

**ST LUKE'S MODBURY
and
ST MARK'S GOLDEN GROVE**

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Sunday, 5th March, 2023

.... WELCOME

OUR SERVICES TODAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion (First Order) led by the Rev'd Jo Smith
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns (First Order) led by the Rev'd Jo Smith
10.30am Prayer and praise (Ridgehaven Rise) led by the Rev'd Don Owers
11.30am Holy Communion (Bari) led by the Rev'ds Don Owers & Samuel Yengi
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AN INTELLECTUAL FINDS WISDOM

Most of us know that if we don't want to keep caught or found out by others, then it can be useful to go about our business in the dark,

And I think this is why Nicodemus choose to go to Jesus at night in today's gospel passage. He was probably hoping that nobody would be able to see where he was going and find out what he was up to.

You see, not only was Nicodemus a Pharisee, a Jewish leader and teacher who knew the Mosaic law backwards and forwards and strictly followed it. He was an expert and an intellectual and he was curious about what this controversial new rabbi Jesus was saying and doing.

And so, the two teachers came to be talking to each other about matters of faith. It would be more accurate to say that one teacher was talking over the head of the other. Nicodemus was having a hard time following Jesus' lesson.

It is easy to sympathize with Nicodemus's perplexity. His questions are not unreasonable. The new life that Jesus has in mind is elusive, mysterious, and entirely God's doing. We worship a wind that blows where it will. We preach new life that is not available to us through our knowledge or accomplishment, but comes to us as the uncontrollable wind of the Spirit. All life is a mystery beyond our understanding, a gift that only God can give. The same Spirit who gave life in the first place gives life over and over again. This is the wisdom that we seek.

Lenten Studies at St Luke's: This year as part of our observation of Lent we will use the study guide 'I Thirst' - six reflections on the meaning of the cross written by the Most Rev'd Stephen Cottrell (now Archbishop of York). We have one study group meeting at 10am on Monday mornings and there is the possibility of forming another group if we get sufficient interest. Please speak to Rev'd Don or one of the wardens if you would like to join a group.

St. Luke's Annual Vestry Meeting. Sunday, 26th March at 11am. Reports from the various parish groups and items for discussion under General Business should be provided to the church wardens at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Easter flowers. The Flower Group would appreciate any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter. Clearly marked "Easter flowers" envelopes may be placed in the collection bowls or money given to Helen Bradshaw or office staff. Thank you.

Food for Opshop give away hampers. Please refer to the insert for items that are needed to make up these hampers. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosters for March and April for 9.30am service are at the back of the church.

Lost property. Please check the Lost Property box in the foyer for items you may have mislaid.

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

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Jenni Cooling
Reader 2: Sandy Andrews
Sidespersons: Wendy W-D and Peter Caddy
Welcoming: Marg S & Maria Harrison
Morning Tea: Jessy Lim & Marian Carpenter

FOR PRAYER



- * *Our church community as we worship together.*
- * *Thanks for all clergy in churches around the world.*
- * *Survivors and those killed in the train crash in Greece.*
- * *Migrants who lost their lives off the coast of Calabria, Italy.*
- * *The ongoing conflict in the South Sudan.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khanzade, Michaela Kinnoch.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being: Eveline Robinson, Sadie, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Susan Restall, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Adrienne Wright, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Mia, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, David Cooling.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family: Gene Kluver, Enid Lackerstein, Jeanette Leister, Jessy Lim and Edmund Malander and the Mens Group.

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

Robert Nicoll, Patricia Pennock, Janet Watkins, Joe Cox, Rosina Brown, William Stenhouse, William Rigby, Amy Stewart.

+ *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 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

Exodus 17.1-7
Romans 5.1-11

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 95
John 4.5-42

Thought for the Week

Our job is to love others without stopping to enquire whether or not they are worthy.
Thomas Merton

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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

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1 st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 rd Saturday of the month	9.00am