



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

Sunday, 30th August 2026

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

When God Calls, God Goes With Us

What does it mean to respond faithfully when God calls us to something we feel ill-equipped to do?

This Sunday's readings bring together three very different people who find themselves confronted by God's call. Moses encounters God in the burning bush and immediately asks, **"Who am I that I should go?"** He feels inadequate for the task God is placing before him. Peter, in the Gospel, has just recognised Jesus as the Messiah, but cannot accept that the Messiah's path will involve suffering and the cross. Paul, meanwhile, describes what following Christ looks like in the ordinary circumstances of daily life: genuine love, hospitality, patience, generosity, forgiveness and a refusal to repay evil with evil.

Together, these readings remind us that Christian vocation rarely begins with a sense that we are perfectly prepared or completely capable. **God does not call us because we are enough. God calls us, accompanies us and transforms us.**

Nor does following God necessarily lead us along an easy or successful path. Sometimes the way of faithfulness involves sacrifice, uncertainty, disappointment or simply continuing to love when loving is difficult.

Yet the promise given to Moses remains at the heart of Christian discipleship: **"I will be with you."**

The question for us, then, may not be *"Am I enough?"* or *"Will this be easy?"* Instead, we are invited to ask: **Where is God calling me to follow, and can I trust that God will be with me?**

Faithfulness is not measured by success or ease, but by our willingness to follow God's call, trust God's presence and continue to love when the way becomes difficult

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

The Commemoration of the New Guinea Martyrs, St Cuthbert's Prospect, 49 Prospect Rd, Prospect, **Wednesday, 2nd September**, 6pm. Preacher and Celebrant: The Rt Rev'd Jeremy James, Bishop of Willochra. *A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the service.* RSVP for catering purposes by **Monday 31 August** using the link below or to info@abmission.org.au or 1300 302 663.

“Come as you are” Womens Fellowship – Friday, **4th September at 10am**. Our guest speaker will be Mohsen Abdel-Meseh from The Australian Refugee Association. Please come along and join the interactive discussions with Mohsen, followed by fellowship over morning tea. We would love to see as many ladies as possible. Susan Dearman – 0412 814 082 and Carolyn Datson - 0412 606 615

50 Years of CEBS at St Luke's, Sunday, 27 September. We will welcome a group of men who were members of the Church of England Boys' Society (CEBS) at St Luke's. They will join us at the 10.00 am service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of CEBS beginning at St Luke's. They will celebrate together after the service. We look forward to welcoming our former CEBS members and sharing this special occasion with them.

Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be blessed in the last week of September. Please see Denise Robinson for a box and a list of the items to pack.

Liwolo Appeal. To donate to the Diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan in support of internally displaced families, please place a separate envelope in the collection or give electronically to BSB: 705077. A/c No: 00041526. A/c Name: Parish of Modbury & Golden Grove. Identify your donation as “Liwolo Appeal”. Thanks.

Spring garden sale. Again, this year we plan to run a spring garden sale. Can the green thumbs in the parish pot cuttings of your favourite plants and nurture them. Details and date for the sale are yet to be decided but it will probably be late October. Enquiries to David Datson 0413278180. Thank you.

General Rosters for October, November and December 2026. It is time again for us to start preparing the general rosters for July, August and September. If you are involved in one or more of these ministries but expect to be unavailable for 2 or more weeks during that period, could you please let us know by * text by the 13th September at the latest:

- 8.00 am Service Roster – Toni Owen 0439 684 236
- 10.00 am Service Roster – Warren Henriks 0474 759 301

We are always looking for additional help for all of the ministries so, if you are able to help, please let either of us know.

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.

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.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Adrienne Wright, Helen Wright, Mary Wu, Perida Yawa, Rev Samuel, Rose Yobu, Ester Yu and the Community Garden group.

External Mission. We pray for the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and our supported project of encouraging church leaders in PNG to receive a theological education at the Bishop Newton School of Theology. We remember with thanks the New Guinea Martyrs of WW 2 to be commemorated at a service, supported by the ABM provincial committee with students and staff of St Columba's College.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Enid Keegal, Alice Newman, Lawrence Clegg, Donald Rankine, Clifford Waters, Charles Carpenter, Michael Candlett, Ann Howland.

+ *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 12:1-14

Romans 13:1-10

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 149

Matthew 18:10-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday (6th September)

Reader 1: Christine Walker

Reader 2: Kim Lawes

Intercessor: Carolyn Datson

Sidespersons: Peter Hoppo & David Datson

Welcomers: Julie Nicholls & Anita Hoppo

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Barbara O'Sullivan

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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