



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

Sunday, 17th MAY 2026

.... WELCOME

ASCENSION DAY
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

Ascension Day can seem, at first, like a story about departure. The disciples watch as Jesus is taken from their sight, hidden by cloud and mystery, and they are left standing between grief and wonder, staring upward into heaven. Yet the Ascension is not really about Christ leaving the world behind. It is about Christ becoming present to the world in a new and limitless way.

In this sermon, we reflect on Paul's extraordinary phrase from the letter to the Ephesians: Christ now "fills all in all." The risen Jesus who once walked the roads of Galilee can no longer be confined to one place, one moment, or one group of people. Through the Ascension, Christ's presence expands rather than diminishes. He is present wherever grace breaks through despair, wherever mercy overcomes fear, wherever love refuses to surrender to violence or hopelessness.

The disciples struggle at first to understand this. They are still looking for visible power, immediate answers, and certainty they can grasp. But Jesus redirects them away from speculation and toward witness, promising that they will receive the Holy Spirit and that he will remain with them always.

Ascension faith is not about escaping the world or waiting passively for heaven. It is about learning to recognise Christ already at work within the ordinary places of human life: in communities of compassion, in acts of reconciliation, in suffering borne with courage, in bread shared, prayers whispered, and hope sustained. The Church lives in the promise that absence is not abandonment.

And perhaps that is the great invitation of Ascension Day: to open the eyes of our hearts to the presence of the ascended Christ who still fills all things and draws the whole creation toward the love of God.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Rev Jo will attend the Clergy Conference 18th-20th May and take annual leave from 31st May-15th June. Please direct all enquiries to the Wardens

The Anglican Creation Care Network (ACCN) Thank you to all who attended yesterday, helped in the garden and with the morning tea.

Pentecost Sunday is 24th May. There will be baptisms that day and we are hoping that some of the young adult's group will provide one of the songs for the day. Please join us for this day of celebration and try to wear something red - if you can

Biggest Morning Tea. A group of volunteers would like to host a morning tea after the **10am service on 31st May.** There will be a variety of delicious treats available and the opportunity to make a donation to the work of the Cancer Council. If you would like to be part of the team providing treats, please speak to Barbara O'Sullivan.

"COME AS YOU ARE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP" invite you to come to our Meeting on **FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026 at 10.00 AM.**

Our Speaker is Chris Casiero. He is an Exercise Physiologist from the "My Local Physio Plus" Ridgehaven Branch. He will be talking on the following topic **"ACTIVE AGEING"** which will be very interesting for most of us. He will be covering the following topics: Osteoarthritis; Osteoporosis; Benefit of Exercise; Strength Training and Falls Prevention. This will be followed by "A Cuppa and Fellowship", ending our meeting at 12 noon. Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) and Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615).

Homes to Grow (HTG) is a supported external mission of St Luke's. It is supported by individual parishioners. HTG is a trust fully supported by the Parish of St Francis in Simon's Town (near Cape Town) in South Africa. HTG supports children and young adults who may be orphaned, abandoned or HIV positive by providing foster homes and supportive family environments. It helps children to receive an education.

Contact: Colin Fidock 0417 819 938 colin.fidock@bigpond.com

Christian Meditation (Prayer of the Heart) Group, which supports a daily meditation practice, will meet **Wednesdays** fortnightly, in the Church, from **7 – 8pm** on 27th May, 10th & 24th June, 8th July. The **Wynn Vale** group meets fortnightly on the day before **Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm** at my house. All welcome, and you don't have to be there every time! Contact Sandy Andrews 0421 504 396 for more information.

Update of Details of Parishioners on Roster List An updated list of contact details of the parishioners who are on the 10.00am rosters is now available (green paper) on the table at the rear of the church is available for the parishioners who are involved in the rosters. Please ensure that you destroy the old list to avoid confusion. Warren Henriks

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Jim Williamson, Shirley Shrimplin, Angela Brown, Alan Sutton,

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, 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, Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, John Spencer, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Peter Hoppo, Brian & Heather Jeffries, Margaret Johansson, Jo & Ron Johnson, Rebecca Jordan, Aimee Jordan, Briana Jordan., Community Garden volunteers

External Mission;

(We pray for) The School's Ministry Group (SMG) and all pastoral care workers (PCW's) in our local schools as they provide positive role models delivering compassionate practical pastoral support to both students and staff.

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

Recently Departed: Barbara Taylor

Anniversaries: Morris Watson, Clarence Stanley, Frederick Price, Tom Hermanus, Walter Simpson, Millicent Roberts,
+ *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

Acts 2.1-21

1Corinthians 12.1-13

Day of Pentecost

Ps 104 26-36

John 20.19-23

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Colin Fidock

Reader 2: David Smith

Intercessor: Simon Bailey

Sidespersons: Gene Kluver, Warren Henriks

Welcoming: Audrey Dewell Brian Jeffries

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