

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

Sunday, 17th September 2023

.... WELCOME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

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

Our human culture would say that evil is fought through justice and might. The way we combat evil is by making sure that people get what they have coming to them. You attack me and I'll attack you. Fair is fair. There have been times in my own life when I've been hurt and I have been sure retaliation would make me feel better. I've noticed though that when I can't harm the person who harmed me, I just end up harming myself or the people who love me. So maybe retaliation, or holding on to anger about the harm done to us, or living in fear of it happening again, doesn't actually combat evil; it feeds it. In the end we can actually absorb the worst of our enemy, and on some level even be in danger of becoming like them. It would seem that when we are sinned against, when someone else harms us, that we are in some way linked to that sin, connected to that mistreatment like a chain through which we absorb it. We know that our anger, fear, or resentment doesn't free us at all...it keeps us chained...and evil persists. Sin abounds. Brokenness prevails.

So it would seem. While it's true that God may not prevent evil, and we may never fully understand why... God *does* have a way of combating evil. It's not punishment and it's not retaliation, fear, or anger. It's forgiveness. Forgiveness is God's way of combating evil. Of course this offends our impulse for justice or retaliation. But that's the God revealed in Jesus. Like it or not, this is what we see at the cross. At Calvary, God allows our human system of scape-goating, fear, and retaliation to play its natural course, which ends as it always does: in the suffering of God. Then in turn, God shows us *God's* system by not even lifting a finger to condemn those who put him on the cross, but instead proclaims forgiveness. In doing so God cuts the world loose from our own sin because God can't stand to see us chained to it. We are cut loose. God's forgiveness is like giant bolt-cutters. Then God says go and do likewise. Forgive as you have been forgiven. Cut others loose too.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes. Please return boxes to the church. They will be blessed on Sunday, 24th September, at the 9.30am service.

National Opshop week 29th September to 5th October. We can all support our local Opshop by donating high quality goods, volunteering in the shop or buying some new gear. However we help, we can all make a difference and give a hand. That's what National Opshop week is all about!

BCA. It is box opening time again. *For St Marks BCA box holders* - please return boxes to Adrienne Williams. *For St Luke's box holders* - for those not giving online please return boxes to Deb Travis or leave at the back of the church as soon as possible. A new process will be in place for March 2024. Thank you.

Improving the church sound system. The Parish Council is investigating ways to improve the sound system and are keen to hear from those with hearing impairments. The church has a "T loop" fitted but we're not sure if this is working. Your comments on audibility and clarity of the system and whether you use the "T loop" system (if it's working) would be appreciated. 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 a record of the activities and special events that have occurred during the year. 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 you submit articles for publication and secondly you keep taking photos on your phone and send them for publication with a caption.

Email to stlukesmodbury@outlook.com by Sunday 5th November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd curdm@bigpond.com and Toni Owen (local editors).

Luke's OpShop's roster will be renewed soon for 2024. We are open each day from 10-3.30 and Saturday 10-12 noon. Please contact Helen or myself if you are willing to assist either a half day or full day.

Can & bottle recycling. If you have a stockpile of cans/plastic bottles/cartons (bottle tops removed) etc which can be recycled for cash please contact Audrey Dewell on 0421 635 422. All funds received will be donated to the Opshop for grocery purchases.

DIARY DATES:

Sunday, 8th October. 4.00pm Thanksgiving service at St. Marks. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Maria Harrison stmarks.goldengrove@gmail.com and bring a small plate of food to share.

Saturday, 13th October. 2.00pm Commissioning of Rev'd Jo at St. Luke's church.

Sunday, 14th October. 9.30am St. Luke's Patronal festival. BYO drinks and a plate of food to share.

NB: one service only at 9.30am.

Sunday, 26th November, 9.30am Christ the King celebration with sausage sizzle to follow.

NB: one service only at 9.30am.



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, Ann Inglis, Neill.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, 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:

Deane Stroud, Dianne Thiele, Christine Todd, Deborah Travis, Sandy Trezise & St. Luke's Opshop.

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

Richard Morgan, Allan Case, Fred Rowe, Janet Hensel, Amanda Taylor, Mabel Langton, Eric Odgers, Joan Oborn, Joy Goldfinch.

+ *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.

Next week's readings

Exodus 16:2-15

Philippians 1:21-30

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 105:1-6 & 37-45

Matthew 20:1-16

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Tony Tyler

Sidespersons: John Dearman & Wendy W-D

Welcoming: Maria Harrison & Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Denise Robinson & Marilyn Harris

PARISH CONTACTS

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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