



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Easter 6

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

9 May 2021

Today's readings: Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5; John 15:9-17

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea

Jesus instructions are about our horizontal relationships: love one another and bear fruit.

Fruitfulness here is about relationships characterised by love. Jesus has shown us how to love each other, especially in his servant leadership and selflessness at Easter, but in many others ways across his life. As his followers, as we make decisions, give advice, take the lead, receive direction, and use our skills and insights, everything must always be done in the context of the relationships around us. We interact first in response to Jesus, then with consideration for the other people we are working with, and for whom we have responsibility. The way we lead and interact as a community draws on the way of the Spirit: filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. It draws from the example of Jesus, the one who served and cared for those he lived amongst.

The disciples were a mixed bunch of un-exceptional folk, he raised their status and their sense of self worth, he told them they were his friends, children of the Father, not servants nor slaves. We too are a mixed bunch, but we consider ourselves equals, equally human, equally problematic, equally forgiven, equally loved. When we respect each other, it shows we love like Jesus loved us. Jesus lets his friends in on his work, and commissions them to share what they have learnt from him with others.

"I am giving you these commands SO THAT you may love each other." He intends the commands to be more than instructions. They are meant to motivate and empower, reminding us of his love for us. "I am giving you these commands so that you MAY love each other." He invites us forward.

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 10 May Sharon's Day off

Tue 11 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 12 May Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - Open
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly)

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

Fri 14 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 15 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 1:15-17,21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:16-19

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 - 27 May

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 10am @ 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 - *in Recess*

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 - 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 9 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.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday