured Yahweh, but obeying 6 commandments was a cover for failing to consider #1. That means commandment 3 was broken - he was using God's name to as a badge of belonging, but his faith was a sham.

Sell what you have and give it to the poor. This will free him and put his resources to good work. Jesus does not send the man away with a challenge, an opportunity to keep maturing in his faith. The disciples are stunned. Who can be saved if this faithful Jew has to take such strong action to please God???? No one can do it. It's impossible for humans to follow God faithfully. BUT. With God nothing is impossible. Seek first my righteousness, put things in the right order and then....Follow me.

The message for the young ruler is the same message to the disciples. Leave your nets and come, follow me. And it's the same message to us. Leave your own plans aside. Seek me first. Then come. Follow me. This way....

### 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 ways for people to explore their spirituality.

## THIS COMING WEEK

- Mon 15 Oct* Clergy day off  
Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (term time)
- Tue 16 Oct* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)  
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (weekly)  
Mainly Music, at St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (term time)
- Wed 17 Oct* St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am
- Thu 18 Oct* Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
Torquay Home Group, Location Roger Brown @ 7 Afzan Court, Torquay (fortnightly)
- Fri 19 Oct* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)  
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (term time)
- Sat 20 Oct* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
- Sun 21 Oct* St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)  
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15Aam (weekly)  
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)

Readings for 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 53:4-12; Ps 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45

## Regular Parish Meetings

- G-RAP run** (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's (mthly, Tuesdays before the Friday that ends/starts the month) - next 30th October, 27th November. Anyone wishing to help on the next Friday at Corio, Jan Heiner will pick up at 12.45pm. 5261 9384 for details.
- Elouera**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next 23 October
- History Group**, St Luke's, 11am (mthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays) - 24 October
- Parish Council**, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) - next 24 October
- Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm at TBA (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu) - next 25 Oct
- St Aidan's Group**, 10.30am (fortnightly, Thursdays) - next 25 Oct
- Anglesea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Thu) - 8th Nov
- Coffee & Chat**, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri) - next 9 Nov
- Maintenance committee**, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed) - next 14 Nov

## General Notices

**Service of Repentance** - St Paul's Cathedral will be dedicating an evensong to survivors of sexual abuse on the Eve of the Prime Minister's apology to the nation. The service seeks repentance in recognition of the harm and distress caused to people and commences at 6.00pm. All are invited.

**Meeting our Redress Obligations** - At the request of the Archbishop in Council, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation has provided a facility to receive donations from parishes, and from organisational or individual supporters, for the purposes of meeting our financial obligations to the victims of child sexual abuse. The Council recognised that redress for past wrongs is a shared responsibility and has received notice that some are wishing to contribute to the cost of redress that we will all corporately bear. If you want to contribute to this fund, contact the Parish Office for details.

**Street Stall** - Sat 3 November 9am-3pm Cakes, craft and plants. Any donations for sale welcome. See Peggy Forbes.

**Church Calendars** - If you would like a church calendar this year, please speak to Kaye Mackie.

**Bishop Philip** - the Parish has contributed money towards The National Council of Churches Anti-slavery fund as a way of saying thank you for the Ministry of Bp Philip Huggins.

**Bishop Kate Prowd** will visit the Parish on 13th January 2019.

**Incumbency Committee** - Pray for the team as they discuss, meet, pray and consider future leadership in consultation with the Archdeacon and Bishop, on behalf of the Parish.

### EFT DIRECT GIVING

Electronic giving is one way you can give regularly, even if you are on holidays. You set the frequency and amount and adjust it at any time via internet banking. If you are unsure ask your bank to help you set it up. The church bank details are:

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 158310276

**Message:** Create a code with the initial of your first + surname + birth month.

This code allows us to keep track of how many different people are using this option without us being able to identify you easily. Laminated slips will be available in the foyer for you to place in the offertory bowl, enabling you to participate physically in this part of the service.

**Synod 2018** - Synod this year will be from 17-20 October at St Pauls Cathedral. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be 7pm-10pm and Saturday 10am-5pm.

**Parish Council, Wardens and Synod Representatives** - As we near the end of the church year we encourage you to begin considering who might best serve as representatives on Council, as a Warden or as a Synod Rep. You might like to serve this way yourself. When it's time to make nominations, forms will be available in the foyers.

**A prayer during the interregnum and for a new Vicar** - Heavenly Father, we thank you for all who have ministered in our Parish. You know the needs of our Parish today, look with grace upon us. Lord Jesus, as we wait, we ask that you would help us to follow you faithfully, love one another and welcome newcomers. Guard and grow this church, as we serve together. Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek the right minister for our church, and guide those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future to enable us to fulfil our calling and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

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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.*