



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MODBURY

*Sunday, 29th May –
Saturday, 4th June 2022*

ASCENSION DAY

8.00am Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist

...WELCOME ...

This week at St. Luke's

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| Monday | 10.00am | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Community Garden |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Foodbank |
| Thursday | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Friday | 9.30am | Community Garden |

IN OUR CHURCH

He ascended into heaven . . .

We repeat these words each Sunday when we affirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed. But what is their significance? St Luke's account of the Ascension in Acts 1.6 – 11 is sparse, to say the least, and, for us, these verses may raise as many questions as they answer. For St Luke's original readers, however, they would have been charged with meaning. They would have recognised, firstly, that this is a 'succession narrative' – Jesus is handing over responsibility for the mission of the Kingdom to his followers. Christ's victory over sin and death - won through the cross and affirmed by the Resurrection – is complete, and now his Ascension heralds that part of God's plan in which the church is to bring the message of the Gospel 'to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1.8) The Ascension opens the way for Pentecost (which we celebrate next Sunday) and the empowering of the church for mission through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The original readers would also have recognised that the cloud that enveloped Jesus, as he leaves the apostles, signified that this Jesus, who was crucified and is risen, has been exalted by God and must direct the church from 'the heavenly realms' (Ephesians 1.20-23) until his return in glory. (Acts 1.11)

Our Vision Statement.

St Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.

General Synod

You may have read media reports of the vote at the Anglican General Synod wherein the Clergy and Laity voted to approve a motion affirming that (as far as the Anglican Church in Australia is concerned) marriage is between a man and a woman, only to have that overturned, by a narrow majority, in the house of bishops (which is a bit like the Senate). The media reports overlook the fact that a very similar motion (with slight but apparently critical changes in wording) was passed later in the proceedings. That resolution read (in part):

This Synod continues to affirm that marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church of Australia is the voluntary union of one man and one woman arising from mutual promises of life-long faithfulness. (Carried)

Most reports also failed to note that the Synod rejected a motion seeking to affirm same sex marriage. All this means that the Anglican view of marriage is unchanged and that, while the issue has the capacity to provoke division, rumblings about a split in the church are somewhat premature.

News from Parish Council

At its meeting last Saturday, the Parish Council (amongst other things):

- Resolved to proceed with the installation of a 65" TV screen on the back wall of the worship area to enable those in the sanctuary to see the PowerPoint presentation used for services.
- Resolved to update St Luke's website beginning with the 'Home' page
- Discussed the Diocesan draft Clergy Housing Policy and noted several issues to be communicated to the Diocese
- Resolved to draft Terms of Reference for a Work Health and Safety Advisory Team, the aim of which is to increase our WHS effectiveness
- Resolved to replace the mercury vapour lighting in the worship area with LED lighting, provided this can be done within a reasonable time frame

Parish Council next meets on Saturday 25th June.

Ukraine appeal if you would like to donate to this place money in envelope and place in collection basket.

Biggest Morning Tea - Wednesday, 22nd June, at 10am. Please bring along your family and friends to enjoy a delicious morning tea and help raise money for Cancer Research. Contact Thelma 0408 851 829 for bookings.

DIARY DATES.

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| 1 st June | Foodbank visit at 10am |
| 14 th June | Christian meditation – Helen Wright 0405 747 226 |
| 15 th June | Foodbank visit at 10am |
| 22 nd June | Biggest morning tea – Thelma Tyler 0408 851 829 |

Please join us for morning tea in the Balcony Room after the service.

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service on 4th June 2022

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| Reader 1: | Ann I | Reader 2: | Jan W |
| Sidespersons: | David D & Antony B | | |
| Welcoming: | Everard & Caryl | | |
| Morning Tea: | Jessy L & Linda E | | |

FOR PRAYER

- The new Australian Government
 - Remembering the children and teachers shot in the gun massacre in Texas
 - Pray for the families and all affected by this shooting.
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The health and well-being of those who have asked for prayer:

Kate and Jim Bosner, Faith Drodge, Chris Landden, Bryan Shillabeer, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Sijia Qu, Adrienne Wright, Everard Walker, Jason Wandel, Beth Morgan, Tess Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Lou, Christopher, Mia, Jamie, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Colin Fidock, Catherine Cooling, Cathie, Ngaire Stichbury, Brian Gummow, Nerida Fidock, Jean Malander, Christopher Richmond, Heather Bryant, Terry Rohrlach, Russell Blore, Margaret and Gary, Lachlan Scholes, Yvonne Hoad, Christopher Allen, Ian Archer

Thanks for prayer - We have been praying for Jason Wandel since 2019 following a diagnosis that held little hope for his survival. He is a young man of faith with a little daughter who was still pre-school when he was first diagnosed. Prayers have been answered as Jason let us know this week that he has been in remission since January. Please continue to pray for Jason as he works through remission from a very aggressive disease. Thank you Lord.

Those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur this week.

Peter Manoel, Stanley Peters.

+ *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Christian Meditation. 2nd & 4th Tuesday monthly 6.45pm for 7pm at Helen W's home – 38 Kirrawee Dve, Redwood Park. Contact Helen 0405747226 or Adrienne 0412542353.

Next week's readings

Acts 2.1-21
Romans 8.14-17

Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104. 26-36
John 14.8-17,25-27

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.

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WEEKLY PEW SHEET

Please forward information to the church email
or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S

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| Community Garden | Tuesdays at 10am & Fridays at | 9.30am |
| Community Garden BBQ | 1 st Tuesday of each month | 11.30am |
| Men's Group | 2 nd Thursday of each month | 7.30pm |
| Bari Worship | 1 st and 3 rd Sunday of each month | 11.30am |
| Parish Council | 3 rd Saturday of each month | 9.00am |