



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

Sunday, 28th September, 2025

.... WELCOME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

This Sunday we hear one of Jesus' most challenged parables: the story of the rich man and Lazarus. It is a tale of sharp contrast – the rich man clothed in purple and feasting daily. Lazarus lying at his gate, covered in sores and longing for scraps. When both die, their fortunes are reversed: Lazarus is comforted, while the rich man finds himself in torment.

It is easy to read this as a literal description of heaven and hell, but the Gospel is not giving us a blueprint of the afterlife. Rather, Jesus tells this story to shake us awake here and now. The parable is about blindness – the blindness of wealth that insulates us from compassion, the blindness of comfort that makes us step past those in need without even seeing them. The great chasm between the rich man and Lazarus was not created after death; it was dug in life, by neglect, indifference and selfishness.

Paul's words in 1 Timothy echo this warning. The love of money, he says, is a root of all kinds of evil, piercing the soul with many pains. Instead, those who are blessed with resources are called to be 'rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, so that they make take hold of the life that really is life'.

The Gospel is clear; true life is not found in possessions but in communion – with God and with neighbour. We are called to open our eyes and our hearts, to see the Lazaruses at our gates and to build bridges of compassion rather than chasms of indifference. This week, may we hear and obey God's word, and take hold of the life that really is life.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Daylight saving commences on Sunday, 5th October when clocks move forward from 2.00am to 3.00am.

Bible studies. Don't forget we have two regular Bible Study groups at St. Luke's. Both take a break during the school holidays but we will be back on 13th October. On Monday mornings at 10.00am we begin the week by prayerfully considering the readings for the coming Sunday. On Wednesday mornings at 10.00am we also pray for each other and the world and we try to focus on different themes or books of the Bible. This term we will be looking at the themes we encounter in the book of the Prophet Jeremiah. You would be very welcome at either group. Please consider coming along to enhance your knowledge, grow your faith and make new friends. NB – if you would be interested in being part of a Bible Study that meets at a time more convenient for those who work during the week, please speak to Rev'd Jo. We can definitely start one if there is interest.

Mission Action Plan. At last week's meeting, the Parish Council considered the comments and ideas offered at the MAP review meeting a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We will use your ideas in the development of a revised MAP which we will share with everyone as soon as we can.

Property Matters. The Parish Council is very happy to report that the St Mark's site at Wynn Vale has been sold and the contract will be settled in mid December. As a result, we have been able to purchase a new clergy home in Golden Grove and Rev'd Jo and David will be able to move in during November.

"Come as You Are" Women's Fellowship, Friday, 3rd October

10am-12noon. Our "art experience" last month was such fun and we all came away very proudly with our own drawings. Toni Owen, one of our parishioners, will be our guest speaker on the history of St Luke's church from its beginnings to the present day. Come along and join us for what will be a most interesting presentation. Followed by a cuppa and chat. Contact is Carolyn Datson -

0412 606 615 or Susan Dearman - 0412 814 082.

The Community garden group is planning to have a plant sale in the garden on **Saturday, 11th October, from 10am to 12noon.** If you have any potted plants or can strike some new plants, can you please bring them along before the sale and put them in the box in the foyer. There will be a cuppa and biscuit for a gold coin donation and a cuppa and cake \$5.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, Peter & Val Rogers, 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, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Peter & Val Rogers, Denise Robinson, Chris & Mark Robjohns, Saham Rostani, Sudheesh Sadanandan, Anne Sharpe, Margaret Shillabeer and the Pastoral Care team.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Helen Brown, Enid Keegel, Alice Newman, Lawrence Clegg.

+ *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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1.1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Colin Fidock

Reader 2: David Smith

Intercessor: Hugh Walker

Sidespersons: Harry Brown & Veronica Boswell

Welcoming: Audrey Dewell & Warren Henriks

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Barbara O'Sullivan

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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