

**ST LUKE'S MODBURY  
and  
ST MARK'S GOLDEN GROVE  
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8.00am      Holy Communion

9.30am      Holy Communion with hymns

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**TOUGH WORDS ABOUT BAD BEHAVIOUR**

The words of Jesus in Matthew 5.21-37 challenge human hypocrisy and call for real integrity in the way we live – and they are as relevant today as they were in the time of Jesus. We can understand easily enough the injunctions about anger and lust - anyone with half a brain recognises that to nurture angry or lustful thoughts will likely lead to actions that harm people and even destroy lives. Bad behaviour, Jesus warns us, includes bad thinking. But what about his words on divorce? Here some background is necessary if we're to grasp what Jesus means.

In Jewish society at that time there were two schools of thought about divorce. One school took a rigorous view of the sanctity of marriage and permitted divorce only where the woman had been unfaithful. The other school permitted a man to divorce his wife for just about any offence (including burning his supper!) – a view which demeaned women and marriage and was wide open to abuse. It is this egregious thinking and consequent mistreatment of women that Jesus is criticising. A woman cast aside like this usually had no option but to find another man (or men) to support her and thus she may have been regarded as an adulterer – along with her new partner.

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**Lenten Studies at St Luke's:** This year as part of our observation of Lent we will use the study guide 'I Thirst' - six reflections on the meaning of the cross written by the Most Rev'd Stephen Cottrell (now Archbishop of York). We will be encouraging church members to come together to reflect and pray using this resource and so have ordered 10 printed copies of 'I Thirst' at \$18.00 each, but the book is also available in electronic form from various sources (Kindle etc) for about \$13. If you would like a printed copy please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the church.

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Parish Council discussed the way this acknowledgement is used at our 9.30am service. The consensus was that we ought to continue to acknowledge traditional custodians but to seek to improve how we do it. In light of this the Executive resolved that, in both Sunday services, beginning on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will trial a more succinct statement to be used at the time of 'The Peace' (in the Second Order Service). We will utilise the Prayer Book's alternative greeting 'Christ has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross,' and pick up the theme of reconciliation in our acknowledgement of the traditional custodians.

**Our Bible Study** is no longer in recess. We will recommence on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am for prayer and discussion with a view to commencing Lenten studies on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is welcome.

## COMING EVENTS

The caterers of St. Luke's and St. Mark's met on Tuesday last to discuss forthcoming events, please note the following date in your diary:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 6.00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday.** This will be a joint event when everyone is invited to share pancakes, share some food and also get to know each other more. You are asked to BYO drinks, tea and coffee will be supplied and you are also requested to bring a small plate of savoury food to share. Since this is the first shared event during our period of joint worship you are requested to add your name to the list at the back of the church. It is important for the caterers to have an idea of the expected guest numbers.

**The theme for our services in February is 'Being a disciple.'**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** Matt 5.21-37      **Discipleship means pure hearts not outward behaviour**  
Other readings:      Deut. 10:12-22, Ps 119: 1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** Matt 5.38-48      **Discipleship means going beyond what's expected**  
Other readings:      Leviticus 19:1-2, Ps 119:33-40, 1 Cor:3:10-17

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Matt 4.1-11      **Discipleship means resisting temptation**  
Other readings:      Gen 2:15-17 and 3:1-7, Ps 32, Romans 5: 12-21

**Bird cages.** Leanne from the Community Garden is looking for unwanted bird cages. (Please speak to Jeana Rechner or David Datson.)

*Please join us for morning tea in the Balcony Room after the service*

## FOR PRAYER



- \* *The people of Turkey and Syria facing devastating earthquakes and loss of life.*
- \* *Those living along the Murray River facing the huge clean up.*
- \* *Improved health care for those living in remote areas of Australia.*
- \* *Chile suffering a heatwave and hundreds of forest fires.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khazade.

***Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:*** Eveline Robinson, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Sadie, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Susan Restall, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Adrienne Wright, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Mia, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, David Cooling.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family:*** Marilyn & John Harris, Brenda Hartweg, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, June Hindmarch, Lyn Ho and St. Luke's Opshop.

*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 (Thursday service).*

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

*Reader 1:* David Smith  
*Reader 2:* Colin Fidock  
*Sidespersons:* Harry Brown & Warren Hendriks  
*Welcoming:* Christine Archer & Ann Dixon  
*Morning Tea:* Dany & Louisa Fidock and Maria Harrison

### **Thought for the Week**

*Choose to make a difference instead of choosing to be indifferent today.*

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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.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	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
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	9.00am