



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Easter 7

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

16 May 2021

Today's readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

Sunday Services are now at Torquay and Anglesea

In John's Gospel we are listening to some of the last prayers of Jesus. These beautiful, comforting words are heartfelt words of love. Words directed in trust and confidence to the Father, regarding Jesus' disciples whom he loves deeply as friends and followers, and who represent all who will hear his call across the ages.

Jesus presents an account of his own obedient service. In this passage there are a few aspects to this service. It involved making God's character known by representing the Father on the earth, acting in accordance with his Father's wishes, and teaching people the message he had been entrusted with - a message of salvation, transformation and a future. His message was spoken and displayed in actions.

Second, Jesus carried through the desires of God by nurturing and protecting the disciples as they slowly came to understand that he was who he claimed to be: the Son of God, the giver of life, the Prince of Peace, Immanuel - God with us. Jesus carried his work out until his death in order that he might bring God's wandering and estranged children home, by defeating their enemies and transferring to them inheritance rights of family: eternal life, a new heaven and a new earth.

Finally Jesus gives evidence to his Father regarding the disciples. He has witnessed their response to him. The disciples have believed the words spoken to them, and they have held fast to it, acted on it and let it change them. As faltering as they were, Jesus tells us that he was honoured by their belief and trust. It hasn't been easy for the disciples to follow him, and it would remain challenging, so he requests the Father protect them and make them one, in light of his imminent departure. Next week we celebrate the arrival of his Spirit, who was sent to accompany the first disciples and us.

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 17 May Sharon's Day off

*Tue 18 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA*

*Wed 19 May Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - Open
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly)*

Thu 20 May

Fri 21 May St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 22 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*

Pentecost: Ezekiel 37.1-14 ; Ps 104.26-36; Acts2:1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-1

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 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.

Leave & Pentecost Sunday - Sharon is on leave between 20-25th May, Fr Irwin will take the service for Pentecost at Anglesea and Torquay. Any concerns about parish matters can be directed to the wardens during this time.

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 its rededication in March and consecration in May 1986 and the current Transfiguration building had its first service in February 1957.

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. **From Friday May 28th** as our building is under 400sqm and can have a normal attendance up to 200, the distancing and sqm rules will not longer apply.

We must be using the QR code to sign in, only if your phone does not allow this or you have no phone, sign in the book. A COVID officer is required to stand at the door to ensure this happens. The govt is monitoring compliance to this.

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