

Easter 3

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

23 April 2023

Maybe the story is less about a doubtful Thomas needing evidence for the resurrection and more about the risen Jesus having the courage to let his friends touch his deepest wounds.

Who among us so willingly lets others touch our wounds?

Diana Butler Bass

So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor.

Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace...

Ask the questions that have no answers....

Say that your main crop is the forest

that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest....

As soon as the generals and the politicos can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

Wendel Berry from Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

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.

Church Services

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

Weekly Sun Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist

St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist

Online St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

www.cathedral.org.au/worship

Readings Next Week: Easter 4

Regular Gatherings

Mon Sharon's Day off

Tue St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (weekly)

Mainly Music, 10am @ Transfiguration (term time)

Wed Mainly Music, 10am @ St Luke's (term time)

Group Meditation, 11am Transfiguration (weekly)

Parish Council - 4th Wed 7pm - at St Luke's (monthly) - April 25

Thu Maintenance Committee - 10am @ St Luke's (1st Thu)

Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (2nd & 4th Thu)
Torquay Home Group - Pm Thurs, Helen/Jess (fortnightly)

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

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

Other Meetings

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - Monthly TBA

Sharon @ Area Deanery - TBA

Apr Su 30 5th Sunday Combined Churches Transfiguration 9am Jun 7-9 Clergy Ministry Conference Melbourne

Su 18 Confirmation/Baptism Combined Parish Service @ St Luke's

Bp Brad Billings

Jul Su 30 5th Sunday Combined Churches Baptist

Oct Sa 12 Windfire Concert Tom Healy St Luke's 12:30-1pm free

30 5th Combined Churches Catholic 6pm

Dec Su 31 5th Sunday Combined Churches

- Parish Fete 15th April A big thank you to all who contributed to making the fete a success again this year. It is now a 'fete accompli'! The rain mercifully held off, and the hard work of those who potted, baked, pickled, preserved, created, bbq'ed, face-painted, unpacked, packed, swept, counted the money, fed and sandwiched us, and finally sat down at the end over a cuppa was rewarded with a great sense of satisfaction. The total amount raised was in line with previous years' fetes. Just as important was the sense of coming together as a community and bringing our various talents to the overall effort. Thanks again, Richard.
- At the moment the overall total is \$5778.70 with the EFT amount 1893.50. There is a little more to add to this from this week, and the final breakdown will come soon.
- **Leave** Sharon will take stress leave between the 27th April 31 May. Locums will be: 30/4; Fr Cliff Chong; 7/5 Fr Irwin; 14/5 Rev'd Lyn Pearson; 21/5 Fr Cliff Cheong; Rev'd Wendy Gravolin. Each locum will take both Anglesea and Torquay services. The wardens can contact the archdeacon for any emergency matters.
- **RAMPS** We accepted De Boer's quote for \$38500 inc GST for hall ramp only. We have \$29968 in funds, before the Fete. Roger advises us that work may start in 3 months time. Donations marked 'Ramps Project' can be received via the offertory, with receipts provided on request.
- **Synod** Jess and Rosalind Bonnici will be our synod reps. Thank you to each of them for taking on these roles.
- Music @ St Luke's Please encourage others to enjoy the remaining concerts. Musicians of the Great Ocean Road Concerts Sundays 3pm #2.

 Bach by the Ocean NEW DATE 18th June. #3. Decanto 13 Aug Acapella

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

group #4. Musicians of the Great Ocean Road - 22 Oct chamber string orchestra. Olivier Bonnici for details or the noticeboard.

Training after Sharon's leave - we will run some training/refreshers at St Luke's in June/July for projector operators, and also communion assistants and home communion. Ken and Sharon will run the projector sessions and Jess and Sharon those for communion assisting, and Sharon for home communion. No dates are set as yet, but if you can keep this in mind, we will may put up some notice sheets for people to sign up in the next week.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday