



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 30th March, 2025

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LENT 4

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

The Prodigal Son

Today's gospel offers us a familiar story. Many of us know the details of the story itself but today I'd like us to consider why Jesus chooses to tell this story at this moment in his journey towards Jerusalem and the cross. First, let's consider who's listening to the story. Before Jesus launches into this parable, Luke tells us exactly who's in the crowd: tax collectors and sinners on one side, Pharisees and scribes on the other. And the Pharisees and scribes are grumbling. *"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."* And Jesus—who never wastes an opportunity—effectively says, *"Oh, you want to talk about sinners? Excellent. Let me tell you a story."* And he gives them this masterpiece of a parable. Because he is walking straight into Jerusalem to do exactly what the father in this story does - running toward lost, broken people with his arms wide open. He tells this story on the way to Jerusalem because Jerusalem is where he will embody it completely. He will sit at tables with tax collectors and prostitutes, eating and laughing and treating them like they belong—because they do. He will challenge the older brothers of the world—those who think they have earned God's love by being good and who resent grace when it's given freely. And then, he will stretch his arms out on the cross—the ultimate running embrace of a God who loves *before* we repent, *before* we get it right, *before* we even know how lost we really are.

Easter Services

<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>17th April</i>	<i>at 7pm</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>18th April</i>	<i>at 9 am</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>20th April</i>	<i>at 9 am</i>

Our "Come as you are" Womens fellowship who meet on the first Friday of every month in our church hall, had such a fun morning in March. If you have not been before we encourage you to come on **Friday, 4th April, 10-12 noon**. Our speaker will be Linda Fisk, CEO and co-founder of "Seeds of Affinity : Pathways for Women. Along with her co-founder, they will talk to us about their 19 years of supporting women entrenched within the Criminal Justice system. Following this there will be a "Trading Table" where you can support the organisation by purchasing some special things. Our Cuppa and Chat will happen with some "special treats" as we celebrate our first year together. Any enquires phone Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

Today we celebrate Mothering Sunday, an Anglican tradition when people would visit their Mother Church, the main church or the cathedral. This visit became an occasion for family reunions as children, especially those working away from home, would return to see and honour their mothers.

Reminder. Daylight saving ends next Sunday, 6th April at 2.30am (S.A. time). Please turn your clock back one hour.

Easter Flowers. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would like to donate money towards flowers. Please put in an envelope marked 'flower money' and place in the collection plate. Many thanks from the Flower ladies.

April, May and June Rosters for 9.30 am services . Paper copies (in pink) of the rosters for the 9.30 am services are now available on the table at the back of the church for the parishioners who do not receive a copy by email or who have not been able to print off their own copy. Please note that the rosters include Easter Day but exclude Maundy Thursday and Good Friday which will need to be filled prior to those services.

Hope 25 – Exploring Prayer. Sandy is running the following sessions from 7-8.30pm.
2nd April *What is contemplative prayer?* Silent prayer. What does Jesus say about prayer.
16th April *What does it mean to 'pray without ceasing'?* Can we pray continuously and how do we address God. For enquiries contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

BCA. It is box opening time again. For those of you still using boxes please bring them to the church and leave in the office. Many thanks.

Save the date: Parish Picnic on **Sunday, 27th April**, (the Sunday after Easter) Civic Park, near the library. More details to follow.

Flowers today are given by Harry Brown in memory of his mother Davina Brown.

Garden pots. If you have any unwanted pots the Community Garden would love to have them.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Sonia Smith, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Anne Sharpe.

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, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Max Pontifex, Kerri Bogale's husband and five children, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Greg Downton, Ann Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Margaret Curd, Lorelie Hill.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Audrey Dewell, Ann Dixon, Faith Drodge, Ruth Anne Duniell, Linda Eastwood, Ben & Debbie Ebewe, Colin & Dany Fidock, Marilyn Florance and the Foodbank.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Frederick Lamb, Darrell Sheriff, Clive Robertson, John Harvey, Maud Hockey, Jack Somerton, Merle Hermanus, John Watson, Sean Smith, Victor Cutajar, John Warren, Florence Warren, Lorraine Evans, Anthea Bullen, Jessie Murn.

+ *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 43:16-21

Philippians 3:3-14

Lent 5

Ps 126

Luke 19.1-10

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Colin Fidock

Reader 2: June Hindmarch

Intercessor: Julie Nicholls

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: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
	Christian meditation (fortnightly).	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