



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

Sunday, 5th October 2025

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

Trusting in the faithfulness of God

On my first reading of the Bible passages set for today I struggled to see what unifying theme might have caused the writers of the lectionary to choose these particular readings. As I read them again (and again) however, and as I thought about the context for each, a theme began to emerge. It was most clearly articulated by Paul in our reading from 2 Timothy. There, at verse 12, he declares, '*. . . I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust . . .*' Paul makes this declaration whilst in chains in a Roman dungeon, shortly before his death. In this suffering he testifies that his faith and hope are maintained not by his great faith, but rather through his trust in the great faithfulness of God who, in Christ, he has come to know, '*I know the one whom I have believed . . .*'

The reading from Lamentations is set after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586BC. The author is totally desolated and complains that he has 'forgotten what happiness is,' and yet he can also affirm that, '*the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*' (Lam 3.22). This recognition of God's faithfulness gives him hope, and he goes on to affirm '*The Lord is my portion, therefore I will hope in him.*' (Lam 3.24).

In Luke 17, the disciples, confronted by the very real challenges they (and we) face in forgiving others, especially those who repeatedly cause harm, ask Jesus to 'increase their faith'. They seem to be thinking of faith as a kind of inner strength that will enable them to forgive. Jesus' reply is enigmatic but suggests that the ability to forgive is rather a gift of God received through faith. A mustard seed of faith which trusts in the faithfulness of God for the power to forgive will result in outcomes we would not have thought possible.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Parishioners and friends are advised that the funeral service for the late Peter Rogers will be held on Tuesday, 7th October, at 10.00am at the Heritage Chapel, Harrison Funeral Directors, Golden Grove Road, Ridgehaven. All are very warmly invited to attend.

The Community garden group will have a plant sale in the garden on **Saturday, 11th October, 10am-12noon.** If you have any potted plants or can strike some new plants, can you please bring them along before the sale and put them in the box in the foyer. There will be a cuppa and biscuit for a gold coin donation and a cuppa and cake \$5.

St. Luke's Day luncheon – 12th October. We are holding a luncheon next Sunday to celebrate St. Luke's day. For catering purposes please add your name to the list (blue paper) on the table at the back of the church if you are able to attend. The meal will be provided but please BYO drinks and glasses.
NB there will only be one service at 9.30am.

Bible studies. Don't forget we have two regular Bible Study groups at St. Luke's. Both take a break during the school holidays but we will be back on 13th October. On Monday mornings at 10.00am we begin the week by prayerfully considering the readings for the coming Sunday. On Wednesday mornings at 10.00am we also pray for each other and the world and we try to focus on different themes or books of the Bible. This term we will be looking at the themes we encounter in the book of the Prophet Jeremiah. You would be very welcome at either group. Please consider coming along to enhance your knowledge, grow your faith and make new friends. NB – if you would be interested in being part of a Bible Study that meets at a time more convenient for those who work during the week, please speak to Rev'd Jo. We can definitely start one if there is interest.

Property Matters. The Parish Council is very happy to report that the St Mark's site at Wynn Vale has been sold and the contract will be settled in mid December. As a result, we have been able to purchase a new clergy home in Golden Grove and Rev'd Jo and David will be able to move in during November.

Bush Church Aid Society (BCA). Thank you to those who organised and supported the recent gold coin donation morning tea in support of BCA.

Happy October birthdays to the following parishioners – Helen Gummow, Kate Bosner, John Harris, Marilyn Green, Elizabeth Home, John McIntosh, Adrienne Wright.

Flowers this week are in memory of Tiffany Ho.

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.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin, Manishi Siwrathna, Kirk Skelton, Rev'd Jo & David Smith, Deborah & Michael Southren, Helen & John Spencer and the Men's Group.

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

Recently Departed: Peter Rogers

Anniversaries: Donald Rankine, Clifford Waters, Charles Carpenter, Michael Candlett, Ann Howland, Tiffany Ho, Joyce Brumley, Alice Ramsey, Shirley Hayes, Billie Short.
+ *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

Jeremiah 8.22-9.3

2 Timothy 4.9-17a

Luke, Evangelist & Martyr

Psalm 145.10-18

Luke 10.1-9

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Audrey Dewell

Reader 2: Adrienne Williams

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: Nish de Mel & John Dearman

Welcoming: Marilyn Florance & Susan Dearman

Morning Tea: David Smith & Kate Bonser

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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