

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

Sunday, 20th August 2023

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

The Heart of the Matter

Matthew 15.1 – 20:

Today's gospel reading begins with Jesus in conflict with a group of Pharisees who, Matthew tells us, had journeyed from Jerusalem to Galilee to challenge Jesus about, of all things, the handwashing habits of his disciples. That's a four day hike to discuss handwashing!

The Pharisees were a loosely knit group held together by their zealous obedience to the commands of the Old Testament and the religious traditions that had developed from it. Not all Pharisees saw themselves as God's police, but it seems this delegation did.

By the time of Jesus, the traditions around handwashing had evolved from common-sense concerns about hygiene to quite complex rituals (Mark 7.3-4 describes them in more detail) some of which would have presented difficulties for ordinary working people, who might then find themselves condemned by the Pharisees on account of their apparent carelessness.

Then and now, Jesus challenges the self-appointed Church police who judge according to outward compliance with ritual. True faith, he tells them (then and now), is not about outward ritual but inward conversion of the heart.

Baptisms. Today during the 9.30am service Uchechi Ezeobi will be baptised. Please pray for Uchechi and her mum, Chioma, and dad, Arinze, as they prepare for this important milestone.

Next week Athena Phillips will be baptised during the 9.30am service. Please pray for her and her mum, Jessica, and dad, Darryle.

Speak Up! Improving the Church PA System . The Parish Council is currently investigating ways of improving the Church sound system. We are particularly keen to hear from people who have some level of hearing impairment, especially those who have hearing aids or cochlear implants. The Church has a 'T Loop' fitted but we're not sure if it is working or if people are using it. In addition to your general comments on the audibility and clarity of the system we would like to know whether your hearing aid or cochlear has the capacity to use 'T Loop' technology and whether you use the 'T Loop' system (if it's working!) Please speak to Don Owers or email at donaldowers@iCloud.com

The Link is the annual Year Book of St. Luke's and it is record of the activities and special events that have occurred during the year. There is a small editorial group and if you would like to be part of that group, please let me know as we can always use new ideas and input. So far this year we have much to celebrate, for example, joint worship – the new Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Two things are being requested, firstly that you submit articles for publication, they can be an account of our shared events, or perhaps you have had a special birthday, anniversary, holiday or family occasion that you wish to write about and share. Secondly, we request that you keep clicking photos on your phone on those special occasions and send them for publication (please write a caption with your photo so that we may attach it to the appropriate event). Written articles and photographs should be sent to the church email stlukesmodbury@outlook.com You have plenty of time to get writing and snapping as the deadline for articles is Sunday 5th November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd curdm@bigpond.com and Toni Owen (local editors).

Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. Please collect boxes from Denise Robinson or Yvonne Brumley at the 9.30am service or speak to Rev'd Jo at the 8.00am service.

Wanted – spare bird cages/plastic pots for the Community Garden.

Next week's readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 124

Matthew 16:13-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: David Smith

Reader 2: Jan Walton

Sidespersons: Warren Henriks, Veronica Boswell

Welcoming: Glyn Price, Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

FOR PRAYER



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

Caryl Walker, 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, Chris and Kelly Davies, Prue O'Donovan, Robert Rechner, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and 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.

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

Jeanette Pfitzenmeier, Max Pontifex, Glyn Price, Jean Price, Donald & Marjorie Price and the Mens Group.

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

Dorothy Brumley, Frederick Lewis, Katherine Molyneaux, Fred Wells.

+ *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.

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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 PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	9.30am
	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	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 Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Book sales	2 nd Saturday of the month (St. Mark's)	9.00am