

# **Baptism of Our Lord**

# Surfcoast Anglican Parish

7 January 2024

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	<b>Services</b>
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1st Sun St Luke's Torquay, 10:30am Eucharist, no screen - Feb 4

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 Outdoor Communion on St Luke's Grass

7/1 - Easter low key with 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 - 3rd Wed 2pm - at St Lukes' (monthly) - TBA

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 - 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**

Jan Su	21	Surf Coast Camino @ Airey	s Inlet with UCA 12:30pm Split Pt
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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

Sep Su 29 Combined Baptist Hosting Anglesea 11am

Oct Su 27 Music @ St Luke's 27th October 3pm

- Alan Young It is with sadness that I share that our dear brother Alan Young passed away peacefully on the evening of the 4th. Both Irwin and I had time with him yesterday, and his family have been with him this week. He too will be great missed, we wait to hear details of a service. Keep the family in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Outdoor 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 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. There were about 8 of us this week.
- Fete 2024 The highly anticipated 2024 St Luke's Easter Fete is now only 90 days away, to be held this year on Saturday April 6. After the festivities of Christmas, Epiphany, and New Year, it's time to start collecting the jars you'll need for that marmalade (looking at you Nick). Contact Richard for more information on 0408 595 855.
- 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.
- **Op Shop** The Shop is still doing a roaring trade at the moment, so if you get a chance to encourage the team over the holidays that would be great. In light of the extra funds we are replacing some of our shelving to better use the spaces and also to improve the look of the shop.

#### 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

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; 23rd 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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Or "Confidential" to the Director of Professional Standards

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Notices for the pew sheet to the Office by Thursday