



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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

28 October 2018

Today's readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps 126; Hebrews 7:21-28; Mark 10:46-52

Psalm 126 is a song of a pilgrim travelling the hill from home to Jerusalem for a festival of faith. It is a song for the road, a song of joy, a way to remember we belong to the God who acts for his people and will do so again. Christian joy is built on history, it is the result of the repeated experience of God's goodness and faithfulness.

In a world of instant gratification, the Psalms of Ascents 120-134 challenge us to a life of long obedience in the same direction, even if it is uphill, and the days between celebrations are ordinary. It calls us not to misery and groaning in the walking, but to songs of confidence and determination because of what we know and who we know. We are delightfully reminded that things are working together for good to those who love God, that his ways are dependable, his promises. sure. The centre of the Psalm is 'We are one happy people.' On one side are words in past tense, the words on the other are future tense. There is plenty of suffering on both sides of past and future. The joy in the present comes because God knows how to wipe away tears and create smiles in his work of new life.

The psalm shows up the hollowness of the world's joy and tells the story of God's acts, which put laughter into people's mouths. When we decide to live in response to the abundance of God toward us, to centre ourselves in him who generously gives, one of the consequences is the joy of Psalm 126. It repeats the promises of a God who accompanies his wandering, weeping children until they arrive home, exuberant, 'with armloads of blessings.' It announces the existence of a people who assemble to worship God and disperse to live to his glory, whose lives are bordered on one side by a memory of God's acts and the other by hope in God's promises, and who along with whatever else is happening are able to say at the centre, 'We are one happy people.' May you know this to be true as you travel with Jesus on the pilgrim's way.

[courtesy E.Peterson - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction]

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 29 Oct* Clergy day off
Monday Morning Playgroup, 10am St Luke's (term time)
- Tue 30 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)
G-RAP run (to St Andrew's Corio) from St Luke's (mthly, Tuesdays before the Friday that ends/starts the month)
- Wed 31 Oct* St Luke's - Eucharist, 10am
History Group, St Luke's, 11am (mthly, 4th Wednesdays)
- Thu 1 Nov* Torquay Home Group, Location Clements @ 38 Ocean View Cres, Torquay (fortnightly)
- Fri 2 Nov* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly)
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (term time)
- Sat 3 Nov* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)
Street Stall Gilbert St outside Bendigo Bank
- Sun 4 Nov* St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (weekly)
Transfiguration - Eucharist, 9.15Am (weekly)
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (weekly)

Readings for Sunday after All Saints

Isaiah 25:6-9; Ps 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

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 27th November. Jan Heiner will pick up those wishing to help at Corio the next Friday at 12.45pm. 5261 9384 for details.

Parish Lunch - Jan Juc Hotel noon (1st Tuesday) - next 6 Nov Cup Lunch

Anglesea Aged Care, Eucharist at 10.30am (mthly, every 1st Thu) - 8 Nov

Torquay Craft Group, 1.30pm at 17 Casino Court (2nd & 4th Thu) - 8 Nov

St Aidan's Group, 10.30am (fortnightly, Thursdays) - next 8 Nov

Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (mthly, every 1st Fri) - next 9 Nov

Maintenance committee, 11am St Luke's (mthly, every 2nd Wed) - next 14 Nov

Star of the Sea Aged Care, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, every 3rd Thursday) - next 15 Nov

Parish Council, 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next 20 Nov

Elouera, Eucharist at 2.15pm (mthly, on 4th Tuesdays) - next 22 Nov

Parish APM - November 25th @ Transfiguration with a combined shorter Eucharist @ 9:15am. The meeting will be @ 10am. Lunch afterwards TBA.

General Notices

Parish APM- November 25th @ Transfiguration with a combined shorter Eucharist @ 9:30am. APM @ 10:30am. Lunch afterwards location TBA. This is an important time to take stock, and look forward to the year ahead. We endeavour to keep the meeting brief. Reports will be available beforehand and will be taken as read. Nominations must be received in the Office by 10:30am on Wed 21 November. Nomination forms will be available shortly.

Electoral Roll - It is time to revise the Electoral Roll before the APM, other matters relating to it will be presented in the APM Reports and at the meeting. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF ANY UPDATES ON/OFF THAT ARE NEEDED.** The Electoral Roll is the legal/voting body of the Parish and holds particular responsibilities, the criteria for inclusion on it are specified in the Parish Governance Act. However, anyone can be on our Pastoral Roll. It is important to understand the difference between the two. The Pastoral Roll is the broader Roll of regular, occasional, aged care residents, regular visitors, clergy, people on other electoral rolls and others who have a commitment to and association with the Parish. Through this we interact, give care, have contact and fellowship with each other across the Parish. Our Pastoral Roll makes up our Parish Directory, and is a picture of our fuller Community.

Congratulations Rosa - Our wonderful 'flower lady' who does Transfiguration's flowers every week entered some of her beautiful embroidery in the Surfcoast Shire Calendar competition. Much to our delight she has been chosen as one of the twelve artists whose work will be included on the 2019 calendar.

Funeral notice - Donald Loveless passed away on 24th, we remember his family at this time. His funeral service is at St Lukes on Thursday 1 November @1pm.

Street Stall - Sat 3 November 9am-3pm Cakes, craft and plants, outside the Bendigo Bank in Gilbert St, Torquay. Donations welcome. See Peggy Forbes.

Surfcoast Uniting Church - Rev Suzie Castle will be inducted into her ministry on the Surf Coast on Sunday November the 11th at 2.00pm at Trinity Uniting Church, Anglesea. We welcome her into the Surfcoast Community.

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.

Christmas is Coming

Dates will be updated as the weeks progress

Sun 2	Aireys Inlet Community Carols from 7:30pm @ Community Hall
Sat 8	Torquay Carols by the Sea 6:45pm @ Elephant Walk, The Esplanade
Sat 22	Anglesea Community Carols 7:30pm @ Village Green
Sun 23	Service Times TBA
Mon 24	Christmas Eve TBA
Tues 25	Christmas Day TBA

Music at the Basilica Friday 9 November 8pm - In Flanders Fields: a concert to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. Featuring composers and poets who served during the war. Tickets at the door or by prior booking.

Rest in Peace - On Wednesday 17th Bev Voisey's daughter Noelene passed away. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Remember Bev's family in prayer.

Eugene Peterson 06/11/2932-22/10/2018 - The global church mourns the loss of Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message*. This paraphrase in contemporary language made the Bible accessible. He was a pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian in the US for 30 years and wrote widely to encourage and develop christian leaders, writing more than 30 books.

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.