



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 18

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

26 September 2021

Today's readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:12-20; Mark 9:38-50

No in-person church or online church this Sunday

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring -
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.
What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. - Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

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 27 Sept Sharon's Day off

*Tue 28 Sept St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - TBA
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - TBA*

*Wed 29 Sept Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - TBA
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA*

Thu 30 Sept

Fri 1 Oct St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - TBA

Sat 2 Oct St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - TBA

Church Services

*1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 3 October
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 3 October*

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

Pentecost 19: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Heb 1:1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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 @ HousingChallenge3230 - Mondays 2pm

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - monthly/as needed

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - 27 Oct

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 - TBA

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

General News

Leave - Sharon and Ben have been in home quarantine 15-29 September. Their first COVID tests were negative but Sharon has been unwell with a cold. A second test on 29th is needed before they can finish quarantine. Sharon is contactable via email or phone if it is urgent. Otherwise contact Ken Farrow or Margaret Vise as wardens. Sharon will reschedule her leave, and is on sick/pandemic leave at present.

NCLS - This year we will participate in October/November, aligning with the National Census on August 10. More info will follow.

Transfiguration - Over the last year Sharon has spent time researching, thinking and praying about a way forward for Transfiguration as a congregation and as a part of the community in Anglesea. Transfiguration will have opportunity to discuss the recent letter sent to them, when Sharon stays after church on 3 October. We also hope to have a lunch on Wednesday 6th, COVID permitting, to have further conversation. At the moment we are suggesting we meet at Transfiguration and bring our own lunch. Details to be confirmed when we understand if lockdown is ending. See Margaret Vise.

Parish Council 2022 - We are moving toward the AGM/APM. The present Council have discussed options of having 6 rather than 9 on Council in 2022. An outline of two options will be sent out shortly, and at the Annual Meeting we vote to decide on it.

Council meeting: discussed the above. Discussion around how to manage services in the Roadmap proposed by the Govt - whether we have mixed vaccination gatherings or variations, how we manage this across the parish with our resources and how we cater for those who are not vaccinated for any reason. No decision has been made, we will gather feedback from the Parish soon. Finances - Surplus at 31 August is \$17,605 (better than budget by \$6,961), it is difficult to assess how the months leading up to Christmas will go. Progress on ramps plans is occurring. Norma's book should be at the printer's next week. Please email Sharon if you still need to indicate you want a copy - \$35 each. Aside from Lockdown, minutes and financials are posted on noticeboards.

Wiser Driver Program - This refresher course for drivers is designed to upgrade knowledge and build on experience to help you keep driving safely. It is being offered in November in Torquay over 4 sessions. Call Rose Salvo, Age Friendly Officer, Surf Coast Shire Council on 5261 0600 or rslavo@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Clearance for Service - those who have been asked to do a Clearance for Service, please send your Clearance Certificate to Sharon when you receive it, as well as a PDF of your online training for our records.

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

Current Restrictions - Mask wearing inside and outside. No face to face gatherings, including Op Shop. Funerals limit of 10. Urgent pastoral visiting permitted. Mail and security checks can be done. A work permit from the Bishop is required for those attending premises for clergy recording services or visiting, or for a person doing lawns/gardens.

COVID Roadmap stages - Details for church to be confirmed, we need to decide whether we have mixed services of lower numbers, and/or vaccinated only services of larger numbers, and how this affects the Shop etc.

If you are showing symptoms of COVID, get tested and isolate while waiting for results. Please get vaccinated if you have not already.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday