



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Transfiguration

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

14 February 2021

Today's readings: 2Kings 2 1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 1 Cor 4:3-12; Mark 9:2-9

No Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea today

COVID updates - Masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors, we are back on Stage 4 lockdown until Wednesday, inclusive of Wednesday.

Only leaving home for 4 reasons: essential shopping and medical supplies, caregiving, essential work and education, exercise for 2 hours per day with 1 person from your household.

You can also leave home if you are leaving an unsafe or violent situation.

We must remain within 5km of home.

Do take time to call others and check in on friends by phone.

No church or home based groups can meet. No hall groups and no services, including Ash Wednesday. Funerals 10 people, weddings postponed.

Synod was due to have a session on Friday in the Cathedral, this has been postponed.

The Diocese will give us further updates next week, and I will pass these on. It is the speed of spread of this variant of the virus that is the concern at present. Pray these measures enable health authorities to contain the spread and provide care for those who need it.

If you are unwell and showing symptoms of COVID, which are like symptoms of a cold, get tested and isolate while waiting for the results. Results are returned very quickly now, often in 24hours.

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 15 Feb Sharon's Day off

Tue 16 Feb St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - 16 Feb

Wed 17 Feb Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - TBA
Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time)

Thu 18 Feb St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA
Torquay Craft Group - 2nd & 4th 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home

Fri 19 Feb St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 20 Feb 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, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen or music - 7 Mar
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 7 Mar

Weekly Sun Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist - Open
St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - Open

Readings Lent 1: Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10; 1Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Regular Parish Meetings

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 24 Feb

Sharon @ Shire Trqy/Bell/JJuc Community Action - monthly 1:30-3pm - 24 Feb

Torquay Craft Group - 2nd & 4th Thurs 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home - 25 Feb

Star of the Sea Aged Care - 4th Thurs 11am Eucharist - Next 25 Feb

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 11am @ St Luke's - 4 Mar

Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs 7:30pm @ TBA - next 18 Feb Bring & Share
Dinner 38 Ocean View Cres Torquay 6:30pm. Next 25 Feb Lent Study

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

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

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

General News

Ash Wednesday 17th February - No services.

Lent Study - at Torquay Home Group starts Thursday 25th Feb and Anglesea Church Group starts Thursday 18th Feb 10am if there is interest - contact Sharon if you want to join at Anglesea. Pending COVID updates.

Ringing the Bells for Climate Change - On the 11th March at noon we rang our church bells with other places of worship around the world to use religious sound to call for climate justice, as we try to get our economies going in the wake of COVID. If you are interested in climate change action contact Ken who is our link the our Anglican region for other activities we may participate in.

Home Communion - At present I am compiling a list of folk who cannot or are choosing not to gather for church in our buildings due to health, stress, COVID factors, transport limitations, or any other reason, but who are still a part of our Parish community. I already have a list of 38+ people who I will contact to check if this is something they would like to receive, but I want to make sure I haven't missed anyone. It is not yet clear exactly how we will organise this service to those at home, but we will work out what we are able to do on a regular basis. It may only be needed while someone is convalescing or until they are confident to attend church again, and I am happy to have people on the list temporarily. Please contact me to let me know if you or someone you know would like to be included on the list.

Kay's Fashions - Kay's Classic Fashion will have the annual Fashion Parade again the year at St Luke's Hall on Thursday 11th March. About 30 outfits will be displayed and available for sale in various sizes. The Parade is from 1:30–4:00pm. Please bring your face mask in case it is required indoors. Models need to arrive at 12:30pm, please speak to Barbara if you are interested in being a model.

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.

Casuarina Community Leadership Program - Between 20 Feb - 5 June, Sharon and 27 other local leaders will participate in this program run in conjunction with the Shire. The program will give the participants the opportunity to:

- Progress a change they want to make in their community
- Learn more about leadership and working with others in their community
- Meet others across the Surf Coast aiming to make change in their community
- Get experience working with local government and
- Build our knowledge and understanding of First Nations culture

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday