



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Christ the King

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

21 November 2021

Today's readings: Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 132:1-12; Rev 1:4b-8: John 18:33-37

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

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

As fear covers hearts, a dread so worrisome it even stops hopes and dreams, fantasies. Leaving only alarm and anxiety to colour the thoughts In darkest black, shadowed by gray Images brought to life on storms of suffering, angst.

There comes the assurance that even in these perilous times when sorrow and heartache bind plans and silence inspirations There is One who never changes. The God I speak of is forever alive, a constant light, a source of insight. The guide of my life and the answer to strife. He makes a way where no way can be seen. He glows bright through the darkness where only those who believe can see. The God I pray to, the God who I praise, He assures me that everything will be fine. He fills my heart with faith and belief He assures me that I'm worth it, even when I don't feel like I am, He knows I need His love And He is generous with hope.

Unlike myself, this God I speak of is perfect and I can see He is the answer to my every need He colours my darkest thoughts In light that lifts my heart. Frees me from the dread and grief Awakens the joy inside of me. Even in these fearful times He assures me that love can be mine! Pandemic or not -

He brings peace of mind

Regina McIntosh

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 22 Nov Sharon's Day off

*Tue 23 Nov St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open To All
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - 2022*

*Wed 24 Nov Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - 2022
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - TBA*

Thu 25 Nov

Fri 26 Nov St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open To All

Sat 27 Nov St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - Open To All

Church Services

1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen Open to All

- 7 Nov

St Luke's Torquay, 6pm Taizé Service - Not Nov Dec 5

Weekly Wed St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - vaccinated, cert needed

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

Advent 1: Jere 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Mal 3:1-4; Luke 21:25-38

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 as needed

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - monthly/as needed

Parish Council - 4th Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - Nov 24...TBA

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 - All volunteers are fully vaccinated.

For an open to all church service, wedding or funeral the limit is 50 people. Masks must be worn (other than by the one person leading/singing/preaching), and the 4sqm rule remains. The limit of 50 does not include those necessary for conducting a funeral, or the wedding couple, celebrant and one photographer at a wedding.

Any groups or meetings in church facilities are for vaccinated people only. The exception is for a group or meeting for religious activity of people of an unknown status. The limit is 50 people, including the leader, and the 4sqm rule applies. This works favourably for both Anglesea and Torquay.

Fully Vaccinated services can have morning tea. No distancing requirements or room limits. So at present no morning tea for our main services.
Mainly Music is still waiting until next year...but with kids under 12 counting as vaccinated, masks and limits larger at this point...it's looking good for having it start up new year.
Op Shop has unfortunately changed to align with all other retailers ... customers now have to be fully vaccinated.
When I am back from leave I will look over all our services as we look toward Christmas services. At present I cannot think about changes and updates.

General News

APM - the APM voted to move to a Parish Council of 6 (3 warden and 3 councillors). We are awaiting approval from the Registrar, and we have allowed all our nominees for the positions to look over the position descriptions of each role to decide if they will stand for either, or prefer to serve on a committee, or in future years. We need 2 Wardens and 2 Councillors from parish nominations, then Sharon appoints 1 of each. Of this we need 1 councillor to be a Treasurer, and one warden or councillor can be the minute secretary.

We are also awaiting the audited financials. When we receive these, and the nominees decisions, we will gather on a Sunday to ratify the vote and financials and close our APM for 2021. The Sunday will be announced as soon as we are able, we will need at least 17 electoral members to be in attendance.

Sharon on leave - From 26/11-7/12. Father Irwin will take the Sunday Services. All concerns should be directed to Ken Farrow as warden while council is in recess.

A History of Surf Coast Anglican Churches - Books for sale \$35 from either centre. Correct cash in an envelope will be processed towards costs of printing and any excess towards the Ramp Project.

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

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.

Aireys Inlet Carols - 5th December 7:30pm Aireys Inlet Community Hall.

Tom Healy U3A - Organ recital now scheduled for February 22nd 2-3:30pm.

Complaints

The Parish takes all complaints of misconduct very seriously. Kooyoora Ltd, Professional Standards has been appointed by the Melbourne Diocese to respond to misconduct including sexual, physical, spiritual or emotional abuse and to provide support to people who make complaints about abuse and other misconduct by Anglican clergy, church officers, leaders, employees and volunteers in the Anglican Province of Victoria, including Op Shop leaders and volunteers.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday