



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

Sunday, 23rd November 2025

.... WELCOME

CHRIST THE KING
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Today the Church celebrates **Christ the King**, the final Sunday of the Christian year, when we lift our eyes from the troubles of the world and remember who truly reigns. It is a bold statement, especially in times like these. We look around and see a world that feels unsettled and unpredictable: wars and rumours of wars, rising political tensions, deep social divisions, conversations filled with anger rather than understanding. Many of us carry our own private griefs and anxieties as well—losses that weigh heavily, worries that keep us awake at night. It can feel as though the world is spinning without a centre.

And so Christ the King Sunday asks us an important question: **What kind of king do we believe in?** Not a king who conquers by force, nor one who silences every conflict or fixes every earthly problem, but the King revealed on the cross—the King whose crown is made of thorns, whose sceptre is mercy, whose throne is the place where he pours out his life for the world. His kingdom does not advance through domination, but through forgiveness, compassion, and self-giving love.

The readings today help us see this clearly. Jeremiah speaks of a shepherd-king who gathers rather than scatters, who brings justice not through punishment but through restored relationships. Paul gives us a sweeping vision of Christ who holds all things together—even the parts of our world and our lives that seem to be falling apart. And in Luke, we see the kingdom revealed in its deepest truth: a king who offers paradise to a dying thief, even as he himself hangs on the cross.

Today we proclaim that **Christ is King**—not because the world is tidy or peaceful, but because his love is the one thing strong enough to hold us, heal us, and lead us into hope.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Parishioners and friends are advised that the funeral of Jean Rechner's husband, John, will take place at St Luke's on Thursday, 27th November at 10.00 am. Refreshments will follow in the Balcony Room. All are warmly invited to attend.

The funeral of Steven Tyler, son of Tony and Thelma Tyler, will be held at St Luke's on Monday, 1st December at 11.00 am. Refreshments will follow in the Balcony Room. All are warmly invited to attend.

Baptism on 30th November during the 9.30am service. Please pray for little Noah and his mum and dad, Krystal and Lachlan, as they prepare for this special occasion.

New service times from next week 30th November, 2025. 8.00am unchanged and 10.00am.

Camerata Community Choir and their guest Joyful Noise are pleased to present a Christmas Concert at 4pm on Sunday, 30th November at St. Luke's. Admission \$20 (cash only). Tickets also available at Trybooking.com – search Camerata Choir. Children 15 and under are free. Light refreshments will be provided. Enquiries email curdm@bigpond.com

"Exploring Prayer of the Heart at St Luke's, Wednesdays 7 – 8.00pm; 26th Nov and 10th Dec 2025. *Learn about, ask questions and/or deepen the practice of Meditation in the Christian Tradition.* For more information contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396 or email sandy.jane.andrews@gmail.com All Welcome!"

Anglicare Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025 (St. Luke's & Pedare). Thank you to those who have already generously donated food for this Christmas appeal. While we have filled quite a few hampers there is a shortfall of some items that would enable us to fill more hampers; these items are coffee (small jars), bags of lollies, Quick custard sachets. Food donations need to be at St. Luke's by **Wednesday, 26th November.** All donations are gratefully received.

Monday morning bible study will be in recess from 9th December until further notice.

Family Christmas service. Volunteers are needed to help run the family Christmas service on Christmas Eve. This will involve 3 meetings before Christmas and assistance on the night. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Christmas flowers. The flower ladies would appreciate any donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas. Money can be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and placed in the collection basket.

Flowers this week are in memory of Derrick Hindmarch.

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) Peter Burke gives thanks for our retiring offering of \$495.00 to ABM.

Bush Church Aid (BCA). November box offering is \$338.80. Boxes can be now collected. Thankyou.

South Sudan Appeal. Our parish has donated A \$1160.00 to the Diocese of Kajo-Kaji in support of internally displaced families on the border of South Sudan and Uganda. Thankyou for your generosity.

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond, Jo Johnson.

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, Faith Drodge, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Colin Fidock, Jean & John McIntosh, Margie Caddy, Alec, Tricia, Erin & Tyson, Tim & Suzanne, Levi, Scarlett & Will, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Marjorie Church, Coleen Cleland, Margaret Collins, Jeni Cooling, Margaret Curd, Ruth Anne Daniell, Carolyn & David Datson, Doris de Silva, Susan & John Dearman and Women's Fellowship.

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

Recently Departed: Steven Tyler, John Rechner.

Anniversaries: Ernest Hutton, Jennifer Taylor, Andy Rehmann, Derrick Hindmarch, Lily Robertson, Minnie Young.

+ *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

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.9-14

First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 122

Matthew 24.36-44

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Elizabeth Owers

Reader 2: Audrey Dewell

Intercessor: Raneth Fernando

Sidespersons: Wendy W-Dyster & Nish de Mel

Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Margaret Collins

Morning Tea: Maria & Eric Harrison

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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
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 Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am