

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

**Sunday, 22nd October 2023**

**.... WELCOME ....**

---

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

---

**Matthew 22.15-33: Two Dishonest Questions**

“Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” The question is put to Jesus by the Pharisees.

It's dishonest because it's designed to trap Jesus rather than to elicit information. If Jesus affirms paying the tax, he risks alienating those who hope he's the Messiah who will overthrow the Romans. If he rejects paying the tax he could be charged with sedition. Jesus sidesteps a direct response and, at the same time, makes an important point: That which pertains to the emperor is to be given to the emperor and that which pertains to God is to be given to God. The coin for the tax bears the image of Caesar but human beings bear the image of God. That said, Jesus basically affirms that it is lawful to pay the tax, and it's likely that his answer did alienate some of his more radical followers.

The second question comes from the Sadducees – a group largely drawn from the ruling class in Jerusalem. They come to Jesus with a sneering question about the resurrection. The orthodox Jewish belief in the resurrection, with its implications of judgement, wasn't congenial for them because it challenged the ethics of their use of wealth and power. In answering Jesus affirms the truth of the resurrection and makes a devastating comment on the worldview of the Sadducees. “You are wrong,” he tells them, “For you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.”

Both questions are dishonest because they are insincere. We should welcome sincere questions about faith but recognise that some people will ask questions to try to justify their own position.

**Front door keys.** You are no doubt aware that we now have a new security system to gain access to the church, via the front door. Given that keys are no longer required, I would appreciate it if you could place your orange/black key in an envelope with your name on it and return it to the office or to Toni Owen or Colin Fidock. At this stage, keep your master key to the office and vestry until these locks are changed. Thanks. Colin.

**The Link.** Email articles to [stlukesmodbury@outlook.com](mailto:stlukesmodbury@outlook.com) by Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Work Health and Safety Hazards and Incidents**

The Parish is implementing a more formal reporting system to try to ensure that WHS hazards and incidents (including 'near misses') get reported and dealt with promptly. If you notice something that could be hazardous, or if you suffer an injury whilst on church premises, please report it by using the 'Hazard and Incident Reporting Form' that you will find on the table at the rear of the worship area. Doing this may well prevent an injury to someone and help make the church a safe place in which to celebrate our shared life and faith.

**Acknowledgement of Country.** The Parish Council has listed for discussion at its October meeting, the helpfulness or otherwise of the Acknowledgement of Country said prior to Sunday services. Church members should be aware that this discussion does not and will not relate to the Referendum on the Voice (regardless of its outcome). It is simply a discussion which will seek to discern the best ways in which we, as a Parish, can acknowledge the history and culture of aboriginal people and promote understanding and respect. Other ideas that have been proposed include placing a plaque in the foyer acknowledging the traditional custodians and/or the use of indigenous art and music. You may like respectfully to make your views known to Parish Councillors.

**Plastic pots** – all sizes – need for the Community Garden. Many thanks.

**Can & bottle recycling.** Please contact Audrey Dewell on 0421 635 422 if you have cans/plastic bottles/cartons to be recycled for cash with proceeds to Opshop grocery needs. p

### ***DIARY DATES:***

***Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November. 9.30am*** Christ the King celebration with sausage sizzle to follow.  
**NB only one service at 9.30am.**

---

### ***ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday***

*Reader 1:* Maria Harrison

*Reader 2:* June Hindmarch

*Intercessor:* Healing prayers

*Sidespersons:* Peter Caddy & John McIntosh

*Welcoming:* Glyn Price & Jean McIntosh

*Morning Tea:* Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva

## FOR PRAYER

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

Iliya Khanzade, Susan Restell, Jose, Jodie McIntosh, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Jill G, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Cathie Shipwright, Vimla Mukerji, Prue O'Donovan, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis, Cilla Harvey, Dominic, Brenton Billingsley, Neill Bicknell, Jean McIntosh, Dominic

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Wendy Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris and Kelly Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Des Dixon, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Neville Hendricks, Robert Rechner

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

Helen Wright, Samuel Yengi, Rose Yobu, Esther Yu, Sandy Andrews & Foodbank.

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

Leslie White, Dennis Dewell, Joyce Thomas, Kaye Reader, John Stewart, Val Connell  
+ *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). Our combined prayer list is now very large. Please let us know if there are people whose names can be removed.*

### ***Next week's readings***

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

### ***22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

Ps 90:1-6 & 13-17  
Matthew 22:34-36

---

## PARISH CONTACTS

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	The Rev'd Jo Smith; 0401 086 404 <a href="mailto:jo@amip.net.au">jo@amip.net.au</a>
<b>PRIEST'S WARDEN</b>	Peter Caddy; 0490 821 880; <a href="mailto:pmtcaddy@tpg.com.au">pmtcaddy@tpg.com.au</a>
<b>PEOPLE'S WARDEN</b>	Margaret Curd; 0423 205 140; <a href="mailto:curdm@bigpond.com">curdm@bigpond.com</a>
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	<b>25 Smart Road, Modbury</b> Phone: 8396 1407 Email: <a href="mailto:stlukesmodbury@outlook.com">stlukesmodbury@outlook.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.stlukesmodbury.com">www.stlukesmodbury.com</a>
<b>PASTORAL CARE TEAM &amp; OP SHOP CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Colin Fidock; 0417 819 938; <a href="mailto:colin.fidock@bigpond.com">colin.fidock@bigpond.com</a>
<b>COMMUNITY GARDEN CONVENOR</b>	David Datson; 0413 278 180; <a href="mailto:dd@edtcomputers.biz">dd@edtcomputers.biz</a>
<b>PROPERTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR</b>	Darryel McLean; 0447 508 609; <a href="mailto:macfuddled@gmail.com">macfuddled@gmail.com</a>
<b>WEEKLY PEW SHEET</b>	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.
<b>CHURCH BANK DETAILS</b>	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
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	7.30pm