



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 14

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

06 September 2020

Today's readings: Ez 33:7-11; Ps 119:33-40; Rom 13:1-10; Matt 18:10-20

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 7 Sept Sharon doing Jesuit Spiritual Exercises Supervision

Tue 8 Sept 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 9 Sept

Thu 10 Sept

Fri 11 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 4pm (weekly) - CLOSED

Sat 12 Sept 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 15: Genesis 50:15-21; Ps 103:8-13; Rom 14:1-14; Matt 18:21-35

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

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General News

Parish APM 29 November - The Diocese has suggested parishes schedule their APM for the last Sunday in November in the hope that some may be able to gather in person, while others attend remotely. Please note this in your diary, I am collecting reports from now, and will compile the Report book as soon as I have information needed. I will shortly send out nomination forms and the updated Roll.

Update from Diocese Wed 9/9 - After the Premier's update today we will have an update from the Diocese to understand any changes that apply to us.

August 30th Prayer Day - Thanks to everyone for contributing to the day of prayer.

Birthdays - Several folk have already had some zero birthdays...Helen Reed has one coming up September. If someone you know is having a birthday, take the time to call or send a card, 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 October and continue to be in conversation with the Bishop.

We are in the process of setting up the **Op Shop for online sales**, (thanks Ken) to provide for people's needs in financial difficulty, to keep in touch with the community and to begin to create some income again from this source. If you have done any tidying up at home and have some items to donate to the shop, we are not taking donations at present, but will be in touch when this begins to occur again.

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.

Parish Council is in the process of organising building work on steps leaving the Cashin door and the doors between the hall and meeting room at St Luke's. The first was in bad condition and is stage one of the ramps project, both projects have had donations sitting in accounts. It was decided to complete these jobs in keeping with the intention of donors, and in stewardship of money already allocated. If you are interested in contributing to either of these projects contact the wardens. We are also

EFT DIRECT GIVING via ADF Parish Account

Electronic giving is one way to contribute regularly and privately to Parish ministry. 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 a 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 to return to a Warden's home or the PO Box for banking. Any cheques must be made to Surfcoast Anglican Parish. Contact the Office or a warden for bank details, please do not mail cash.

looking at quotes to update the parish signage, the office will be painted soon and we will be replacing the fence between the vicarage and the next property. The vicarage will have a change of tenancy shortly as well. Our regular Risk Assessment has been done, leaving us matters to follow up and complete annual reports. We are glad to hear after an inspection that there are no signs of active termites at Transfiguration.

Sharon has been attending fortnightly meetings with community leaders and the Shire to network and find ways to assist each other now and into the future, she is also in regular contact with the Baptist Pastor Michael in Anglesea and Rev Suzie from the UCA to pray, support each other and consider how to meet the needs we are aware of in our communities. This is in addition to Friday meetings with Bp Kate and clergy in our Episcopate, she is doing a very good job keeping our region connected and supported.

Pastoral Care

Your Pastoral Partner is your main contact for 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 available as well, and can most easily be reached on her mobile or home email address. If you are needing prayer or a visit please call and we can work out what might be possible.

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1800 135 246

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday