



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 12

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

23 August 2020

Today's readings: Is 51:1-6; Ps 138; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

All gatherings at our centres are suspended until further notice

Church, home group and craft group cannot meet at present. We are permitted to exercise outside with 1 other person - this is the way to safely have a chat instead of sitting in a cafe or home. With the limiting on gatherings overall, council are not opening services yet. We will revisit our current plan at the planned end to the state emergency in the week of 13th September.

Stage 3: No visitors, face masks/coverings and 4 Reasons for leaving home:

- to shop for food and essential goods or services
- to provide care, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
- to exercise or for outdoor recreation with your household, or one other person
- for work or study, if you can't do it from home

+ **You can leave home if there is family violence, or violence by another person in the home, and you are at risk.** If you are stopped by police, tell them you are feeling unsafe at home and they will help you. Safe accommodation and support for family violence is available. Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 or email safesteps@safesteps.org.au for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you have come into contact with the virus seek medical advice, by phoning your GP first, to get their instructions. It may be difficult to tell if you have COVID-19 or only a cold or hayfever. Please advise Sharon or Council of a positive result, as it may require us to take steps for the Parish. Information on the COVID-19 virus, the all hours hotline is 1800 020 080. We have online church options, readings sheets and news, and other material on the website.

Surfcoast Parish acknowledges the Wadawurrung community as the traditional owners of the land on which we worship. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

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 24 Aug Sharon doing Jesuit Spiritual Exercises Supervision

Tue 25 Aug Sharon's Day off

St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - CLOSED

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

Wed 26 Aug

Thu 27 Aug

Fri 28 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly) - CLOSED

Sat 29 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - CLOSED

Church Services - all closed due to COVID -19 until further notice

Weekly Wed St Luke's Torquay, 10:00am Eucharist - TBA

2nd & 4th Thurs St Aidan's Aireys Inlet, 10:30am Eucharist - TBA

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - TBA

Weekly Sun Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist - TBA

St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - TBA

Readings Pentecost 13: Ez 33:7-11; Ps 119:33-40; Rom 13:1-10; Matt 18:10-20

Regular Parish Meetings

History Group, St Luke's - 11am (mthly, 4th Wed) - next TBA

Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (Wed weekly) - next TBA , weekly email meditation guidelines see Linda Walter.

Torquay Craft Group - 1.30pm @ TBA (2nd & 4th Thurs) - next TBA

Torquay Home Group - 7:30pm @ TBA (fnightly, Thurs) - next TBA

Parish Council - 7pm at St Luke's (mthly, 4th Tues) - next 16 Sept via zoom

Star of the Sea Aged Care - Eucharist at 11am (mthly 4th Thurs) - next TBA

St Aidan's Group - 10.30am (fnightly, Thurs) - next TBA

UCA Coffee & Chat - St Aidan's 10am (mthly, 1st Fri) - next TBA, via Zoom

Maintenance Committee - 11am at St Luke's (mthly 2nd Wed) - next TBA

Parish Lunch - Jan Juc Hotel, noon (1st Tues) - next TBA

Maintenance Committee - 11am at St Luke's (mthly 2nd Wed) - next TBA

Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Partner is your main contact with the parish network to provide care and assistance. We encourage you to call your Partner if you need a visit or practical help, are feeling anxious or stressed, need a chat or are uncertain about what is happening. Sharon is also available for conversation, and can most easily be reached on her mobile or home email address.

Except for emergencies, Sharon is now not able to visit in homes. However if you are needing a chat, prayer or a visit please call and we can work out what might be possible within guidelines.

General News

August 30th Prayer Day - Next Sunday we will be sharing in an initiative of the Baptist Church in Anglesea. A combined day of prayer. I will prepare material for us to participate during our Sunday service, but we are thinking along these lines for our prayers...if you'd like to write a prayer and send it in to me I can include it.

Marriages The challenge of employment and increased time with one another can place new pressure on already strained relationships.

Children & Young Adults The disruption to the routine of school and the challenge of home-schooling. Perhaps the most impacted with the loss of casual jobs, move to online study, lost career/travel aspirations

Older adults Increasing social isolation and fear of the virus and its consequences.

Businesses Job-keeper has been an enormous help but it's imminent phasing out and the transition to "normal" will test many. Pray for the Camps in Anglesea and small businesses.

Churches For our fellowship and that we find ways to follow Jesus, share with others and thrive rather than survive.

EFT DIRECT GIVING via ADF Parish Account

Electronic giving is one way to contribute to Parish ministry regularly while keeping your privacy protected. If you would like to give this way, **take a form from the foyer or the website**, fill it in and mail it off. Laminated slips are available in the foyer for you to place in the offertory bowl, to participate physically in worship during this part of the service.

BANK GIVING during Corona Virus Isolation

If you are not able to make use of the ADF giving pathway, we encourage you to deposit your contribution to the Parish account at the Bendigo Bank, or contact Ken for some envelopes and drop giving into a Warden's home in the envelope. Any cheques must be made to Surfcoast Anglican Parish.

Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000

Surfcoast Anglican Parish
Account: 158310276

Share good books or recipes you have been enjoying, maybe you have some cuttings others might like for their garden. We can use our website and mailouts to share encouragement in our community. Carmen Koster recommends Craig Challen and Richard Harris' "Against All Odds," the inside account of the Thai cave rescue.

Birthdays - Several folk have already had some zero birthdays...Helen Reed has one coming up in September, and I'm sure there's some others coming up. If someone you know in the parish is having a significant birthday, take the time to call or send a card, or drop something at their door, perhaps drive past and toot your horn.

We were not successful for a Diocesan Crisis Support Grant of \$20 000, we will apply again in Sept and continue to be in conversation with the Bishop. Churches and businesses across Victoria are facing ongoing pressures as the months go on. Keep us in your prayers, that we might have wisdom and creativity in the use of our current resources, and vision for present and future directions. Continue to support each other, shop locally, and pray for Victoria, as you stay safe yourself.

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1800 135 246

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday