



ST LUKE'S CHURCH
THE PARISH OF MODBURY
and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 7th December 2025

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

As we move deeper into the season of Advent, the scriptures set before us today speak with a kind of holy tension—holding together both the promise of God's renewal and the call to prepare ourselves for it. Isaiah paints one of the most beautiful and daring visions in all of scripture: a fragile green shoot breaking out of an old, lifeless stump; predators and prey learning peace; creation reordered according to the justice and mercy of God. It is a vision of renewal so complete that even the natural instincts of the world are transformed.

Yet the vision begins quietly, almost imperceptibly—with a shoot so small one could easily overlook it. Renewal rarely arrives with fanfare. It begins in hidden places, in the unexpected corners of our lives, in stumps we have written off as beyond hope.

Into this prophetic promise steps John the Baptist, whose voice cries out from the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord." If Isaiah shows us what God desires to bring forth, John shows us the posture needed to receive it. Renewal is God's gift, but it is also something we ready ourselves for—by clearing space, paying attention, turning toward God, and allowing ourselves to be changed.

This Sunday we reflect on what it means to keep our eyes open for the signs of God's newness breaking through. How do we recognise the shoots of life in places long barren? How do we listen for the wilderness voices that call us back to truth? How do we prepare the way so that the renewal God desires for us, our communities, and our world can take root? May today's worship open our hearts to both the promise and the preparation of renewal, and may we find ourselves ready to welcome the One who comes.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope



Christmas services

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00pm	Family service with Holy Communion
	11.00pm	Traditional service with Holy Communion
<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.00am	Holy Communion

Camerata Community Choir thanks **Joyful Noise** for a beautiful performance at their recent Christmas concert and thanks St. Luke's for their continued support and attendance at these planned events. The Camerata feel grateful and welcome each time we visit St. Luke's. Thank you.

Anglicare Christmas Hampers St. Luke's and Pedare Christian College - our project has wound up and it has been quite a success. On 28th November, Anglicare collected 24 completed hampers from St. Luke's, and with the help of two volunteers we sent 21 shopping bags of food to Pedare for packing. On 1st December a small group from St. Luke's checked in at Pedare to assist the students of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 to pack the hampers. Multiple bags of food were sorted by the first group of students, and the second group packed 42 hampers to be collected by Anglicare. Additionally, 16 bags of groceries were also ready for collection by Anglicare. At the conclusion of the packing process Miriam Smith (Pedare) spoke to the students about the work of Anglicare and the connection between Anglicare, St. Luke's and Pedare. It was really joyous to see the students 'shopping' and packing hampers. Thank you St. Luke's and Pedare for your generous donations. Margaret Curd, People's Warden.

General Rosters for January, February and March 2026. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for January, February and March. If you are involved in one or more of these ministries but expect to be unavailable for **2 or more weeks** during that period, could you please let us know **by * texting by the 14th December at the latest:**

- 8.00 am Service Roster – **Toni Owen 0439 684 236**
- 10.00 am Service Roster – **Warren Henriks 0474 759 301**

We are always looking for additional help for all of the ministries so, if you are able to help, please let either of us know. We will ensure that you are given appropriate guidance in the task involved. *NB This email is sent from the St Lukes Office and neither of us has access to direct responses.

"Exploring Prayer of the Heart Wednesday, 7 – 8.00pm; 10th Dec 2025.

Monday morning bible study will be in recess from 9th December until 2nd February.

Christmas flowers. Please place money in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and place in the collection basket.

Memorial book in the prayer corner. We are updating the memorial book. If you wish a loved one to be remembered please leave a note in the office or give to Deb Travis.

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond, Jo Johnson.

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

Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Colin Fidock, Jean & John McIntosh, Margie Caddy, Alec, Tricia, Erin & Tyson, Tim & Suzanne, Levi, Scarlett & Will, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Dany & Colin Fidock, Louisa Fidock, Marilyn Florance, Helen Fuller, Cheryl & Roger Garnham, Sue Gilson, Marilyn & Trevor Green and St. Luke's Opshop.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: George Dyer, Beryl Ricketts, Vera Baker, Rhonda Prance, Kenneth Candlett, Brian Smith

+ *Rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Requests for prayer should be made to Deb Travis 0450 950 112 (8am service); Ann Dixon 0421 816 614 (9.30am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

Isaiah 35.1-10

Roman 5.7-10

Third Sunday of Advent

Song of Mary

Matthew 11.2-11

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Simon Bailey

Reader 2: Jeni Cooling

Intercessor: Mano de Mel

Sidespersons: John Dearman & John McIntosh

Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Marilyn Florance

Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Linda Williams

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WEEKLY PEW SHEET	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.
CHURCH BANK DETAILS	BSB No: 705 077 A/c No: 00041526 A/c Name: Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove

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
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