



St Luke's, Torquay

Transfiguration, Anglesea

St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet

St Luke's Op Shop

Advent 4, Christmas Eve & Day

Surfcoast Anglican Parish

24 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 and present.

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 - Jan 7
- 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
- Mon** St Luke's Torquay, 11am Communion on the Grass 1/1 - *Easter low key style with short devotion Surfcoast Anglican & COAH*

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*) - next 7/2/24
LyCiG - 2024 TBA
Parish Council - 4th Wed 2pm - at St Lukes' (*monthly*) - TBA
- Thu** Maintenance Committee - 10am @ St Luke's (*1st Thu*) - TBC
Craft/Social Group - 1.30pm, Peggy/Barbara (*2nd & 4th Thu*)
Torquay Home Group - Thurs pm, Helen/Jess TBC
- 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 - TBA

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Dec Su 24** Candlelight Carols Anglesea 7pm, Torquay 9pm
- Mo 25** 9am Anglesea 10:30am Torquay Holy Communion
- Jan Mo 1** Mondays 11-11:30 Communion on the Grass - St Luke's
- Su 21** Surf Coast Camino @ Aireys Inlet with UCA 12:30pm Split Pt
- Feb Su 25** Combined at Anglesea Unting Hosting 9:30am
- 27-29 Leading Your Church Into Growth Conference Melb 2024
- Ma Su 24** Music @ St Lukes' Trio Océanique 3pm
- Ap Su 7** Combined Anglican Hosting Anglesea 9am
- Jun Su 16** Music @ St Luke's Bach by the Ocean 3pm
- Sa 29** Combined Catholic Hosting Anglesea 6pm
- Aug Su 25** Music @ St Luke's Quartet Océanique 3pm

Group Meditation - Thanks to Linda Walter for guiding the group at Transfiguration again this year, and providing weekly material online. This has been appreciated by all who attend. If you'd like to attend, the group will meet for the last time on 20th December and then gather again in the new year from the 7th February on Wednesday @ 11am.

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 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, I encourage you to pray for meaningful interactions as the love of Jesus is shared during the holiday season.

Hospital Chaplaincy 2024 - at Synod 2023 funding for hospital chaplaincy came to an end, as a result of much consideration and a number of contributing factors. It has caused much concern across our whole Diocese and in our own region as the work is vital and has been in place for many years and more recently from Rev'd Sheridan Hannah, who shared with us about her work this year. Bishop Brad organised a fundraiser to extend the work at Barwon Health into 2024, funds have been raised for 1.5 days per week for a year. As good as this is, it is not enough to solve the problem. In connection to our own strategic planning and have submitted a proposal to Bishop Brad, after speaking with Sheridan and the Bishop. It is available for those who wish to read it.

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

Surfcoast Camino 21 Jan 2024 - 12:30pm @ the Lighthouse. We are sharing again with the Uniting Church at Aireys Inlet to walk from Split Point to Urquhats Beach along the headland and coast. We have 3-4 devotions along the way and finish with a picnic.

Music @ St Luke's 2024 Season - after such a wonderful year of music in Torquay, we are glad to announce some dates for next year. These are events hosted by St Luke's with performances by various artists. A present we have 4 Sunday 3pm afternoons coordinated by Olivier Bonnici: 24th March; 16 June; 25th August; 27th October. Put them in your diary, and keep an eye on the news sheet and noticeboards for updates. Details including cost of entry will be indicated on the noticeboards. Flyers will be available closer to dates.

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday