



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

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**.... WELCOME ....**

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

9.00am      Holy Communion with hymns

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The story begins in the grey before dawn.

Mary Magdalene walks to the tomb before the sun has had a chance to rise. Her eyes are red-rimmed from weeping. She isn't going there to witness a miracle. She's going because she doesn't know what else to do with her grief.

She gets to the tomb and sees the stone rolled away. And even though we've heard this story before—heard it so many times we know the next line by heart—Mary doesn't start singing alleluias. She panics.

Because when you're grieving, and something unexpected happens, it doesn't feel like good news. It feels like insult added to injury.

So she runs. Finds Peter and the other disciple. They come, look, confirm: the stone is gone, the body is missing, the linen wrappings are lying there, folded strangely like someone made their bed before leaving.

And then—they leave. Back to wherever it is they were hiding.

But Mary stays.

Of course she does.

Love stays.

And when she peers into the tomb again, this time she sees angels. Angels who ask her why she's weeping.

She says what we've all said, in one way or another: *"They have taken him away, and I do not know where he is."*

They. The world. The illness. The injustice. The death. *They have taken him away.*

And then—someone else speaks.

She doesn't recognise him at first. She thinks he's the gardener.

Then he says her name. *Mary.*

And that's all it takes. Not a sermon. Not a miracle. Just her name.

That's how resurrection comes. Not as a concept, but as a call.

Mary turns. Breath catches. *Rabbouni!*” she cries. *Teacher!* And just like that, the grave loses its grip.

But Jesus doesn’t let her grip tightly to him either. *“Do not cling to me,”* he says.

Because resurrection is not about going back to how things were. It’s about going forward into something new. So Mary becomes the first preacher. The first apostle. The first witness. *“I have seen the Lord,”* she says.

And that one sentence changes everything.

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**Save the date:** Our **Hope 25 Parish Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April** (the Sunday after Easter), at Civic Park, south side of the TTG library.

***We will be having a combined 9am Communion service at St Lukes, followed by the usual morning tea, and the picnic will be from 11/11.15am until about 2.15pm.***

This will be a **bring your own everything** event - lunch, drink, chair, sunscreen and any other picnic things you need. There is parking available around the library but you may like to organise car pooling from the church to ease any parking pressure.

Make sure you take a picnic flier with all the details and a mud map as you leave the church.

All the above information will also be available on the St Luke’s web site.

If the weather forecast on the evening before picnic day forecasts rain for picnic day we will cancel. This will also be announced at church on the day.

\*\*\* To give us some idea how many people intend to come, please fill in the ‘Intention to Attend’ form which is on the table at the back of the church.

**“Come as you are” Women’s Fellowship, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10am-12 noon.**

With Mothers Day coming up in May we plan to share ‘memories of our mothers or grandmothers’. Bring along a photo of your mother, grandmother or mother-figure and some memories of her which you would like to share with the small group at your table.

This will be followed by a cuppa and chat.

All are welcome. Any enquiries please contact Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) or Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615)

**Joyful Noise.** On **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 2pm** Joyful Noise will be hosting an afternoon of music, singing and dance to share the hope we have in Jesus. We will be debuting our new band also! Please come along and bring your family and friends, especially the young ones!

**Noticeboards.** You might have noticed that things have been re-arranged on some of the noticeboards. Rev’d Jo has appointed Audrey Dewell to manage the displays and keep them up to date. There will be a box outside the office where you can put things you wish to display on the noticeboard. Please be patient whilst we work on this ongoing project.

**Reminder** - Please leave the main door to the Church open during services, to assist in providing a welcoming environment, especially for newcomers. *WHS Advisory Group*

## FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Anne Sharpe, Belinda Richmond, Alf & Lyn Ho.

***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, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Max Pontifex, Kerri Bogale's husband and five children, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Greg Downton, Ann Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Margaret Curd, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:*** Heather & Brian Jeffries, Jo & Ron Johnson, Ali Karimi, Howard Kelley, Jo Keynes, Zeba Khodarahmi, Gene Kluver, Enid Lackerstein and the St. Luke's Opshop.

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

***Recently Departed:***

***Anniversaries:*** Lena King, Eva King, Stella Villis, Philip Alden, Don Warren.

+ *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***

Acts 5.27-32

Revelation 1.4-8

***Second Sunday after Easter***

Psalm 118.14-29

John 20.19-31

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***ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday***

*Reader 1:* Colleen Cleland

*Reader 2:* Peter Caddy

*Intercessor:* Simon Bailey

*Sidespersons:* Gene Kluver & Harry Brown

*Welcoming:* Julie Nicholls & Doris de Silva

*Morning Tea:* Maria & Eric Harrison

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## PARISH CONTACTS

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<b>WEEKLY PEW SHEET</b>	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.
<b>CHURCH BANK DETAILS</b>	BSB No: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

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## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
	Christian meditation (fortnightly).	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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	10.00am