

## **5th Sunday After Pentecost**

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish 2 July 2023

God of truth uncovered, you trace the sparrow's flight, and plumb the secret places of the heart: bring your fear and conflict into the light of your presence; help us to lose our hollow life and find our way to you.

Steven Shakespeare

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 - Aug 6

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

## **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)

**LyCiG** - zoom at home or church 21/6,19/7,16/8,20/9,18/10,15/11

Parish Council - 4th Wed 2pm - at St Luke's (monthly) - 28/7

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

Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Jul Su	30	5th Sunday Combined Churches Baptist
Aug Su	13	Acapella Group Șt Luke's 3pm - Music @ St Luke's
Sep Su	10	Rev'd John Sanderson - LyCiG both services
Oct Sa	12	Windfire Concert Tom Healy St Luke's 12:30-1pm free
Su	22	Musicians of GOR Strings St Luke's 3pm - Music @ St Luke's
Sa	28	5th Combined Churches Catholic 6pm
Nov Th	23	Kay's Fashion Fundraiser @ St Luke's
Dec Su	31	5th Sunday Combined Churches

**Baptisms** - Zachary and Eleanor Cullen will be baptised at Transfiguration on 15th July and Milana Ritchie at St Luke's on 23th July.

Parish Council - We are waiting for our ramp plans to be updated, and then submitted for approval and building. We are advised the whole roof at St Luke's will need replacing, we have leaks already and are seeking quotes. The Parish is taking over the registration costs of Mainly Music for our 2 centres. St Aidan's will be hired by St Kilda Community Baptist Church for a retreat in October. Plaques for the picnic tables at St Aidans are now attached. Council will now meet at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday.

Pastoral Support Team Report - The PSTeam and Bishop noted the willingness of people to be involved and open in the conversations. Several items are being addressed: future of the parish is in discussion at LyCiG, in Reimagining the Future and other conversations. Further understanding of the needs of an elderly congregation are needed but work is being done to in this area. There are different expectations of the role of Vicar in a multiple centre parish. There has been breakdown of communication between some members and the vicar and a need for work on respectful dialogue and listening, as well as conflict management. Governance issues continue to be a concern and need ongoing attention and understanding.

Council discussed all the matters, noting an improved atmosphere but ongoing concerns, they reflected on communication gaps and how they might be addressed.

It is not possible for Sharon to have a regular day in the office but appointments can always be made. She always carries her mobile phone and makes appointments as soon as possible. A message can be left under the office door or in the perspex box, or by email. Needs and concerns must be brought to the attention of the Council or Sharon if they are to be addressed.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:safesteps@safesteps.org.au">safesteps@safesteps.org.au</a> 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

Archdeacon of Geelong - As of Wednesday we welcome our new Archdeacon Rev'd Stephen Pollard from All Saints Newtown. Rev'd David Willsher from Bellarine Parish is our new Area Dean. Rev'd Wendy Gravolin will be at Bellarine Gateway, and Rev'd Lankiri Thaba from Cape Town will be at Christ Church Geelong.

Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG) - At our second meeting we looked at Prayer, the Presence we have in our community, the Proclamation of the Good News, and Persuasion, in terms of opportunities for people to learn more about faith in God. We are encouraging you to pray this prayer and we are looking at how we might refresh our Prayer list on the readings sheet. Please take a fridge magnet with the Prayer for Growth from the foyer.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday