

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

Sunday, 4th February, 2024

.... WELCOME

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
OUR SERVICES TODAY

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, restoring her to her community and vocation. This isn't just the message of the first chapter of Mark, of course, it consumes the whole of his account, all the other gospels as well and, indeed, the whole of Scripture: God wants to set free all of us so that we might live into our God-given identity and potential, claiming our calling as children of God, and join God in the mission to love and bless the world. I think I have often indeed preached about the freedom our life in Christ imparts, but perhaps tending to lean towards naming freedom *from* the many things that limit us and threaten us. Freedom from sin, of course. But also freedom from the various manifestations of sin we might name as fear, loss, despair, insecurity, and all manner of things that plague us. All of this is well and good and, indeed, at the heart of the Gospel and certainly part of today's passage. Jesus frees Peter's mother-in-law *from* illness. He frees crowds of people *from* disease and possession as well. Nevertheless, I am not sure I have always moved as to another dimension of the Gospel: that Jesus frees us not only *from* things that seek to oppress us, but also *for* a life of purpose, meaning, and good works. (Yes, good works, not those things that we do in the vain hope of justifying ourselves before God or others, but rather those things that we do as a response to the Gospel to serve our neighbour stemming from a sense of joy, love, and freedom.)

Recycling for groceries - From the beginning of 2024 to 27/1/2024, **\$58.80** has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, for groceries to be distributed through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. *Audrey Dewell*

Tea Tree Gully (TTG) Community Services Forum - In support of St Luke's Mission Action Plan, parish council have agreed that we should participate in TTG Community Services Forum. This is a monthly meeting at TTG council offices attended by representatives of local churches and organisations working in the community. The meeting includes refreshments and a guest speaker. Two representatives would be ideal to share the role. If you think this might interest you please contact Helen Wright for more information on Mb 0405 747 226 or via email at wrightdwhp@bigpond.com.

Vestry Meeting – A vestry meeting is called for Sunday, 18th February, commencing at 11.00am following the 9.30am service, to share and discuss the draft thus far of the Mission Action Plan.

Shrove Tuesday – You are invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, 13th February commencing at 5.30pm. Please bring a savoury dish to share and BYO drinks, pancakes will be supplied. For catering purposes, please place your name and the number in your party on the list at the rear of the Church.

Ash Wednesday, 14th February – Service, including the imposition of ashes will be held at St Luke's at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, during which time we will be using the First Order for Holy Communion.

Food Hampers. We constantly need food for the hampers given out at the Op shop. Please see notice board in balcony room for what we need. Money is always gratefully accepted.

Diary Dates.

Tuesday, 13th February

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at 5.30pm

Wednesday, 14th February

Ash Wednesday services 10am & 7pm

Sunday, 18th February

Vestry Meeting at 11am

FOR PRAYER

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

Susan Restell, Jose, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Kathy Fennell, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:

Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Carol Aitken, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Cilla Harvey, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Jill G, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Joan Manners, Helen & Malcolm Mayes, Sandra McAdam, John & Jean McIntosh, Darryel McLean and Foodbank.

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

Barry Connell, Maude Lewis, Leslie Watson.

+ *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 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-12

Transfiguration

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Maria Harrison

Reader 2: Adrienne Williams

Intercessor: Carolyn Datson

Sidespersons: Glen Wadrop & Kirk Skelton

Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Dorothy Bienke

Morning Tea: Denise Robinson & Christine Walker

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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: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

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
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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