



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Advent 4

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

20 December 2020

Today's readings: 2 Sam 7:1-11,16; Ps 89:1-4,19-27; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea in limited format

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

Indoor and outdoor services, funerals/weddings have a 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 - this will include Christmas services.

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 21 Dec

Tue 22 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 23 Dec Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 24 Dec St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA

Fri 25 Dec St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - CLOSED

Sat 26 Dec St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - CLOSED

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 Christmas 1: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Regular Parish Meetings

Star of the Sea Aged Care - 4th Thurs 11am Eucharist - Next 17 Jan 28

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

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

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

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

UCA Coffee & Chat - 1st Fri 10am @ St Aidan's - next TBA

Maintenance Committee - 2nd Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA

Parish Lunch - 1st Tues Noon @ Jan Juc Hotel - next TBA

History Group - 4th Wed 11am @ St Luke's - next TBA

Maintenance Committee - 2nd 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 flower rosters available.

Christmas Services

Thursday 24th	5:00pm Carols + Eucharist, St Aidan's Aireys Inlet (Fr Barry) 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas, St Luke's Torquay (Ps Sharon)
Friday 25th	9:30am UCA Service outdoors at Aireys Inlet (Rev'd Suzie) 9:00am Carols + Eucharist, St Luke's Torquay (Fr Irwin) 9:00am Carols + Eucharist, Transfiguration Anglesea (Ps Sharon)
Sunday 27th	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 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 productive hour of talking and listening to one another, sharing disappointments, concerns and hopes. They canvassed different possibilities. In the end they were gratified to discover there was unanimous agreement on many things, and the good suggestions they offered are the basis for the services, Ps Sharon and Council provided additions and adjustments based on further ideas, updates and practicalities. Thanks to all who participated. 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

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 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.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday