



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

Sunday, 27th September 2026

.... WELCOME

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

Coming Home

This Sunday we have the great joy of welcoming back to St Luke's a group of men who were part of the Church of England Boys Society which began here in Modbury 50 years ago. For them, this is a homecoming: an opportunity to reconnect with a place, a community and people who were part of their lives when they were young.

Our readings invite us to think about what it means to come home to the Church.

In Exodus, the people of Israel are travelling through the wilderness. They are thirsty, frightened and uncertain, and they ask a fundamental question: **"Is the Lord among us or not?"** Their circumstances have changed, but God's presence has not. The question is one that remains relevant for us as the Church changes and as our own lives change.

In Philippians, Paul reminds us that the Church is not simply a community gathered around memories or traditions. We are a people being formed into the likeness of Christ: learning humility, looking to the interests of others, serving rather than grasping, and developing what Paul calls "the mind of Christ."

And in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two sons who are invited to work in their father's vineyard. One initially says no but later changes his mind and goes. The other says yes but does not go. Jesus reminds us that what matters is not simply what we once said, or even what we say now, but how we respond to God's invitation.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be blessed today.

Friends of the late Maggie Anson are warmly invited to attend her funeral service at St Luke's on **Tuesday September 29th at 11.00am** . Maggie was a much loved parishioner at St Mark's Wynn Vale prior to her move into aged care and we have enjoyed ministering to her at Estia Golden Grove in recent years.

I am saddened to let parishioners know of the passing of John Spencer this last week. John's funeral will be held at St Luke's on **Wednesday October 7th at 11.00am** and all are invited to attend to give thanks for John's life and to support Helen and their daughters in their grief. Please keep them in your prayers.

"Come as You Are" women's fellowship. 10am Friday, 2nd October. "Rock & Roll" concert presented by the Para Hills Community Hub singers. All invited.

Christmas lunch, Dimples, Tea Tree Golf Course, Friday, 4th December at 12 noon. Two 18 passenger buses/drivers have been organised from Levande Village which will pick up at 11.15am from the church and then return you to the church. The cost has been covered by two very generous donations. ***Please RSVP for the buses and lunch by 30th September*** to Carolyn Datson - 0412 606 615 email cd@edtcomputers.biz; or Susan Dearman - 0412 814 082 email susandear@bigpond.com

Patronal festival for St. Luke's day, Sunday 11th October. Archbishop Bradly Billings will be joining us on the day. **One service only at 9am.ref**

Spring garden sale, Saturday, 17th October. The plant sale will be on Oct 17th from 9.30am to 1:30pm. Apart from plants on sale there will also be a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, and a table with used tools etc.

Also could those who have potted cuttings please bring them to the garden where they will be nurtured up to the time of sale. We would also welcome donations of pots. Enquiries to David Datson 0413278180. Thank you.

St Lukes Web Site: Do you know that the parish has a web site. At the web site you can view the current and past pew sheets, readings and sermons. In addition ,there is a lot of information about what is happening in parish life. Have a look - the address is <https://stlukesmodbury.com>

10.00am Roster for October to December. Paper copies are on the back table.

National Church Life survey. St. Luke's, with nearly all the parishes in the diocese, will participate in this during September/October. It only takes a few minutes. It can be done on your phone or on paper. When the materials arrive, we will do it at church together.

Christian Meditation (listening 'Prayer of the Heart') Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm, 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Bible study is in recess over the school holidays.

The flowers today are in memory of Helen Mary Brown.

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, Colleen Spence.

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, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid, Indianna Mesecke, Mari Walker, Glyn Price, Chris Atherton, Cheryl Dohnt.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Betty Bryson, Markson Butu, Margaret Caddy, Trish Caddy, Sandra Cardnell, Allan Carpenter, Marian Carpenter, Megan Chamber, Moi Lee Chong, Marjorie Church and the Men's Group.

External Mission. We pray for our project of supporting Operation Christmas Child. We give thanks for those who have donated boxes for children in need overseas to be blessed today. We pray that our gifts bring joy to the hearts of the many children who receive them.

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

Recently Departed: John Spencer, Maggie Anson.

Anniversaries: Paul Swalling, Helen Brown, Enid Keegel, Alice Newman.

+ *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 20.1-4,7-9,12-20

Philippians 3

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 19

Matthew 21.33-46

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Audrey Dewell

Reader 2: Elizabeth Owers

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: Gene Kluver & David Datson

Welcomers: Doris de Silva & Warren Henriks

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Christine 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