

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

Sunday, 1st October 2023

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

What does it mean to be a Christian? In the reading from Philippians we heard today, Paul gives his own answer to the question.

A bit of background: Paul is writing this letter from prison, to the Christian community in Philippi. He has a great deal of fondness and encouragement for them.

But Paul isn't writing only to congratulate the Philippians. There are some divisions and disagreements in the church in Philippi. Paul wants to teach the Philippians, or remind them, what it means to be a Christian. He implores them: "Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

Paul is telling the Philippians how they should behave, what Christian community should look like. Christians should be united in love and in mind. Christians should act out of humility and concern for others, not from selfishness or ambition. "Be of one mind," Paul says.

Sure, this sounds great but we all know a thing or two about group dynamics: you get three people together, you have five points of view. Paul's vision of the perfect Christian community is impossible. "Being of one mind" is impossible, at least for human beings. I don't think we're capable of attaining that kind of unity by our own efforts. But Paul isn't asking the Philippians to be of one mind with one another—he's asking the Philippians to be united in the mind of Christ.

National Opshop week 29th September to 5th October.

Stretch & Balance and Christian Meditation Classes at St. Luke's. Every other Thursday – 19th Oct; 2nd, 16th, 30th Nov; 14th Dec.

Stretch & Balance (chair/floor) 2.30-3.40pm. Please bring a mat for floor work, water and a blanket for relaxation. \$5 donation – 50% to Hutt St Centre and 50% to St. Luke's.

Christian Meditation follows Stretch and Balance from 3.45 – 4.30 pm. Free.

All welcome to either or both. For more information contact Sandy Andrews 0421 504 396

Leprosy Mission Appeal. Leprosy is a disease which still occurs in more than 120 countries, with more than 200 000 new cases reported every year. If left untreated, or if treatment is delayed, leprosy can have devastating and permanently disabling physical effects including deformity and disfiguration. People affected by leprosy also face stigmatisation and discrimination. The Leprosy Mission Australia is a Christian organisation which partners with Australians to ensure that people affected by leprosy across the world get the cure, care, and restoration they need to live life in all its fullness.

Acknowledgement of Country. The Parish Council has listed for discussion at its October meeting, the helpfulness or otherwise of the Acknowledgement of Country said prior to Sunday services. Church members should be aware that this discussion does not and will not relate to the Referendum on the Voice (regardless of its outcome). It is simply a discussion which will seek to discern the best ways in which we, as a Parish, can acknowledge the history and culture of aboriginal people and promote understanding and respect. Other ideas that have been proposed include placing a plaque in the foyer acknowledging the traditional custodians and/or the use of indigenous art and music. You may like respectfully to make your views known to Parish Councillors.

Ministry Roles. A reminder that you will usually be able to find Jo in the office at St Luke's in the morning Monday-Thursday. She tries to visit people, go to meetings and conduct nursing home services in the afternoon. She takes Fridays as her day off. You can contact her anytime by email or on her mobile - she will answer if she can or get back to you later. Don is continuing as part time associate priest in the parish. His role will include

- Leading the Mission Action Planning process
- Harmonising and updating parish policies
- Leading services in Jo's absence
- Supporting the Bari congregation
- Preaching as part of the regular preaching roster.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Richard's funeral on Thursday, 21st September. Several people came from quite a distance and I'm sure appreciated the refreshments provided before tackling their trip home. It was comforting to know that you were all taking care of so many tasks. Beth Morgan.

October birthdays. Helen Gummow, Kate Bosner, John Harris, Marilyn Green, Elizabeth Home and happy 80th birthday to John McIntosh.

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, Prue O'Donovan, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis, Cilla Harvey, Dominic, Brenton Billingsley, Neill Bicknell.

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, Robert Rechner

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Caryl Walker, Hugh Walker, Christine Walker, Jan & Brian Walker & the Pastoral Care team.

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

Alice Newman, Donald Rankine, Michael Candlett, Ann Howland, Tiffany Ho.
+ 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 20:1-4

Philippians 3:4b-14

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 19

Matthew 21:33-46

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Colin Fidock Reader 2: Adrienne Williams.

Sidespersons: Glenn Wadrop & Harry Brown

Welcoming: Maria Harrison & June Hindmarch

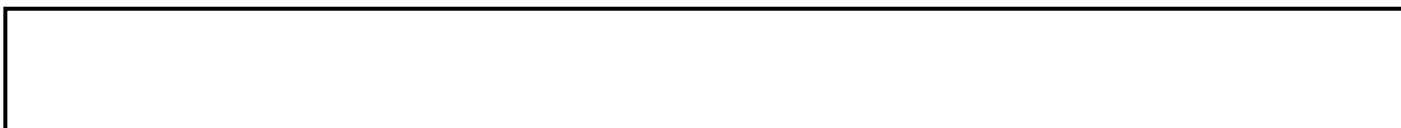
Morning Tea: Dorothy Bienke & Colleen Cleland

DIARY DATES:

Sunday, 8th October. 4.00pm Thanksgiving service at St. Marks.

Saturday, 14th October. 2.00pm Commissioning of Rev'd Jo at St. Luke's church.

Sunday, 15th October. 9.30am St. Luke's Patronal festival.



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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	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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