



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Easter 5

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

2 May 2021

Today's readings: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:26-32; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea

The Gospels present the authentic Jesus, giving us a benchmark against which we can check the teaching we come across. Saying 'I am a Christian' is not enough evidence of authenticity... True believers confess the genuine Jesus who came in the flesh and also love their brothers and sisters in tangible ways. They behave like Jesus, following his ways across their lives in their church and in the wider community (1 John 4:2,21). In addition, believers shouldn't accept what someone says just because it sounds spiritual, it might not belong to Jesus. John is encouraging believers to be active in their faith as they hear teaching, to ask questions, clarify things, and read Scripture for themselves to see what stands up to its test. As a priest I need to hold my words and actions against the same benchmarks, testing to see if they are compatible with the Word of God, with the God of love, and the teaching of the real Jesus.

Spiritual experience is real and helpful in our lives, and we benefit from the teaching of others. However, spirituality and teaching should be tested against a benchmark to determine its source, checking if it is in keeping with Scripture, and resonates with the person of Jesus you have met and converse with regularly. Not everything that glitters is gold. We are assured of the Holy Spirit's ministry to assist us in this process, convicting us of error and guiding us in the way of Jesus (John 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 Corinthians 12:3). Remember, if you don't know the genuine article, you will not be able to pick the counterfeit. If you never read the Scriptures yourself, if you never speak to God, how will you be able to gauge what others say to you about God? Let us spend time with the Good Shepherd so we recognise his voice and follow in his ways of love. Let us abide in the true vine and bear the fruit of obedience in our lives.

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 3 May Sharon's Day off*
- Tue 4 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA*
- Wed 5 May Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - Open
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly)*
- Thu 6 May St Aidan's Meetings, 10:30am weekly - in Recess
Maintenance Committee - 11am @ St Luke's*
- Fri 7 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open*
- Sat 8 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open*

Church Services

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 - 2 May
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 2 May*

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

Easter 6: Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 4:1-21; John 5:1-12

Regular Parish Meetings

Sharon @ Shire Trqy/Bell/JJuc Community Action - fortnightly Monday 1:30-3pm

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 26 May

Torquay Home Group - fortnightly Thurs 7:30pm @ Clement's - Next TBA

Torquay Craft Group - 2nd & 4th Thurs 1.30pm @ Peggy Forbes Home - 13 & 27 May

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 11am @ St Luke's - 3 June

Star of the Sea Aged Care - 4th Friday 11am Eucharist - 28 May

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

Parish Council - Council will wait to appoint a replacement warden for Roger when he becomes resigns as warden to be Op Shop Coordinator, election will occur as usual at the APM in Oct/Nov. New financials and the previous minutes are on display in foyers.

Torquay Food Aid - Many are concerned that the demand for our assistance services will be even more important and valued by our local community. Here's some requests for donations to Food Aid: **May** - Milo & Nescafe Coffee; **June** - Washing Detergent/ Powder & Dishwashing tablets. And other non perishables.

Fete - this year's fete was a great success, even with a different date and no morning tea. The funds raised will go toward the Ramp Project. We are conscious that while Easter Saturday was a busy day to trade, and successful, it was challenging to incorporate with Holy Week and associated family time. Council would appreciate your thoughts on whether to consider the non-Holy Week of the same school holidays for next year or to revert to January, or another idea you have thought of. Please give your feedback to council by email or in persons so we can finalise a date for next year.

St Luke's 75th Anniversary - The anniversary of moving the current St Luke's church building to the Torquay site occurs on the first Sunday in August 2022, when regular services began after the building arrived in 1947. I would like to gather a group who will think, collaborate and plan how we will celebrate - either a few events across the year or one in August. Please get in contact with Sharon or a Council member if you are interested.

The current building for St Aidan's held it's rededication in March and consecration in May 1986 and the current Transfiguration building had its first service in February 1957.

High Tea - Sunday 8 May 2.30pm at Oak Tree Place 25 Anderson St Torquay. Tickets \$12.50 or \$125 with sparkling wine. Lucky door prize, music. Proceeds to Uniting Church family ministry & kitchen ministry. Tricia Genat 0419 340 056.

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.

COVID updates - No masks required the Diocese recommends wearing masks for those serving communion. If we have a week between services and do not share our books we are now allowed to use them. Church services and the op shop are operating with the 2sqm rule where with QR codes. If you don't sign in with the QR code we need to do 4sqm.

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.

Complaints

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday