

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

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Sunday, 9th April, 2023

.... WELCOME

OUR SERVICES TODAY

EASTER DAY

9.00am Holy Communion with hymns (Second Order)

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Matthew's account of the resurrection is literally earth shaking. More than any other of the gospel accounts of what happened as the first day of the week was dawning, this account describes the resurrection as an event with immediate public consequences. There is no missing the point here that what happened when Jesus was raised from the dead shocked witnesses and shook the world itself.

Some 20th century theologians focused on the resurrection as an event that took place in the life of the disciples, a mysterious personal event, a spiritual transformation that led to faith in the crucified Jesus as the most profound sign of God's presence in the world. However; I don't think Matthew is letting us get away with thinking that this happened only in the spiritual realm and lives of the disciples. There's an earthquake, and angel descending in the sight of the women and the guards and rolling away the stone - the actual, heavy, solid and physically real stone. The guards were so terrified that they became like dead men. These were Roman soldiers, they'd waged war and crucified people. They were not likely to be terrified by anything that wasn't very real and physical and concrete.

All of this testifies to the very real inbreaking of God's reign in the physical world we live in.

So I think we have to face the physical reality of it... and ask ourselves what does this resurrection mean?

Jesus being raised from the dead was not itself a visible, public event. There were no witnesses to tell us what did or did not happen to Jesus' body. This is the mystery, the silence, the gap in the centre of Christian faith. But wrapped around that gap is the certainty that something monumental happened that altered the world order, overturning what we

think we know about the relationship of death and life and the coming of God's reign. We try to find ways to explain the resurrection that will make us comfortable because it is not normal for the things described in today's gospel to happen.

We have become accustomed, in the aftermath and lingering effects of Covid 19 to refer to something called the "new normal." We do this because we fear things that which disrupts the normal order, so we try to tame it by calling it the new normal. You can't do that to the resurrection.

We are not simply standing on the edge of dawn that first day of the week, we are standing on the precipice of a strange and wonderful, confusing and badly shaken new world. "Come and see," says the angel to the women, look at what the world fails to notice.....peer over the edge, peer into the darkness, see the wonder that God has worked among us. The earth has shifted on its axis, a badly damaged creation is being restored, and God is at last having God's way with our sin and death....and not without a shake, rattle and roll.

Proposed Merger: Special Vestry Meetings

Special Vestry Meetings to decide on the proposed merger between St Luke's and St Mark's will be held on **Sunday 16th April at 11am (for St Luke's)** and **Sunday 23rd April at 11am (for St Mark's)**.

St Luke's Vestry, since it is the first to meet, will debate the following motion:

That this Vestry resolves to amalgamate with the Parish of Golden Grove, that the new parish be named the Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove, and that the Parish Councils of the two parishes be authorised to commence work to this end with Synod Office.

If this motion (or an amended version of it) is carried, it will then go to St Mark's Vestry on the following Sunday.

Both Vestry meetings will include opportunity for questions and answers prior to debate on the motion, and an explanatory text will be provided in the weeks before the Vestry meetings. This text will seek to explain the rationale for the proposed merger and, if both Vestries approve it, the steps that will be involved prior to its implementation.

Quickest Warmth Project. No one is available to collect and deliver donations for the next few weeks, so it would be appreciated if you could hold on to them for the moment. There will be another notification when the situation goes back to normal.

9.30 Rosters. As an extension of the combined worship period has been accepted by both parishes, the 9.30 rosters have been revised and extended to the end of June.

I am hoping to save paper by sending the rosters via email but for those who do not use email please check the back of the church for paper copies to see if you are on a roster for this period. Thanks Helen M

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

FOR PRAYER



- * *Peace in war torn countries.*
- * *Safety on our roads.*
- * *Thanks for the wonderful country in which we live, may we take better care of it.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Iliya Khanzade, Michaela Kinnoch, Susan Restell, Diane Thiele, Jose.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being: Eveline Robinson, Sadie, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, 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, Peter Cooling, Kate Bosner.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family: Chris & Mark Robjohns, Margaret Shillabeer, Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin, Kirk Skelton, Julia Smith and St Luke's Opshop.

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

Joyce Townend, Bob Brumley, Percival Brooks, Bob Craddock, Hilda Bollen.
+ *Rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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).

Next week's readings

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter 1.1-12

Second Sunday of Easter

Ps 16

John 20.19-31

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Maria Harrison

Reader 2: Veronica Boswell

Sidespersons: Kirk Skelton & Ralph Nicholls

Welcoming: Dany Fidock & Ann Dixon

Morning Tea: Doris de Silva & Maria Harrison

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WEEKLY PEW SHEET	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 st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 rd Saturday of the month	9.00am