



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 22nd September, 2024

.... WELCOME

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

What are we supposed to do with these awful psalms?

These imprecatory, or cursing psalms which cry out for divine vengeance, appealing to God to pour out his wrath on his enemies

According to the New Testament, believers are to love their enemies (Matt 5:44), to "bless and not curse" (Rom 12:14). It seems difficult to reconcile these psalms with this New Testament teaching. Naturally these psalms evoke a reaction of revulsion in many of us. Can we even read these psalms in church today? Does that make it ok for Christians to ask God to curse our enemies?

Part of the answer is, well, not all the time. Not a lot of the time. We need to follow the balance of the Psalms. The Psalms don't curse enemies all the time either. Another way to think about it is to say that we never curse **our** enemies. We curse **God's** enemies. God's people in the Old Testament were not encouraged just randomly to curse people. The imprecations of the Psalms are directed against the enemies of God and His purposes, and of His people.

In the New Testament Paul calls for a curse on anyone who does not love Christ (1 Cor 16:22) and who preaches a false Gospel (Gal 1:8, 9). He calls for justice against his and God's enemies, knowing that vengeance belongs to the Lord and that he will repay (2 Tim 4:22). Paul also admonishes the believers saying, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord" (Rom 12:19).

So one way to think about these psalms is to remember that they are human prayers based on divine promises to make all things right - that evil will not have the final word.

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.

Samaritan's Purse. The Christmas shoeboxes will be blessed next Sunday, 29th September, at the 9.30am service.

St. Luke's Patronal Festival will be held on Sunday, 20th October. There will be one service at 9.30am. It would be lovely to have extra flowers in church to celebrate. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost, it would be much appreciated. Money can be put in an envelope marked 'flowers' and left in the collection basket. Many thanks.

General Rosters for October, November and December 2024.

It is great to be able to welcome some extra members of the congregation to our roster lists. Everyone's contribution to the Sunday services is much appreciated. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for October, November and December. If you 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 15th September at the latest:

- 8.00 am Service Roster – **Helen Mayes 0403 955 270**
- 9.30 am Service Roster – **Warren Henriks 0474 759 301**

"Come as you are" Women's Fellowship. We had a great turn-out for our September meeting, however, we certainly have room for you and you would be most welcome to attend our next meeting which is on **Friday, 4th October, 2024, between 10.00am and 12 noon.** Adrienne Williams will be speaking on "The Ups and Downs of Flying" sharing her experience with us when she was a Pilot. Very interesting. Adrienne is a member of our St Luke's Congregation and attends with her little dog called Merlin. Her talk will be followed with a cuppa and chat. Any enquiries please contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082.

Bush Church Aid. It is BCA's second box opening time for the year. If you wish to bring your box to the church, please leave it in the office. Any enquiries please contact Deborah Travis on 0450 950 112.

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, June Walters.

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, 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: David & Jo Smith, Deborah & Michael Southren, Helen & John Spencer, Beryl Stenhouse, David Stoba and the Pastoral Care team.

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

Eric Odgers, John Smyth, Joan Oborn, Joy Goldfinch, Mick Skrabanich, Bevan Verney, John Southren, Kate Davis, Georgina Callaghan, Paul Swalling.

+ *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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Ps 121

James 5:12-20

Mark 9:38-50

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Tony Tyler

Intercessor: Healing Prayers

Sidespersons: Peter Caddy & Kirk Skelton

Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Audrey Dewell

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

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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: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

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