



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

# Advent 2

## Surfcoast Anglican Parish

10 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 - Jan 7
<i>Weekly Sun</i>	Transfiguration Anglesea, 9:00am Eucharist St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist
Online	St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne <a href="http://www.cathedral.org.au/worship">www.cathedral.org.au/worship</a>

## 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> ) LyCiG - 2024 TBA Parish Council - 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 2pm - at St Lukes' ( <i>monthly</i> ) - TBA
<i>Thu</i>	Maintenance Committee - 10am @ St Luke's ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Thu</i> ) - TBC Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Anglesea 7pm, Torquay 9pm
Mo	25	9am Anglesea 10:30am Torquay Holy Communion
Su	31	5th Sunday Combined Churches - Anglican
Jan Mo	1	Monday 11-11:30 Communion on the Grass - St Luke's
Su	21	Surf Coast Camino @ Aireys Inlet with UCA 12:30pm Split Pt
Feb	27-29	Leading Your Church Into Growth Conference Melb 2024

**Funerals** -Thank you to everyone who assisted at and attended the funerals across the week. There was a lot happening behind the scenes in preparation: service sheets, music, catering, cleaning, setup/pack up, flowers, support and care. All the families were greatly appreciative of our love and hospitality. We are especially thankful to Feed Me Surfcoast who catered for two of the services, to the Op Shop team who did a huge job packing up the hall for our use, and Julienne, Roger and the Clements who helped me reset the hall for Saturday.

**First Sundays** - just a reminder about the first Sundays of the month when Fr Irwin takes the St Luke's service and I stay in Anglesea. Besides the opportunities this provides for different ministry at each centre, we are running these as a 'low tech' service at St Luke's which means using books and orders of service, with no projector. At the moment we have the Advent booklet for our services.

**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 Claritude will provide music for lessons and carols at Torquay.

**Monday Communion on St Luke's Grass** - On Mondays between 11-11:30, from New Year's Day to Easter, a low key, simple communion will be held on St Luke's grass area to reach out in an informal way to people who are out and

#### **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

about. This is a collaboration with City On A Hill Surf Coast in response to God's leading. Dave Curnow is coordinating this with Rev'd Louis Glazebrook and myself. I will be involved on and off, and providing other support. We look to see what God will do, so I encourage you to pray for meaningful interactions and the love of Jesus to be shared during the summer and holiday season.

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