



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 1st September, 2024

.... WELCOME

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHERS' DAY – BLESS THE BLOKES

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise service
11.30am	Bari Worship

What a risk God took creating us. Giving us enough freedom to be creators and destroyers. Giving us enough freedom for us to make a mess of everything and act as our own Gods and to also trust in God and love each other.

What a risk God takes on us! Children who waste everything in dissolute living. Children who begrudge grace being extended to people “who clearly don't deserve it.” But this is a risk born of love. God risks so much by loving us which is why, today being Fathers' Day,

I prefer calling this the Parable of the Prodigal Father.

I will confess to you that until I was well and truly an adult I thought the word prodigal meant returning having repented of your wrongs. Or at least I thought prodigal meant coming home after having been independent and stupid for awhile. But no. The word *prodigal* actually means spending resources freely and recklessly; being wastefully extravagant.

Isn't it wastefully extravagant for the Father to give his children so much freedom? Isn't it wastefully extravagant for the Father to discard his dignity and run into the street toward a foolish and immature son who squandered their fortune? Isn't it wastefully extravagant for the father to throw such a fabulous party for this wayward son?

I love that kind of grace.



Don't forget the concert on Saturday, 14th September at 3pm.

“Come as you are” Women’s fellowship, Friday 6th September, 10-12noon.

Please come and join our very friendly group in the balcony room.

At this meeting we will be privileged to have **Olivia Savvas** (MP for Newland) come and share with us her personal journey into politic.

This will be followed by a cuppa and chat.

Any enquiries please contact Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) and Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615).

Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast, Friday 20th September, 6.45-8.45am.

Marquee Ballroom, Sfera’s Park Suites & Convention Centre, 191 Reservoir Road, Modbury.

The guest speaker is Hugh Marquis, an experienced social change philanthropist and speaker.

The parish will commit to a table of 10, so tickets will be \$40. First in best dressed. Please see Rev Jo for tickets.

Hope 25. The Anglican church throughout Australia has committed to a national season of sharing the hope we have in Jesus between Easter and Pentecost 2025.

As a parish we have several exciting activities planned .. stay tuned. In the meantime, check out the resources available at www.hope25.com.au

Please pray this prayer as we prepare.

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world:

by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service:

that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Happy birthday to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays in September - Malcolm Keynes, Margaret Shillabeer, Trevor Green, John Rechner, Deane Stroud, Jim Williamson, Deborah Ebewe, Helen Bradshaw.

FOR PRAYER

The health and well-being of those needing immediate prayers:

Susan Restell, Jose, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Betty Bryson, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Roland Barker, Ron Rockliffe, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Zarinah, Tess Richmond, Neil, Mick, Jo C, Kerri, Bob Hall, Shirley B, Lyn Ho, Sue Barratt, Peter Wotton, Mia.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:

Jo Johnson, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Carol Aitken, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Cilla Harvey, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K, Angela Brown, Jeremy Bollen, Walton family, Bogale family, Paul Walters, Gloria, Margaret, Charlie

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Max Pontifex, Glyn & Jean Price, Donald & Marjorie Prince, Leo & Tara Qin, Jean & John Rechner and the Community Garden group.

Those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Derek Birch, Joan Powney, Eddie Dreha, Robert Redshaw, Jill Rigby-Meth, Gayle Atherton, Millie Hunt, Leigh Corcoran, Colin Guyer, Freddie Ladegourdie, Phyllis Tyler, Bruce Mudge, Dennis Charlton, Harry Barrat, Lorna Jackson, Eve Guyer.

+ *Rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Requests for prayer should be made to Deb Travis 0450 950 112 (8am service);

June Hindmarch 0402 138 694 (9.30am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Ps 146

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Elizabeth Owers

Reader 2: Carolyn Datson

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: John Dearman & David Datson

Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: David Smith & Jessy Lim

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WEEKLY PEW SHEET	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.
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REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
	Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance	2.30pm (fortnightly)
	Christian Meditation	3.45pm (fortnightly)
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1 st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am