



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

# Baptism of Our Lord

## Surfcoast Anglican Parish

9 January 2022

Today's readings: *Is 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22*

### Epiphany

It might have been just someone else's story,  
Some chosen people get a special king.  
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,  
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.

But when these three arrive they bring us with them,  
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;  
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,  
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.

They did not know his name but still they sought him,  
They came from elsewhere but still they found;  
In temples they found those who sold and bought him,  
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.

Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice  
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

Malcolm Guite

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 10 Jan Sharon's Day off*

*Tue 11 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN  
Mainly Music, at Transfiguration 10am (Tues term time) - 2022*

*Wed 12 Jan Mainly Music, at St Luke's 10am (Wed term time) - 2022  
Group Meditation, Transfiguration 11am (weekly) - Feb 2*

*Thu 13 Jan*

*Fri 14 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN*

*Sat 15 Jan St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly) - OPEN*

### Church Services

*1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen OPEN - Jan 2*

*Weekly Wed St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist - until end Jan*

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

*Baptism of our Lord: Is 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 8:14-17;  
Matthew 11:25-30*

### Regular Parish Meetings

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

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

**Sharon @ HousingChallenge3230 - Mondays 2pm as needed**

**Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - monthly/as needed**

**Parish Council - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm @ St Luke's - TBA**

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

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

**Maintenance Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 10am @ St Luke's - TBA**

**Current Restrictions** - All volunteers fully vaccinated. Checkin and masks required. All services are open for all people. There is no limit on attendance. This also applies for church-related religious activity and groups in church facilities.

Morning tea at services 2sqm rule for fully vaccinated people inside the building, unvaccinated outside. Anyone serving refreshments ought to be masked, tongs for serving.

Op Shop staff vaccinated. Checkin and masks for customer and staff. Morning tea 2sqm rule can be inside if separate from customers - meeting room is fine.

Mainly Music is hoping to start up with the school year.

## General News

**Cases of COVID** - If you are unwell, have symptoms of COVID or awaiting test results please do not attend the church, activities or the Op Shop. If you need to be replaced on a roster, please arrange this with the coordinator or another volunteer.

As you will be aware the virus is quite contagious and there are rising cases in our region. We are vaccinated and getting boosters so we are safer than last year.

We still take seriously that most of us are in a vulnerable category due to age or health, and some of us have anxiety about catching the virus. At present the restrictions are small (but aged care is closed to visitors), and the responsibility for management is in the hands of us all. I encourage you to act in a way that is careful and make decisions that take care of your wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

**Taize Services** - For the time being we are no longer having Taize services on the first Sunday evening of the month.

**Wednesday Services** - these will continue until the end of January only.

**Parish Council** - Ken Farrow is our warden; this leaves one more warden to be nominated, and one appointed by me. Barbara Bell and Bronwyn Patrick are nominated as Parish Councillors, Helen Clement is my appointment. The Incumbency Committee are Alan Anderson, Kaye Mackie, Carmen Koster.

**We are looking to renew our committees** - If you would like to serve in a focused way, as a fete or venue hire or maintenance committee coordinator, speak to Ken or myself. If you are interested in assisting with social gatherings or events speak to Barbara and Peggy who coordinate these at Torquay. Other committees may be organised later.

**Leave** - Sharon is taking leave from 29/1 - 13/2, she will be in Sydney caring for her father after his knee surgery. Rev'd Tim Gibson will take services. Any concerns should be taken to Ken Farrow during this time.

### **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](mailto: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

**A History of Surf Coast Anglican Churches** - Books for sale \$35 from either centre.  
**Tom Healy U3A** - Organ recital now scheduled for February 22nd 2-3:30pm.  
**Kays Fashion Parade** - 24th March 2022. Details TBA.

## **Complaints**

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*Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday*