



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

Sunday, 26th October 2025

.... WELCOME

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Like Children: Receiving the Kingdom of God
(Luke 18:15–30)

In this Sunday's Gospel, two scenes unfold side by side — one tender, one troubling. First, people bring their babies to Jesus, hoping he'll bless them. The disciples try to send them away, thinking children are too small, too unimportant, to bother the teacher. But Jesus stops them with words that echo across the centuries:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Then, almost immediately, a wealthy ruler approaches Jesus with a serious question: *"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* He has kept all the commandments, lived an honourable life — yet Jesus tells him that one thing is missing. He must let go of what holds his heart captive. The man turns away, saddened, because his wealth gives him a sense of control that he cannot release.

Both stories are about how we enter the kingdom of God. Children enter it easily, with empty hands and open hearts. The rich ruler finds it almost impossible, not because wealth is evil, but because it tempts us to believe we don't need God.

Jesus invites us to become like children again — not childish, but childlike: aware of our dependence, unashamed of our need, ready to trust the One who provides.

In a world that prizes self-sufficiency and control, Jesus offers a different way: a life rooted in trust, generosity, and grace. The kingdom of God is not earned or achieved — it is received.

This Sunday, may we come before God with open hands, as children do, ready to receive the gift of life that only Christ can give.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) celebrates 175 years TODAY. Join us to celebrate faith, history and hope. Celebratory High Tea at 4 pm followed by Choral Evensong with preacher Archbishop Geoff Smith at 6 pm. Entry by donation for A/T. Peter Burke will present an update on ABM at St Luke's on Sunday 9th November at the 8 am and 9.30 am services.

"Come as You Are" Women's Fellowship, Friday, 7th November, 10-12 noon in the balcony room. Venerable Jo Smith will present our annual Christmas message her topic being "Mary and Martha - and why you can just be you". This will be followed by a cuppa and chat.

NB: the December meeting on Friday, 5th December, will be our Christmas lunch at "Dimples", Tea Tree Gully Golf Club. There is *no meeting in January* and we will meet again on Friday, 6th February, 2026. Enquiries - contact Susan Dearman 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson 0412 606 615.

Bush Church Aid Society (BCA). It is box collection time. They can be left at St Luke's with treasurer Hugh Walker or Box secretary Rev'd Brian Jeffries.

Leprosy Mission. Our Parish supports Leprosy Mission Australia. As supporters you are invited to a celebratory afternoon tea on Monday, 19th November 2-4 pm at Utopia@waterfall Gully, 170 Waterfall Gully Rd. RSVP by Friday, 30th October. Phone 1800 537 767.

AnglicareSA Emergency Assistance Consultation. As we develop a new model to deliver this service, we want to hear your thoughts on what ideas you think we should consider, how you and your communities would like to be involved, and how we can work together to support vulnerable South Australians. **Date:** Tuesday, 25th November **Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm **Venue:** Christ Church North Adelaide Parish Hall **Address:** 62-72 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Ben Falcon ben.falcon@anglicaresa.com.au

"Exploring Prayer of the Heart at St Luke's 25 Smart Rd, Modbury, Wednesdays 7 – 8.00pm; 2th, 26th Nov and 10th Dec 2025. ***Learn about, ask questions and/or deepen the practice of Meditation in the Christian Tradition.*** Receive the gift of meditation before Christmas and start or continue a lifetime contemplative habit to deepen your spiritual life and benefit your health. Meditate with others to create a community of love and help you to find joy in a daily meditation practice. For more information and to register contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396 or email sandy.jane.andrews@gmail.com All Welcome!"

Flowers this week are in memory of Chris Travis.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, Peter & Val Rogers, 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, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, 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.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Christine Walker, Alec Wallace, Jan & Brian Walton, Jessie Waters, Kanchana Wickramage, Adrienne Williams, Linda Williams, Vernon Williams, Jim Williamson and the Bari Congregation.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Kaye Reader, John Stewart, John Thamm, Val Connell, Steve Hamilton, Keith Bernard, Dennis Dewell.

+ *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

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1.11-23

All Saints

Psalm 149

Luke 6.20-31

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Margaret Curd

Reader 2: Christine Walker

Intercessor: Lyn Ho

Sidespersons: Gene Kluver & John McIntosh

Welcoming: Margaret Collins & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: Jessie Lim & Marilyn Florance

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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