



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

# Transfiguration

## Surfcoast Anglican Parish

**21 February 2021**

*Today's readings: Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10; 1Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*

**Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea**

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

Church services can resume face to face with the 2sqm rule where electronic booking or QR codes are operating. Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors, apart from the one person leading/singing at that time.

Public gatherings are limited to 20 people but this does not apply to community groups, church meetings or religious services. Church and the op shop are back to the density quotient as above rather than a limit of 20 and op shop is like retail. However, such groups must be on church property and not in public places.

Weddings and funerals can occur as previously under the same density rules for church services.

Only 5 visitors can be at a private home, inside or out, which relates to craft group and home group.

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.

More updates on 26 Feb.

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 22 Feb Sharon's Day off*

*Tue 23 Feb St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open*  
*Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA*

*Wed 24 Feb Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - TBA*  
*Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA*  
*Parish Council 7pm @ St Luke's or zoom depending on limits*

*Thu 25 Feb St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA*  
*Star of the Sea Aged Care 11am Eucharist TBA*  
*Torquay Craft Group 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home (limit 5)*  
*Torquay Home Group 7:30pm @ Clement's*

*Fri 26 Feb St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open*

*Sat 27 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 2: Gen 17:1-7,15-16; Ps 22:24-32; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*

## Regular Parish Meetings

**Parish Council - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 24 Mar**

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

**Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs 7:30pm @ Clement's - 25 Feb Lent Study**

**Torquay Craft Group - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home - 11 & 25 Mar**

**Star of the Sea Aged Care - 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 11am Eucharist - Next 25 Feb**

**Maintenance Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 11am @ St Luke's - 4 Mar**

**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**

**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**

## General News

**Lent Study** - at Torquay Home Group starts Thursday 25th Feb at 38 Ocean View Cres Torquay and Anglesea Church Group will start Thursday 25th Feb 10am if there is interest - contact Sharon if you want to join at Anglesea. Pending COVID updates.

**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. 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.

**Wednesday Service** - This service has been a greatly valued gathering by myself and those who attend, for its simplicity and fellowship, and the opportunity to receive Eucharist midweek. Unfortunately we will not be resuming the service at the moment or in the foreseeable future. There are a number of reasons for my decision which I have shared with Council and I am happy to discuss personally. They centre on being thoughtful about how and what we put back in place as we resume church, consideration of new things which have arisen, and the pressing needs of our community. After I compiled the list of 38+ needing regular home communion/visits, my mind and heart were sure that we could not meet this large need and provide a Wednesday service as well. I share your disappointment in this change, but trust you understand that there are important ministry and needs we will be attending to in its absence.

**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](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.

**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*