



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Lent 2

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

28 February 2021

Today's readings: Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:24-32; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea

COVID updates - Masks are not required indoors but the Diocese recommends wearing masks during singing and for those serving communion.

Church services and the op shop operate with the 2sqm rule where with QR codes are operating. Masks must be worn indoors apart from the one person leading/singing at that time with further distance from the congregation.

Public gatherings are limited to 100 people but this does not apply to community groups, church meetings or religious services.

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

30 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.

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 1 Mar* Sharon's Day off
- Tue 2 Mar* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA
- Wed 3 Mar* Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11:30am (weekly) - via email
Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
- Thu 4 Mar* St Aidan's Meetings 10:30am weekly - TBA
Torquay Home Group - 7:30pm @ Clement's weekly Lent Study
- Fri 5 Mar* St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
- Sat 6 Mar* 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 3: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1Cor 1:18-22; John 2:13-22

Regular Parish Meetings

- Parish Council** - 4th 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 - Lent Study
- Torquay Craft Group** - 2nd & 4th Thurs 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home - 11 & 25 Mar
- Star of the Sea Aged Care** - 4th Thurs 11am Eucharist - Next 25 Feb
- Maintenance Committee** - 1st Thursday 11am @ St Luke's - 1 Apr
- 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

World Day of Prayer 5 March - To be held at Torquay Christian Fellowship 1-3pm.

Parish Fete - Easter Saturday will be the day of our Parish Fete. If you are planning on making anything or volunteering on the day please put this in your diary. We will not be running morning tea but we envisage the rest of the day will run as usual with op shop, stalls and sausage sizzle. Contact Alan Anderson if you are involved in a stall.

Lent Study - at Torquay Home Group starts Thursday 25th Feb at 38 Ocean View Cres Torquay. Pending COVID updates. No group at Anglesea, some are attending the UCA study starting 4/3 at St Aidan's.

Home Communion - At present I am visiting folk who cannot or are choosing not to gather for church due to health, stress, COVID factors, transport limitations, or any other reason, but who are still a part of our Parish community. I have a list of people who may wish to receive this regularly. It is not yet clear exactly how we will organise this but we will arrange a way forward.

Kay's Fashions - Kay's Classic Fashion will have the annual Fashion Parade at St Luke's Hall on Thursday 11th March. \$10 donation with afternoon tea available. 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. Models need to arrive at 12:30pm, please speak to Barbara or Peggy if you are interested in being a model or for tickets.

Casuarina Community Leadership Program - Until 5 June, Sharon and 27 other local leaders are participate in this program run in conjunction with the Shire teaching about First Nations and community based leadership, and getting assistance working on projects in our area.

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.

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.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday