ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 4th October 2026

…. WELCOME ….

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

What does it mean to live faithfully as a Christian?

It is tempting to think of faith as something we gradually accumulate: knowledge of the Bible, years of worship, experience of serving others, familiarity with the traditions of the Church. All of these things can be precious gifts. They shape us, give us roots and help us to recognise the faith we have received from those who came before us.

But this Sunday's readings invite us to think about faith in a slightly different way.

In Philippians 3, Paul reflects on his own impressive religious credentials. Yet, after encountering Christ, he comes to see that none of these things is as important as knowing Christ himself. He is not content simply to look back on what he has already received or achieved. He continues to "press on" towards Christ.

Jesus' parable of the vineyard in Matthew's Gospel raises a related question. The tenants have been entrusted with the vineyard, but eventually begin to act as though it belongs to them. The vineyard is, of course, God's. Their task is not to possess it but to care for it and enable it to bear fruit.

Together, these readings offer a gentle invitation to consider our own life of faith. We can be deeply grateful for what we have inherited, while remaining open to where Christ is leading us now. We are not simply guardians of something precious from the past. We are people entrusted with God's gifts for the present and the future.

Perhaps the questions for us are simple: Are we still growing in our knowledge of Christ? And what fruit might God be inviting our lives and our church to bear?

There is more of Christ to discover, and there is still fruit for the kingdom to bear.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

The funeral of John Spencer will be held at St Luke's on **Wednesday October 7th at 11.00am**. All are invited to attend to give thanks for John's life and to support Helen and their daughters in their grief. Please keep them in your prayers.

Patronal festival for St. Luke's day, Sunday 11th October. Archbishop Bradly Billings will be joining us on the day. **One service only at 9am.** After the service during morning tea, we will share the latest draft of the Mission Action Plan.

Spring garden sale, **Saturday, 17th October.** The plant sale will be on Oct 17th from 9.30am to 1:30pm. Apart from plants on sale there will also be a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, and a table with used tools etc. Could those who have potted cuttings please bring them to the garden where they will be nurtured up to the time of sale. We would also welcome donations of pots. Enquiries to David Datson 0413278180. Thank you.

Bush Church Aid (BCA). We will have a box collection during October. If you have a BCA box, please leave it at the back of the church to be collected by David Collins. Thanks.

Christmas lunch, Dimples, Tea Tree Golf Course, Friday, 4th December at 12 noon. Two 18 passenger buses/drivers have been organised from Levande Village which will pick up at 11.15am from the church and then return you to the church. The cost has been covered by two very generous donations. ***Please RSVP for the buses and lunch*** to Carolyn Datson - 0412 606 615 email cd@edtcomputers.biz; or Susan Dearman - 0412 814 082 email susandear@bigpond.com

Recycling for groceries - $76.40 has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, (12/7/2026 - 19/9/2026), for groceries to be distributed through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Audrey Dewell

St Lukes Web Site: Do you know that the parish has a web site? At the web site you can view the current and past pew sheets, readings and sermons. In addition, there is a lot of information about what is happening in parish life. Have a look - the address is https://stlukesmodbury.com

National Church Life survey. St. Luke's, with nearly all the parishes in the diocese, will participate in this during September/October. It only takes a few minutes. It can be done on your phone or on paper. When the materials arrive, we will do it at church together.

Christian Meditation (listening 'Prayer of the Heart') Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm, 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Bible study is in recess over the school holidays.

Happy birthday to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this month – Helen Gummow, Kate Bosner, John Harris, Marilyn Green, Paddy McKay, John McIntosh, Adrienne Wright, Raneth Fernando, Pasindu Kurugalage, Ralph Nicholls.

Flowers this week are in memory of Tiffany Ho.

FOR PRAYER

The health and well-being of those needing immediate prayers:
Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Jim Williamson, Shirley Shrimplin, Angela Brown, Alan Sutton, Malcolm Mayes, Cathy Drodge, the Hall family, Marie Galetta, Jenni Cooling, Colleen Spence.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:
Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid, Indianna Mesecke, Mari Walker, Glyn Price, Chris Atherton, Cheryl Dohnt.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Nancy Church, Coleen Cleland, David Collins, Margaret Collins, Jeni Cooling, Margaret Curd, Ruth Daniell, Carolyn & David Datson, Doris de Silva and the Bari congregation.

External Mission. We pray for the ministry of our supported Church Missionary Society (CMS) missionary Maggie Crewes serving in the parish of Alice Springs. We give thanks for the deepening relationship that Maggie has with Aboriginal families in Central Australia, through her work in the Alice Springs Prison and with young offenders in an Alternative to Custody Programme.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Larence Clegg, Donald Rankine, Clifford Waters, Charles Carpenter, Michael Candlett, Ann Howland, Tiffany Ho, Joyce Brumley, Alice Ramsey, Shirley Hayes.
+ 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	***Luke, Evangelist and Martyr***
Jeremiah 8.22-9.3	Ps 145.10-18
2 Timothy 4.9-17a	Luke 10.1-9

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1:	Emma Wierda
Reader 2:	Wayne Brumley
Intercessor:	Glyn Price
Sidespersons:	Warren Henriks & John Dearman
Welcomers:	Marilyn Florance & Susan Dearman
Morning Tea:	David Smith & Kate Bonser

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PROPERTY SERVICES	**Position Vacant**. Please contact Wendy W-Dyster, Warden on 0459 332 984 or Maria Harrison, Parish Secretary on 7079 7595.
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
	Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	7.00pm
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2nd Wednesday of the month	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1st Friday of the month	10.00am