



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

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## Surfcoast Anglican Parish

30 December 2018

*Today's readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-10,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52*

At Christmas, we recaptured the mystery of God coming to dwell with humanity and offered our wonder and worship of the child in the manger. Now we decide how we will live in light of this history of which we have become a part. We consider how we will follow Jesus as his disciples after we turn the Christmas lights off.

In the Epistle to the Colossians Paul describes what this looks like. He urges his friends to put down deep roots in Christ for their nourishment and maturity as disciples; to live lives worthy of and in imitation of Jesus and to let their thankfulness to God overflow.

He talks about being properly dressed. This has little to do with wearing jeans or a suit, being clean shaven or scruffy faced. Instead, it is about whether we look like Christ on the inside and the outside. Whether we pursue living like Christ, more and more each day, no matter how hard it is. It's much more challenging, but it pleases God, is much more satisfying and changes the world.

Some clothing needs to be discarded: characteristics like anger, malice, slander, greed, bad language, abusiveness, indulgence, impurity, lies and the like. Then a new wardrobe, new values and behaviours are to be seen on us: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, forgiveness, forbearance, patience and love.

The Word of Christ is to take up residence in our lives, dwelling in us richly, becoming a part of us, shaping our life.

When we dress up for each day's work from Monday to Saturday, and for worship on Sunday, we dress ourselves in Christ. And whatever we do, whenever we do it, we carry it out in a spirit of thankfulness.

Taking Christ as our model, wearing Christ as our clothing we are ready to live as his ambassadors in the world.

### 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 31 Dec** Christmas Eve - Aireys 5pm  
Torquay Crib Service @ 6.00pm: Midnight Mass @ 11.30pm
- Tue 1 Jan** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (*Tuesday weekly*)  
St Aidan's Painters, 10am (*Tuesday weekly*)
- Wed 2 Jan** St Luke's - No Wednesday Eucharist until 6/2
- Thu 3 Jan** Sharon back in Parish
- Fri 4 Jan** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (*weekly*)  
Coffee & Chat, St Aidan's 10am (*mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Fri*)
- Sat 5 Jan** St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (*weekly*)
- Sun 6 Jan** St Aidan's - Eucharist, 8.00am (*weekly*);  
Transfiguration- Eucharist, 9.15Am (*weekly*);  
St Luke's - Eucharist, 10.30am (*weekly*)

### Readings for Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

## 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 TBA. Jan Heiner will pick up those wishing to help at Corio the next Friday at 12.45pm. 5261 9384 for details. Dates TBA

**Mainly Music**, at St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (*term time*)

**Group Meditation**, Transfiguration 11am (*term time*)

**Parish Lunch** - Jan Juc Hotel noon (*1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday*) - next 1 Jan?

**Commissioning** - Sharon's Induction 7pm St Luke's - 9 Jan

**Parish Fete** - Saturday 10am - 2pm - 12 Jan

**Bishop Kate Visit** - Combined Service 9.15am Anglesea - 13 Jan

**Parish Council**, 7pm at St Luke's (*mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays*) - 29 Jan

**Anglesea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 10.30am (*mthly, every 1<sup>st</sup> Thu*) - next 7 Feb

**Star of the Sea Aged Care**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (*mthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday*) - next 21 Feb

**Elouera**, Eucharist at 2.15pm (*mthly, on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays*) - next 26 Feb

**Maintenance committee**, 11am St Luke's (*mthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed*) - next 2019 TBA

**Torquay Home Group**, Location @ TBA 6.30pm (*fortnightly*) - next 2019 TBA

**St Aidan's Group**, 10.30am (*fortnightly, Thursdays*) - next 2019 TBA

**History Group**, St Luke's, 11am (*mthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays*) - 2019 TBA

**Torquay Craft Group**, 1.30pm at 17 Casino Court (*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu*) - 2019 TBA

## General Notices

**Wednesday Services in January** - to allow for some space mid week before the normality of the year descends, to allow those who lead and serve a rest midweek in Jan, and to create some space for planning for the year, the Wednesday Communion service will be in recess during January but start up in February as usual. It is a valuable and intimate worship, reflection and fellowship time for those who attend and we will enjoy it again when it returns.

**Aged Care Services During January** - the chapel services at the Aged Care centres will be in recess during January and recommencing in February.

**Sharon out of Parish dates during January** - Sharon is taking time in lieu of the volume of extra hours over the last 6 months. The dates are: after the service today 30/12-2/1. She will be back from Thursday next week. The second dates are from 20/1-24/1 when she will be in Sydney caring for her mother while her father has surgery. On both occasions she is contactable by her mobile and home email but matters should be handled by the wardens if possible.

**New Ministry & Induction 9 Jan** - last Sunday, it was announced that Rev'd Sharon Valentino has been appointed as the next priest for the Parish. The induction service will be at St Luke's on 9 January at 7pm. There will be a small supper will be afterwards, please let Barbara Bell know if you can contribute to this.

**Parish Fete Saturday 12 Jan** - An updated list of stall conveners is on the noticeboard, please advise Alan Anderson if there are any changes to this list. If you can contribute items please contact the stall holder.

**Bishop Kate Visits 13 Jan** - Bishop Kate will be visiting the Parish for a combined service at Anglesea on 13th January 9:15am. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

**TMA** - Pick up your copy in the foyer.

**Offertory Envelopes** - Available for pickup up.

### EFT DIRECT GIVING

**Update!!!** Other parishes have advised us to do EFT giving via the ADF Parish Account so that privacy is better protected. If you would like to give this way take a form from the foyer, fill it in and mail it off. The parish will be able to see the total of the amounts given by EFT in the Parish account, without being able to identify individuals, but you can trace your details via the ADF if you need to.

Laminated slips are now available in the foyer for you to place in the offertory bowl, so you can participate physically in worship during this part of the service.

**Monday Morning Playgroup** - Elizabeth Keucke and her team have been running the Playgroup this year. It has provided a quieter environment than Mainly Music for families to socialise and have a safe play space for their children. It's not unusual for children's and youth groups to fluctuate in numbers, and to have times when they are flourishing and then drop off. This year has been worthwhile for all those who have attended the group, but as numbers decreased in the last part of the year, and Elizabeth has commitments on Monday next year, the group is finishing up. They had their last day this week gone. Well done Elizabeth in leading the group and all those who spent time in conversation, over a cuppa and playing with the kids. Our prayers go with all the families who have shared Monday's together.

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*Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday*