

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

Sunday, 12th March, 2023

.... WELCOME

**OUR SERVICES TODAY
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

8.00am Holy Communion (First Order)

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns (First Order)

John 4.5-42: An apparently unpromising conversation

The woman approaching the well was not well dressed. In her mid-forties, Jesus guessed, but her face and manner indicated a hard life, and she may have been younger. She had clearly been ostracised by the other women of the town, or she would have come to the well with them, first thing in the morning, and not in the heat of the day.

As she began to draw water, Jesus asked, 'Could I have a drink?' Surprised and suspicious, she sneered back at him, 'What's with you, a Jew, asking me, a woman and a Samaritan at that, for water?' Her sarcasm was heightened by the grating accent of the Samaritan underclass.

To say the least, this is not an encouraging start to a conversation. The woman's responses are distrustful, designed to repel any further discussion. Taking the woman's dress and manner into account, as well as her aggressive-defensive words, many of us, I suspect (me included) might be content to leave well alone. Jesus, on the other hand, sees beyond the outer things that we so often (and quite understandably) find off-putting. Instead of one of life's losers, Jesus sees a beloved daughter of God and longs that she might discover the living water of God's grace.

St Luke's Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM). Sunday, 26th March at 11am. Reports from the various parish groups and items for discussion under General Business should be provided to the church wardens at least two weeks prior to the meeting. In addition to the normal business of the AVM the following motion will be presented for consideration.

“That the joint worship period between St Luke's and St Mark's be extended beyond April unless a negative outcome is received at either parish's special vestry meeting.”

The reasoning behind this motion is that Special Vestry meetings to decide on the proposed amalgamation of St Luke's and St Mark's (one for each parish, conducted separately) are likely to take place in the second half of April and it seems sensible to continue the current worship arrangements unless a negative decision is received (from either parish). Notice of these Special Vestry Meetings will be given as soon as dates and times are finalised.

St Mark's Annual Vestry Meeting will take place at St Luke's on Sunday, 19 March, following the 9.30am service.

Bush Church Aid (BCA). It is box opening time again. For those of you still using boxes please leave them at the back of the church. If you consider online giving please speak to Deb Travis. The money goes to general ministry supporting gospel ministry and field staff.

Easter flowers. The Flower Group would appreciate any donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter. Clearly marked “Easter flowers” envelopes may be placed in the collection bowls or money given to Helen Bradshaw or office staff. Thank you.

Food for Opshop give away hampers.

For the homeless – tinned goods with ring pull openings and packets of individual servings.

General packs – long life milk (1litre & 200ml size packs); cereal; tuna/other protein (large/small tins); pasta; passata/pasta sauce; noodles (5 pack); baked beans/spaghetti (400g & small tins); fruit (400g tins & small packs); vegetables (400g & small tins); biscuits (individual packs/muesli bars/savoury); soup for winter (tins).

Donations of money will be gratefully received enabling us to purchase need goods.

Thanks for your support of this valuable ministry.

Rosters for March and April for 9.30am service are at the back of the church.

Lost property. Please check the Lost Property box in the foyer for items you may have mislaid.

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

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Peter Caddy

Reader 2: Tony Tyler

Sidespersons: Kirk Skelton & Ralph Nicolls

Welcoming: Christine W & Warren Hendricks

Morning Tea: Dorothy Bienke & Maria Harrison

FOR PRAYER



- * *The phasing out of the Cambodian Hope for Justice programme – pray for the future of the girls rescued from exploitation, the Phnom Penh office staff and Maggie Crewes.*
- * *Those affected by the floods in the N.T. and along the River Murray.*
- * *In light of International Women's Day, equality for all women.*
- * *Emergency relief organisations helping people in need.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khanzade, Michaela Kinnoch.

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

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family: Joan Manners, Helen and Malcolm Mayes, Sandra McAdam, John & Jean McIntosh, Darryel McLean and the Bari congregation.

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

Graham Drodge.

+ *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

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Ephesians 5.8-14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 23

John 9.1-41

Thought for the Week

Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God.

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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