



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

Sunday, 15th March 2026

.... WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am	Annual Vestry meeting followed by Bari worship

Mothering Sunday is observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the 40-day period of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter. The tradition began in the United Kingdom during the Middle Ages and has since spread to several other countries.

In earlier centuries, people were encouraged to return to their “mother church” on the fourth Sunday of Lent. The mother church was the main church or cathedral in the area where a person had been baptized or grew up. This journey back to one’s home church became known as “going a-mothering.” During this time, many young people worked as servants or apprentices far from home, so Mothering Sunday gave them a rare day off to visit their families. Because families were reunited on this day, the celebration gradually became associated with honouring mothers and maternal figures. Children would often bring small gifts, flowers, or cakes to their mothers. One traditional treat connected with the day is the Simnel cake, a fruit cake topped with marzipan.

Mothering Sunday occurs in the middle of Lent, which was historically a time of fasting. On this particular Sunday, the strict fasting rules were often relaxed, allowing families to share a special meal together. This helped reinforce the joyful and celebratory nature of the day.

Today, Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom and some Commonwealth countries is similar to Mother’s Day, with people expressing gratitude to their mothers through cards, gifts, and time spent together. However, its origins remain deeply connected to Christian traditions and the idea of returning to one’s spiritual home church during Lent.

Today in our service, a special blessing will be offered for mothers and all the mother figures in our lives.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Easter services.	<i>Maundy Thursday, 3rd April</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
	<i>Good Friday, 4th April</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
	<i>Easter Sunday 5th April</i>	<i>9.00am</i>

The **annual Vestry meeting will be held today 11.30am**. Papers and nomination forms for parish officers are available at the back of the church.

Easter Sunday Choral Group – thank you to all who have expressed an interest in being part of this group. Two rehearsals are scheduled – **Sunday, 22nd March and Sunday, 29th March after the 10am service**, and one other rehearsal if we can squeeze it in. Please come to the front of the church as soon as possible after the service and we will give you a set of music and run through the chosen pieces (at least three and possibly four). If you would like more information please ask me, even if you have not been approached all singers are welcome to join. Margaret Curd.

‘Come as You Are’ -Women’s Fellowship. As our April meeting date coincides with Good Friday *there will be no meeting*. The next meeting will be **Friday, 1st May at 10am**. Our guest speaker is Kristin Weidenbach, author and science writer. Her topic is “My life as an author”. Enquiries - Susan Dearman 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson 0412 606 615.

Christian Meditation Group will meet Wednesdays fortnightly in the church at 7 - 8pm starting on 18th March, 1st, 15th, 29th April. All are welcome! Please let me know if you would like to attend, and I will send you a reminder. For more information contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396.

General Rosters for April, May and June 2026. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for April, May and June. If you are involved in one or more of these ministries but expect to be unavailable for **2 or more weeks** during that period, could you please let us know **by * texting by the 15th March at the latest:**

- 8.00 am Service Roster – **Toni Owen 0439 684 236**
- 10.00 am Service Roster – **Warren Henriks 0474 759 301**

We are always looking for additional help for all ministries so, if you can help, please let either of us know. We will ensure you are given appropriate guidance in the task involved.

Anglican Board of Mission Lent and Good Friday Appeal 2026. St Luke’s is supporting the ABM “Give Water, Give Life” projects in Kenya, Vanuatu and Myanmar. You are invited to donate on-line. Please visit: www.abmission.org/Lent2026. Or you can deposit directly into: Anglicans in Development Ltd, BSB: 032 135, Account: 691271. Information is at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

Bush Church Aid Society (BCA). For those who have BCA boxes, it is time for our parish collection. The BCA boxes can be left at St Luke’s at back of the church or with box secretary Rev’d Brian Jeffries.

Lenten study - “Wisdom in the Desert” – Forty days in the Wilds of Faith with the Desert Fathers and Mothers. All are welcome to attend the Monday and Wednesday bible study groups. **If you can’t attend a Lenten study this year, consider trying the Lectio 365 app.**

Flowers this week are in memory of Rosina Brown.

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Alick Harrison.

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

Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, , Malcolm Mayes, 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, Margie Caddy, Alec, Tricia, Erin & Tyson, Tim & Suzanne, Levi, Scarlett & Will, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Barb & Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, John Spencer.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Adrienne Williams, Linda Williams, Vernon Williams, Jim Williamson, Adrienne Wright, Helen Wright, Rev Samuel, Rose Yobu, Esther Yu and the Men's group.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Tony Gent, Graham Drodge, Dev Mukweji, Dean Bryson, George Stais.
+ *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

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ps 130

John 11.1-45

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service

Reader 1: Raneth Fernando

Reader 2: John McIntosh

Intercessor: Glyn Price

Sidespersons: Warren Henriks & Gene Kluver

Welcoming: Audrey Dewell & Dany Fidock

Morning Tea: Marilyn & John Harris

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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 noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am