



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Pentecost 22

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

24 October 2021

Today's readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Heb 7.21-28; Mark 1 10.46-52

Church in person Sunday at Anglesea 9am and Torquay 10:30 - Open to All

Wednesday service Torquay 10:30am - vaccination certificate to be shown

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Little children, let us love, not only in word or speech, but in truth and
action. **1 John 3:18**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy...

You are the salt of the earth. If salt loses its saltiness, it is no good for anything....

You are the light of the world...people don't put a light under a bowl, they put it on
its stand, and it gives light to everyone...let your light shine before others, that
they may see your good and glorify your heavenly Father. **Matthew 5:6-7,13-16**

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 25 Oct Sharon's Day off

Tue 26 Oct St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - Nov

Wed 27 Oct Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - Nov
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA

Thu 28 Oct

Fri 29 Oct St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Sat 30 Oct St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - 7 November
St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - 7 November

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

Pentecost 20: Wisdom of Sol 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Rev 21:16a: John 11:32-44

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

Current Restrictions - Our main services are mixed services of lower numbers (20).

Wednesday vaccinated only (30) at Torquay. Booking on Sunday at Torquay not for Anglesea, extras to 20 will be turned away. No booking Wednesday.

Mask wearing inside and outside other than the leader. Digital Check in. Hall meetings max 20 people and 4sqm rule. Funerals 20, weddings 10. Morning teas can be served and people must be seated. Home groups 10. Op Shop 4sqm rule and no vacc check for customers.

We are planning for Christmas to be affected by some of these requirements.

General News

Vaccinated/Unvaccinated/Mixed Services - The Roadmap has put us in the position of managing activities in light of one's vaccination status and spot checks have occurred in Geelong. I (Sharon) have taken our Council's input which was split between 2 alternatives for Torquay. After much consideration I have decided our main services will be OPEN TO ALL.

On Sunday at both centres this means we continue with our current pattern. 20 max, check in but no-one will be asked about vaccination. Wednesday 10:30 at Torquay the service will start for vaccinated ONLY, this gathering may suit those concerned about mixed gathering for any reason, you will need to show your certificate of vaccination.

This way we show a lack of discrimination regarding vaccination, we act with hospitality AT OUR MAIN SERVICE - it may be that no one who is unvaccinated attends but we put our selves in a position of welcome anyway. It is a statement with strong theological grounds. And those who are vaccinated have 2 alternatives to gather.

Remember only a few months ago none of us were vaccinated, and recently only some of us were, but we gathered together when lockdowns did not prevent us without discriminating. Now most of us have lowered the risk for ourselves, we can continue as we started, taking precautions as usual and gathering together. Regulars can therefore meet at either service, or both, as they feel comfortable.

I believe this is an opportunity to put into action the instructions of Jesus, to take up his invitation to live as his disciples. A letter is available on the notice board outlining my reasons, I am happy to discuss this. I know some will disagree with me, which includes half of Council. I feel compelled to take this path.

In addition I want to emphasise the importance of individual responsibilities each week:

- Show respect and courtesy to the door person who checks numbers etc.
- CHECK IN digitally every time you attend the shop, hall or church.
- On Sunday at Torquay, you MUST BOOK IN. Call Roger or John Born during the week. Once the 20 limit is reached folk will be turned away. No exceptions from now on.
- If you are turned away, do not take offence, this is what we have to do.
- At the Wednesday Service you must show your Vaccination certificate.

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

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 the two options has been sent, and at the Annual Meeting we vote to decide what to do.

14th November Combined service 10:00am at St Lukes then APM/AGM.

Reports: can all those who need to submit reports to me for the APM please get them to me as soon as they can. I expect we will hold the APM in a combination form - in person at Torquay so we can use the camera and online for those who cannot attend.

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.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday