

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

Sunday, 10th September 2023

.... WELCOME

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

The Good Shepherd parable employs the metaphor of sheep and shepherd throughout the history of Israel. Jesus' followers, like all Jewish people, thought of themselves as the people of God. The disciples of Jesus, just like the sheep, could go astray; it would be surprising if they did not.

What is surprising is the willingness of the shepherd, not only to put himself at risk, but also to risk ninety-nine sheep to save one.

Verse 14 summarises the point. Not a single person should be lost; no-one is expendable; each one is worthy of being pursued to the point of risking everything. The rejoicing when the lost sheep is found emphasises this point. Initially we may find comfort in the idea that we are like the lost sheep sought after by the Lord. Is it not also possible to think of ourselves as the ninety-nine left behind?

Perhaps, as Christ's body here on earth it might be more helpful to stop waiting for our shepherd to find us, and instead join him in his search for "these little ones".

The Archbishop has accepted the nomination of Rev Jo Smith as the Parish Priest of Modbury and Golden Grove. Her commissioning will be held on Saturday, 14th October at 2.00pm at St. Luke's church. Please mark this date in your diary and come along to celebrate this important milestone in our life together.

Service of Thanksgiving at St Mark's. Since we are no longer using St Mark's as a venue for regular worship, we will hold a Service of Thanksgiving for the building and ministry on that site on Sunday October 8th at 4pm. Afternoon tea will follow. All are most warmly encouraged to attend this very special milestone in our life together.

Prue O' Donovan and Susan MacLeod, Senior Chaplain, would like to invite you to a morning of thanks for volunteers from our parishes and in our communities. The theme for the morning is 'What is your mission and ministry?' To be held on Saturday, 16th September, 10am – midday, at St. Catherine's Anglican Church, Elizabeth Downs. Please bring a plate of morning to share. The morning will be a time of thanks and recognition.

BCA. It is box opening time again. *For St Marks BCA box holders* - please return boxes to Adrienne Williams by Sunday, 17th September. *For St Luke's box holders* - for those not giving online please return boxes to Deb Travis or leave at the back of the church as soon as possible. A new process will be in place for March 2024. Thank you.

Improving the church sound system. The Parish Council is investigating ways to improve the sound system and are keen to hear from those with hearing impairments. The church has a "T loop" fitted but we're not sure if this is working. Your comments on audibility and clarity of the system and whether you use the "T loop" system (if it's working) would be appreciated. Please speak to Don Owers or email at donaldowers@iCloud.com

The Link is the annual Year Book of St. Luke's and it is a record of the activities and special events that have occurred during the year. So far this year we have much to celebrate, for example, joint worship – the new Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Two things are being requested, firstly you submit articles for publication and secondly you keep taking photos on your phone and send them for publication with a caption.

Email to stlukesmodbury@outlook.com by Sunday 5th November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd curdm@bigpond.com and Toni Owen (local editors).

Envelope Giving. We will no longer be separately recording the offerings made each week via envelopes. While you may still place a cash offering in an envelope, there will no longer be special numbered envelopes provided for this purpose. We encourage you to consider using a regular electronic funds transfer instead of giving in cash. This is the preferred method for the parish because it allows for better records and budgeting, and reduces the handling of cash which is labour intensive and a security risk.

Luke's OpShop's roster will be renewed soon for 2024. We are open each day from 10-3.30 and Saturday 10-12 noon. Please contact Helen or myself if you are willing to assist either a half day or full day.

Can & bottle recycling. If you have a stockpile of cans/plastic bottles/cartons (bottle tops removed) etc which can be recycled for cash please contact Audrey Dewell on 0421 635 422. All funds received will be donated to the Opshop for grocery purchases.

FOR PRAYER



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

Caryl Walker, Iliya Khanzade, Susan Restell, Jose, Jodie McIntosh, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Jill G, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Cathie Shipwright, Vimla Mukerji, Chris and Kelly Davies, Prue O'Donovan, Robert Rechner, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Wendy Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris and Kelly Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Des Dixon, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Neville Hendricks.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Kirk Skelton, David & Jo Smith, Deborah & Michael Southren, Helen & John Spencer, Beryl Stenhouse & the Community Garden.

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

Douglas Whiting, Frederick Santell.

+ *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).

Our combined prayer list is now very large. Please let us know if there are people whose names can be removed.

Next week's readings

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-4

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 114

Matthew 18:21-35

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: John McIntosh

Reader 2: Maria Harrison

Sidespersons: Peter Caddy & Kirk Skelton

Welcoming: Audrey Dewell & Dany Fidock

Morning Tea: Denise Robinson & Marilyn Harris

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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 PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	9.30am
	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	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
Book sales	2 nd Saturday of the month (St. Mark's)	9.00am