

**ST LUKE'S MODBURY  
and  
ST MARK'S GOLDEN GROVE  
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

**.... WELCOME ....**

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**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am	Holy Communion (Bari)

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**Matthew 5:38-48: Love your enemies!**

In Matthew 5:17-18 Jesus told his disciples, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." In previous weeks we have been looking at a number of examples in which Jesus expands on what this statement means and how it should reshape the thinking and behaviour of his followers. Today, we consider the last two examples, where Jesus considers personal retaliation and love.

As before, Jesus contrasts the traditional understanding of these issues with the Godly intention of the Law. Jesus sets a high standard for his followers, leading to the idea of a Christian counter-culture. In fact, the standard that Jesus sets seems beyond our reach, and yet there are real-world examples which seem to achieve this standard. They are quite breath-taking but demonstrate that such responses are possible.

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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 6.00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday.** This will be our first joint event when everyone is invited to share pancakes, share some food and get to know each other. Pancakes, tea/coffee, will be supplied and you are requested to bring a small plate of savoury food to share. BYO drinks. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if coming. It is important for the caterers to have an idea of the expected guest numbers.

**Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023**

**Service Times**

St Luke's 10.00AM and 7PM  
St Mark's 7.30AM and 11.00AM

**Lenten Studies at St Luke's:** This year as part of our observation of Lent we will use the study guide 'I Thirst' - six reflections on the meaning of the cross written by the Most Rev'd Stephen Cottrell (now Archbishop of York). We will be encouraging church members to come together to reflect and pray using this resource and so have ordered 10 printed copies of 'I Thirst' at \$18.00 each, but the book is also available in electronic form from various sources (Kindle etc) for about \$13. If you would like a printed copy please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the church.

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Parish Council discussed the way this acknowledgement is used at our 9.30am service. The consensus was that we ought to continue to acknowledge traditional custodians but to seek to improve how we do it. In light of this the Executive resolved that, in both Sunday services, beginning on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will trial a more succinct statement to be used at the time of 'The Peace' (in the Second Order Service). We will utilise the Prayer Book's alternative greeting 'Christ has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross,' and pick up the theme of reconciliation in our acknowledgement of the traditional custodians.

An update regarding our shoe box gifts

Our boxes were in the first shipping container sent to the Ukraine. Also, with each gift box sent from Australia, a soft cuddly koala toy was given too. Joyous news - 18600 boxes from South Australia were sent to Ukraine and The Philippines. Yvonne Brumley and Denise Robinson

**Rosters** for March and April for 9.30 service are at the back of the church.

**Bird cages.** Leanne from the Community Garden is looking for unwanted bird cages. (Please speak to Jean Rechner or David Datson.)

## COMING EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Pancake evening (see notice)

Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 10am & 7pm

This year the **world day of prayer** service has been written by the women of Taiwan, and will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1pm, at the Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church. All are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided after the service. Denise Robinson

**The theme for our services in February is 'Being a disciple.'**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Matt 4.1-11      **Discipleship means resisting temptation**  
Other readings:      Gen 2:15-17 and 3:1-7, Ps 32, Romans 5: 12-21

*Please join us for morning tea in the Balcony Room after the service*

## FOR PRAYER



- \* *Support for people with special needs.*
- \* *Countries suffering ongoing conflict and devastating climate events.*
- \* *The people of the Ukraine, Syria and Turkey, and New Zealand*
- \* *Thanks for all the Aid agencies who work in various areas around the world.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khanzade.

***Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:*** Eveline Robinson, Sadie, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Susan Restall, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Adrienne Wright, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Mia, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, David Cooling.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family:*** Yvonne Hoad, Douglas and Louise Home, Ann Inglis, Abbas Jebur, Brian Jeffries and Schools Ministry.

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

Amy Watson, Joan Watson.

+ *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 (Thursday service).*

### **ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday**

*Reader 1:* Margaret Curd

*Reader 2:* Petty Caddy

*Sidespersons:* Hugh Walker & Peter Caddy

*Welcoming:* Jean McIntosh & Glyn Price

*Morning Tea:* Adrienne Williams, Marilyn Harris & Doris de Silva

### **Thought for the Week**

*Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can*

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<b>WEEKLY PEW SHEET</b>	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.

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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	9.00am