ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 25th October 2026

…. WELCOME ….

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

Finding True North: Leadership, Love, and Legacy

What does it mean to live a life fully aligned with God? This week's scriptural readings invite us to reflect on the core markers of a faithful journey: the legacy we leave behind, the integrity with which we share our faith, and the absolute priority of love. Together, these passages act as a spiritual compass, pointing us toward true north.

In **Deuteronomy 34:1–12**, we witness the poignant end of an era. Moses stands atop Mount Nebo, gazing at the Promised Land he will not enter. His life ends not in disappointment, but in a profound testament to legacy. He passes the mantle of leadership to Joshua, leaving behind a blueprint of unparalleled intimacy with God. Moses reminds us that our faithfulness is measured not by completing the journey ourselves, but by how well we prepare the next generation to carry the promise forward.

Turning to the New Testament, **1 Thessalonians 2:1–13** provides a masterclass in relational integrity. Paul defends his ministry, reminding the Thessalonians that he spoke not to please human audiences, but to please God. His leadership was marked by deep affection—cherishing the community "like a nursing mother cares for her children". Paul demonstrates that true spiritual authority is rooted in transparency, gentle care, and a willingness to share our very lives alongside the Gospel.

Finally, in **Matthew 22:34–46**, Jesus cuts through religious noise to deliver the ultimate priority. When tested by the Pharisees, He reveals the Greatest Commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. He then shifts the focus to His own identity as the Messiah, the Son of David and Lord of all. Jesus anchors everything—law, prophecy, and ministry—in the transformative power of love.

As you prepare for worship today, ask yourself: How am I cultivating love in my daily interactions, and what legacy am I building for those who follow?

Today we welcome Barry Kursten, an Ordination Candidate, who will preach at both services.

Luke's garden group would like to thank everyone who donated gifts to add to the raffle and all who purchased tickets. The winners are:

1st prize	Pricilla (a regular opshopper)
2nd prize	Ed Bollen (Opshop volunteer)
3rd prize	Anne Sharpe (8am Sunday & 10am Thursday worshipper

Heartfelt thanks. Helen and family wish to sincerely thank all St. Luke's parishioners for their prayers and support during John's struggle with leukemia. We are also very grateful for the delicious food provided and enjoyed after John's funeral service.

Christmas Hampers. St Luke's will be partnering with Pedare College again to provide Christmas hampers for families in need. Our focus this year is on local need and hampers will be distributed through Pedare's four founding churches, including through St Luke's op Shop emergency food program. Please see the list of items at the rear of the church. Last day for donations will be Sunday 15th November.
We will be packing the hampers at Pedare College on Wednesday 18th November. If you are available to help and have a Safe Ministry clearance, please see Wendy Wake-Dyster.

Foodbank. Foodbank visits St Luke's fortnightly on Wednesday mornings to provide free and low cost perishable food and groceries. We are seeking a couple of volunteers to join the roster for next year. If you are interested please see Deb Travis (8am service) or Wendy Wake-Dyster (10 am service).

Bush Church Aid (BCA). We have a box collection during October. If you have a BCA box, please leave it at the back of the church to be collected by David Collins. Thankyou.

Opshop - help needed! We urgently need someone to help hang clothing and tidy in Joseph's shed on Mondays from 9 to 11am. Please speak to Colin or phone Helen Mayes on 0403 955 270 if you can help. Thanks.

"Come As You Are" Women's Fellowship, Friday 6th November at 10am. Our dear Venerable Jo Smith will give us our 2026 "Christmas message". For more information contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

For such a time as this – Church Planting and Regenerating forum. Saturday, 7th November 9.30am-3.30pm at St Columba College, Andrews Farm. Speakers will be The Venerable Dr Bree Mills, Archdeacon for Church Planting in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and The Reverend Paul Harrington, Senior Network Pastor of the Trinity Church network. We will also hear about what is already happening here in Adelaide. Dr Bree Mills will be preaching at St. Luke's the following day.

Christian Meditation (listening 'Prayer of the Heart') Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm, 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

FOR PRAYER

The health and well-being of those needing immediate prayers:
Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Jim Williamson, Shirley Shrimplin, Angela Brown, Alan Sutton, Malcolm Mayes, Cathy Drodge, Marie Galetta, Jenni Cooling, Colleen Spence, Jo Johnson, Di Thiele, Maxine Reid,

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:
Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, 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, David, Debbie, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid, Indianna Mesecke, Mari Walker, Glyn Price, Chris Atherton, Cheryl Dohnt.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Sue Gilson, Marilyn & Trevor Green, Helen Gummow, Rose Hampel, Marilyn & John Harris, Eric & Maria Harrison, Sarah & Zachary Hatenboer and the Pastoral Care team.

External Mission. We pray for the Anglicare Quickest Warmth Program, supported by St Luke's. We give thanks that our "Come As You Are" Women's Fellowship supports Quickest Warmth as an external mission project. We pray that those in their time of need, can receive Relief Packs from Quickest Warmth.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Joyce Thomas, Kaye Reader, John Stewart, John Thamm, Val Connell, Steve Hamilton, Keith Bernard, Dennis Dewell
+ 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 (10am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings	***All Saints Day***
Revelation 7.9-17	Ps 34.1-10, 22
1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1:	Helen Wright
Reader 2:	Christine Walker
Intercessor:	Lyn Ho
Sidespersons:	Gene Kluver & Nish de Mel
Welcomers:	Julie Nicholls & Doris de Silva
Morning Tea:	Jessie Lim & Marilyn Florance

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PROPERTY SERVICES	**Position Vacant**. Please contact Wendy W-Dyster, Warden on 0459 332 984 or Maria Harrison, Parish Secretary on 7079 7595.
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	1st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2nd Wednesday of the month	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1st Friday of the month	10.00am