



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

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Surfcoast Anglican Parish

3 December 2023

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Leading Your Church Into Growth (LyCiG) conference - February 27-29th in Melbourne.

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

<i>1st Sun</i>	St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - Dec 3
<i>Weekly Sun</i>	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

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Sharon's Day off</i>
<i>Tue</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (<i>weekly</i>) Mainly Music, 10am @ Transfiguration (<i>term time</i>)
<i>Wed</i>	Mainly Music, 10am @ St Luke's (<i>term time</i>) Group Meditation, 11am Transfiguration (<i>weekly</i>) <i>LyCiG - zoom at home or church 15/11</i> Parish Council - 4 th Wed 2pm - at St Luke's (<i>monthly</i>) - 22/11
<i>Thu</i>	Maintenance Committee - 10am @ St Luke's (<i>1st Thu</i>) - TBC Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (<i>2nd & 4th Thu</i>) Torquay Home Group - Thurs pm, Helen/Jess TBC
<i>Fri</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (<i>weekly</i>)
<i>Sat</i>	St Luke's Op Shop, 9am to 1pm (<i>weekly</i>)

Other Meetings

Sharon @ Seaside Care Group Anglesea - TBA
Sharon @ Area Deanery - TBA

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dec Su	6	Op Shop Christmas Party 8:30 @ RACV St Aidan's Community Carols 7pm
Sa	16	Carols by the Sea Torquay Elephant Walk 4pm
Su	17	Lessons & Carols @ Torquay with Claritude Musicians
Fr	22	Anglesea Lions Carols
Su	24	Candlelight Carols Transfiguration 7pm, St Luke's 9pm
Mo	25	9am Anglesea 10:30am Torquay Holy Communion.
Su	31	5th Sunday Combined Churches - Anglican
Jan Su	21	Surf Coast Camino @ Aireys Inlet with UCA 12:30pm Split Pt
Feb	27-29	Leading Your Church Into Growth Conference 2024

Sylvia Neary - who has been at Elouera for some time, passed away on the 26th. Bishop Chris McLeod, Dean of St Paul's in Adelaide, and an Aboriginal National Bishop is taking the funeral at St Luke's on Friday 1st December. Both John and I spent time with Sylvia, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Jim Harrington - A memorial service for Jim will be held on Thursday 7th @ 11am at St Luke's with Feed Me Surfcoast providing morning tea.

Jean Young - Jean's funeral will be on Friday 8th @ 11am at St Luke's with Feed Me Surfcoast catering for both of these events.

Break-in at St Luke's 21/11 - We had damage to the shop, a stained glass window and the office walls from a break. All the locks on the office, hall and shop have been changed. If you require a key please see Jill or Roger, we will establish a fresh register. The stained glass will be repaired soon as we have already received advice from a repairer.

Meeting with Bp Brad re Lorne - A summary of the conversation will be made available for the whole parish. At this point no decisions have been taken, just helpful and clear talking to understand details about All Saint's, what it might mean to bring the centre into our Parish, and what expectations are, and are not present. Coming to a decision of 'yes or no' will be part of the work for 2024 Council, along with a plan for short, medium and long term strategies for the parish, some threads of ideas are in the APM reports.

Lessons & Carols 17th December Transfiguration 9am & St Luke's 10:30 - Joanne has organised a group of musicians to play for us at Anglesea, and and Claritude will provide music for lessons and carols at Torquay.

Communion on St Luke's Grass over Summer - This proposal is yet to be confirmed, but the format would endeavour to meet with people looking for

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

connection who are out and about during the week. We are collaborating with City On A Hill Surf Coast and in response to God's leading. More info will follow as we confirm our plans. Keep it in prayer.

Maintenance - we hoping to have work completed on the rotten weatherboards around Price St entrance at St Luke's by Christmas and waiting for a quote to replace the ramp with steps at the Office door. We are waiting on the surveyor re the Hall Ramp. We discovered the need to replace timbers in the memorial garden pergola at St Aidan's and many of the window frames need attention. We are changing over all the hall lights and church lights at St Luke's to LED on 11/12. While we repair some in the hall we are taking the opportunity to use the scaffold to update the rest.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday