



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 13

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

22 August 2021

Today's readings: Josh 24:1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34.15-22; Ephesians 6:1-10 ;6: John6:56-59

Prayer for Afghanistan

Pray for the small group of believers in the country who are fearful and are uncertain who to trust. Pray that they find strength, wisdom, and supernatural peace in God's promises.

Pray for the displaced. As a wave of refugees are expected. Pray for God's protection and provision over them in their journeys. Pray for just dealings for them, processes with compassion and kindness.

Pray for the protection of women. Many fear that they they will be stripped of opportunities for education and freedom. Women involved in education or activism during recent years could be at risk.

Pray for the sick. Underreported Covid cases are spiking and hospitals have limited facilities. Pray that the health system will not collapse.

Pray for peace. Pray for hope. (Open Doors)

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We pray peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to needs. We pray for those who have served in this nations in recent years, give their hearts comfort as well. In Jesus' name, the peace-giver, we pray, Amen. (Church of Scotland)

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 23 Aug Sharon's Day off

Tue 24 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA

Wed 25 Aug Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA
Parish Council, 7pm @ St Luke's

Thu 26 Aug

Fri 27 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 28 Aug St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 5 September
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 5 September

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

Pentecost 14: Deut 4:1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27 ;6: Mark 7:1-8,14-23

Regular Parish Meetings

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

Sharon @ Shire Anglesea Community Action - 2nd Wednesday 2pm

Sharon @ Shire Community Leaders Community of Practice -

Sharon @ Anglesea Affordable Housing Group - Mondays 3pm

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 22 Sept via zoom

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

Torquay Craft Group - 2nd & 4th Thurs 1.30pm @ contact Peggy/Barbara - TBA

Maintenance Committee - 1st Thursday 10am @ St Luke's - 2 Sept

Parish Lunch - 1st Tues Noon @ Jan Juc Hotel - in recess

General News

Parish Lunch and Book Launch - Thank you to everyone who attended the day, and to those who supported us in your messages and prayers. We were all grateful to be able to gather. Thanks to the ladies from the craft group who collated the photos and display, this will stay at Torquay for this week and go to Anglesea next week. Thanks to the COVID marshals who helped us get organised at both venues, and those who set and packed up the rooms. Thanks to the morning tea ladies, and those who participated in the service. And to Ken who glued the service together for us from the projector into the other rooms. We had much more consistency with the video this time, having rewired the system at St Luke's, we know there are still frustrating problems with the microphone especially in the outer rooms. We have not resolved it, please be patient as we try different solutions.

St Aidan's Aireys Inlet - We have reached a point of change for St Aidan's, though it has been approaching and we have been speaking with each other about it for some time. Since COVID we have not been able to gather except for Christmas lunch. We continue to visit and stay in touch with each other in various ways.

We are ending our use of the building as a gathering place, and enabling our remaining elders to release the future of St Aidan's to the Lord, while continuing to be committed to each other for the rest of their journeys in Aireys and beyond. We are not closing the building, nor ending the Anglican community of St Aidan's @ Home.

It is always important to finish well. **We will have a final gathering but have postponed the date for the time being due to allow all of us to participate.** The Thanksgiving Eucharist for a Time of Ending and a meal will help us mark the ending of our worshipping life and to pray God's blessing on us all into the future. We are grateful for the abundance of God to and through those who have shared in Aireys Inlet Anglican life over the years. The Uniting and Catholic Churches continue to hold services each week. The Lord holds the future in his hands, as he always has.

Organ Recital Tom Healy - U3A recital will be held again at St Luke's, Tuesday 14/9 at 2pm COVID permitting.

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, Help to Change

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.
OR call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or look on their website to find support
For counselling for men who have anger, relationship or parenting issues call the Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491

COVID updates - Lockdown again until at least Sept 2. 5 km limit. 5 reasons to leave home, or for fleeing violence.

No meetings or groups can meet in private homes or church facilities. Op shops same as church rules. Funerals 10 limit. No weddings except for end of life situations.

If you are showing symptoms of COVID, get tested and isolate while waiting for results.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday