



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

## Advent 3

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

**13 December 2020**

*Today's readings: Is 61:1-4,8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:12-28; John 1:6-8,19-28*

### Sunday Services will resume in limited format from 13th December

Sanitise on arrival. The cleric or a COVID-safe officer must ensure everyone abides by the rules.

Indoor and outdoor services, funerals/weddings have no attendance limits other than the room limit. We can have indoor and outdoor gatherings at the same time. If there are complete electronic attendance records, the density quotient is one person for every 2sqm. If no electronic attendance record is being kept, it is 4sqm - this applies to church and other groups. If people are not 1.5m apart they must wear masks. Home based groups can meet with up to 30 people plus those hosting: bible study, craft etc

Numbers in Torquay church 30, narthex 10, meeting room 10, hall 36 half full (limited by op shop use) or 72 for full hall; Anglesea church 24, narthex 20; Aireys church 18, meeting room 12. Those distributing and receiving communion sanitise immediately before and avoid contact when serving. Surfcoast will use bread only, individual cups are permissible.

Masks for singing indoors no masks outdoors with distancing. Anyone leading or leading singing with a mask off at least 5m from others, indoors or out. No shared books. Maximum ventilation indoors. Anyone who is unwell cannot attend, people who arrive when limits have been reached will be turned away.

Collections can be taken. Anyone who has touched cash should sanitise, especially before communion. Refrain from hugging, kissing or shaking hands. No buffet or self-service of food or drink, no sharing of utensils but refreshments can be served via the window. Staff work from home, only staff in offices and if necessary and no shared use of office spaces.

We will use a **QR code for check in and tracing**. If you do not have access, a COVID officer will take written details and enter the person's first name and phone number electronically soon after the event. This requirement applies for all church groups, activities and meetings. Electronic records are kept for 28 days.

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 14 Dec*

*Tue 15 Dec Sharon's Day off*

**St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN**  
**Mainly Music, at St Luke's & Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time)**

*Wed 16 Dec Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - 2021 TBA*

*Thu 17 Dec St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA*

*Fri 18 Dec St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN*

*Sat 19 Dec St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN*

### Church Services

*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 - 13th December*  
*St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - 13th December*

*Readings Advent 4: 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Ps 89:1-4, 19-27; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

### Regular Parish Meetings

**Group Meditation - Wednesdays 11:30am @ Transfiguration - 16 Dec, 2021 TBA**

**Star of the Sea Aged Care - 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 11am Eucharist 17 Dec**

**Parish Council - 7pm @ St Luke's @ St Luke's - 27th Jan**

**Torquay Craft Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 1.30pm @ TBA - next TBA**

**Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs 7:30pm @ TBA - next TBA**

**St Aidan's Bible Study - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Thurs 10.30am @ St Aidan's - next TBA**

**UCA Coffee & Chat - 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 10am @ St Aidan's - next TBA**

**Maintenance Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA**

**Parish Lunch - 1<sup>st</sup> Tues Noon @ Jan Juc Hotel - next TBA**

**History Group - 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA**

**Maintenance Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA**

### *Torquay Service and Cleaning Rosters*

*We are refreshing the rosters to have them ready for February. If you'd like to join one of the teams contact Barbara Bell. Teams: welcoming, reading, prayers, slideshow, morning tea, brass, hall/bathroom/kitchen or church/office cleaning and flowers.*

### Christmas Services

<b>Thursday 24th</b>	5:00pm Carols + Eucharist, St Aidan's Aireys Inlet (Fr Barry) 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas, St Luke's Torquay (Ps Sharon)
<b>Friday 25th</b>	9:00am Carols + Eucharist, St Luke's Torquay (Fr Irwin) 9:00am Carols + Eucharist, Transfiguration Anglesea (Ps Sharon)
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	9:00am Open for Quiet Prayer, St Aidan's Aireys Inlet (Sharon) 9:00am Open for Quiet Prayer, Transfiguration Anglesea (Linda) 10:30am Open for Quiet Prayer, St Luke's Torquay (Terry)

A Christmas planning team met following the APM while Ps Sharon was on leave, (Linda, Ken, Roger, Margaret, Barbara, Terry, Rosemary, Peggy and Jane. Olivier and Carmen could not attend). Using the frameworks provided by Sharon they discussed aspects of Christmas services. Their meeting was a congenial, productive hour of talking and listening to one another, freely sharing disappointments, concerns and hopes. They canvassed different variations and possibilities. In the end they were surprised and gratified to discover there was unanimous agreement on many things, and the good suggestions they offered form the basis for the services this year, Ps Sharon and Council provided additions and adjustments based on further ideas, updates and practicalities. Thanks to all who participated, the collaboration results are above. Notices will go up on doors, online and around town this week.

**One Big Table Community Christmas Lunch** - 11am for 11:30am @ St Therese School Hall, 50 Grossmans Rd, Torquay. We are sponsoring this initiative from several Surf Coast Community Groups. It aims to bring people together to celebrate our diverse community, create a welcoming and safe space where we can share a moment and eat together, showing understanding and respect for our differences. Lunch pack provided, All Surf Coast residents are welcome. RSVP required at [www.onebigtable.com.au](http://www.onebigtable.com.au)

#### **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**

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. Any cheques must be made to Surfcoast Anglican Parish. Contact the Office or a warden for bank details, please do not mail cash.

## Safety From Violence and Abuse

If you are at risk of family violence, or abuse by another person in your home, safe accommodation and support is available. Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 or email [safesteps@safesteps.org.au](mailto:safesteps@safesteps.org.au) for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or look on their website to find support.

## General News

**Parish Fete Postponed** - Council have decided to postpone the Fete until Easter Saturday. This may put us past current restrictions, and give us the chance to test a different time of year that still has plenty of visitors.

**Building at St Luke's** - construction of the meeting room doors and Cashin steps is finished, painting and landscaping is still to be completed.

**Other Council discussion** - COVID updates; Christmas services; Op Shop good sales; forward planning; the other meeting room doors may be considered at a later date; ongoing clearances required for volunteers as the Diocese process moves ahead; Treasurer John Born and Minutes Secretary Helen Clement appointed and APM paperwork to be sent to the Diocese. No financials at this meeting. Minutes will be on noticeboards in centres as soon as they are ready.

## Complaints

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