

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

Sunday, 26th February, 2023

.... WELCOME

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Matthew 4.1-11: Discipleship means resisting temptation

Oscar Wilde once remarked that the best way to handle temptation was to give in to it! One glance at Wilde's profligate and tragic life, however, suggests that dealing with temptation in that way is hardly likely to result in good outcomes.

We can learn better ways to deal with temptation by reflecting on the temptation of Jesus recorded in Matthew 4.1-11.

After the high point of his baptism (Matthew 3.16), Jesus was 'led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested' (Matthew 4.1) – a testing which takes the form of various temptations. Jesus accepts this testing because he knows that, before he begins his public ministry, he must be absolutely convinced of his calling and able to resist the various trials and temptations that will come his way. But Matthew intended that his readers would also recognise their own temptations as a testing of their personal calling as disciples, and that they would learn, from the way Jesus handled temptation, constructive ways to respond to it. Unlike Oscar Wilde, Jesus emerged from temptation victorious over it, and we can too, provided we learn from him.

Lenten Studies at St Luke's: This year as part of our observation of Lent we will use the study guide 'I Thirst' - six reflections on the meaning of the cross written by the Most Rev'd Stephen Cottrell (now Archbishop of York). We will be encouraging church members to come together to reflect and pray using this resource and so have ordered 10 printed copies of 'I Thirst' at \$18.00 each, but the book is also available in electronic form from various sources (Kindle etc) for about \$13. If you would like a printed copy please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the church.

An update regarding our shoe box gifts. Our boxes were in the first shipping container sent to the Ukraine. Also, with each gift box sent from Australia, a soft cuddly koala toy was given too. Joyous news - 18600 boxes from South Australia were sent to Ukraine and The Philippines. Yvonne Brumley and Denise Robinson.

Rosters for March and April for 9. 30 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.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, 3rd March at 1pm

World Day of Prayer. Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church. Written by the women of Taiwan. All are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided after the service.

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

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: David Smith
Reader 2: Helen Wright
Sidespersons: Harry Brown & Marjorie Church
Welcoming: Christine Archer & Ann Dixon
Morning Tea: Christine Walker & David Smith

FOR PRAYER



- * *The Ukraine – one year after being invaded by Russia.*
- * *The people of Turkey suffering another devastating earthquake.*
- * *Safety of our children following recent incidents in schools.*
- * *Care of our environment, fauna and flora.*

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

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

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: Heather Jeffries, Steve Jetson, Jo & Ron Johnson, Ali Karimi, Howard Kelly and the Pastoral Care team.

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

Mary Liew Kiaw, Victor Curd, Jeremy Wright, George Wiedenhofer, Frederick Lewis.
+ *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

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 121

John 3.1-17

Thought for the Week

During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis

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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