



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Epiphany

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

03 January 2021

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7,10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

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. Masks must be worn for all services and meetings in halls and homes. Anyone who is unwell or who has been in a current hot zone cannot attend.

Indoor services, funerals/weddings have a room limit. We can have indoor and outdoor gatherings at the same time. For both If there are 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. Home based groups can meet with up to 15 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.

Collections can be taken. Anyone who has touched cash should sanitise, especially before communion. Refrain from hugging, kissing or shaking hands. Tea & coffee can be served via the window. No shared books. Maximum ventilation indoors, people who arrive when limits have been reached will be turned away as we are not currently booking for services.

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 so that we can have 2sqm**. 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 4 Jan

Tue 5 Jan 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 6 Jan Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 7 Jan St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA

Fri 8 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - CLOSED

Sat 9 Jan 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 - Open
St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - Open

Readings Baptism of our Lord: Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mk 1:4-11

Regular Parish Meetings

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

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.

General News

Thank you to all who led and assisted with and attended our Christmas services. Your support was much appreciated.

Changes with COVID - It is unfortunate that we have had another rise in cases of COVID in Victoria, and I am sure this will cause everyone some anxiety and frustration. I expect we will all be a little unsure of having visitors in our area in large numbers at this time as well.

Let us support each other as we are able, limit our interactions as we are feeling anxious and keep up our good hygiene practices. Some of those in our area will have come for a much needed rest after their lockdown, we can extend kindness as we are able, while we remain careful.

We understand that you might choose not to come to church during the holiday season, and with new cases emerging. If you would like a visit from Sharon at any time, for prayer or communion, please make contact on her mobile phone, the office phone is checked for messages weekly. She is able to do small amounts of home visiting for those in need as long as they are not showing signs of the virus, are awaiting test results or have tested positive.

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.

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.

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Or “Confidential” to the Director of Professional Standards

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday