



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

Sunday, 20th September 2026

.... WELCOME

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

We like things to be fair. From sharing childhood toys to working out who should have the first turn at something, it's a guiding principle we absorb early. That's why Jesus's story about the workers in the vineyard is a tad unsettling. God's method of reckoning doesn't seem to compute. There's a different criteria running in the background.

Our reaction to this parable about a grape-harvest might depend on which group of workers we identify with. Jesus's original hearers were probably in the long-service group. Perhaps that's also where many of us are. If so, it's good to be happy for the benefits that brings. But making comparisons with more recent arrivals to faith can be a real joy-killer. We're cautioned against looking sideways at those who didn't have our shaping background in a church context, or who didn't seem to have to do the hard yards that we did. We're not to disparage the spirituality of those who had more natural advantages than we did, or those with fewer.

That's partly because we simply don't know enough about others to see them with God's eyes. God values us all just because we belong to him. And it seems that's how we are called to value each other, accepting and enjoying the diverse backgrounds and circumstances from which he has called us to make up the Christian family.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

50 Years of CEBS at St Luke's, Sunday, 27 September, 10am service.

Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be blessed on **Sunday, 27th September.**

"Come as You Are" women's fellowship. 10am Friday, 2nd October. "Rock & Roll" concert presented by the Para Hills Community Hub singers. All invited.

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 by 30th September*** to Carolyn Datson - 0412 606 615 email cd@edtcomputers.biz; or Susan Dearman - 0412 814 082 email susandear@bigpond.com

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.**

Parish Consultation Update. At its meeting on Saturday 12th September, the Parish Council reviewed and approved a summary of the insights gathered through our Parish Consultation held on Sunday 23rd August. In order to provide concise information to church members that summary document has been condensed to two A4 pages and, in that shortened form, it's provided today as an update on the Consultation process. The Executive Committee (Priest, Wardens, Chair and Treasurer) of the Parish Council is now working with our facilitator (Michael Neale) to develop an Implementation Plan. It's intended to provide a draft Implementation Plan for comment by church members on Sunday 11th October.

Spring garden sale, Saturday, 17th October. 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.

10.00am Roster for October to December. Paper copies of the next roster (lilac) are now available on the back table.

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 30th September; 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. **ALL WELCOME!** no experience needed, just a desire to love, connect with and listen to God within, and each other. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Happy September birthday to the following parishioners - Malcolm Keynes, Margaret Shillabeer, Trevor Green, Warren Henriks, Deane Stroud, Jim Williamson, Deborah Ebeweale, Helen Bradshaw, Janet Phillips, Dana Stroba, Alec Wallace.

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, John Spencer, 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: Denise Bollen, Kate Bonser, Veronica Boswell, Antony Bown, Helen & Philip Bradshaw, Michael Breden, Harry Brown, Wayne Brumley, Yvonne Brumley & the Pastoral care team.

External Mission. We pray for the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) and our supported missionaries Revd Mary and Dr Owen Lewis serving in the parish of Kangaroo Island. We give thanks for the recent visit of ABp Brad Billings and his encouragement of the Anglican and Lutheran congregations on KI.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Mabel Langton, Myrtle Hutchinson, Jordan Jenner, Eric Odgers, John Smyth, Joan Oborn, Joy Goldfinch, Mick Skrabanich, Bevan Verney, John Southren, Kate Davis, Peter Rogers, Georgina Callaghan.

+ *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

Exodus 17.1-7

Philippians 2

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 78.1-4, 11-16

Matthew 21.23-32

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Mano De Mel

Reader 2: Margaret Curd

Intercessor: Julie Nicholls

Sidespersons: Nish De Mel & Wendy W-Dyster

Welcomers: Margaret Collins & Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

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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	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 Wednesday of the month	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am