



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

Sunday, 14th September, 2025

.... WELCOME

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Lost Things

We all know what it's like to lose something. Keys vanish, wallets slip into couch cushions, socks disappear into the mysterious void of the washing machine. We lose jobs, we lose loves, we lose our youth, our hair, our perky bodies. Sometimes we even "lose it" altogether—snapping in anger or crumbling under the weight of life.

Some things, though, are worth losing: our arrogance, our self-righteousness, our obsession with what doesn't matter. To lose these is to make space for grace. This Sunday we hear Jesus tell two small stories about lost things—a sheep and a coin. They are the warm-up act for his most famous parable, the one about the lost son. But already the pattern is clear: what is lost is searched for, and when it is found there is joy, celebration, a party in heaven.

The problem is that we often think "lost" means someone else. We "other" people—those outside the church, those whose lives look messy—and forget that we too are lost. We too wander. We too have no idea of the way home.

And yet God comes searching. God finds us again and again. Charles Wesley put it best: *"'Tis mystery all, immense and free, for oh, my God, it found out me."* That is the heart of grace: we are lost, but never forgotten.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

City of Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast, Friday 19th September, 7am-8.30am, Sfera's convention centre. St Luke's has been involved in planning the Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast, bringing together Christians from all denominations for prayer, worship and encouragement. Guest speaker is Michael Neale, Principal Consultant at Literally Brilliant. He is an engaging and inspirational speaker who has a clear and vital message for Christian churches, schools and welfare organisations. Tickets are \$40 each or \$360 for a table of ten. If you would like to attend put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church and we will obtain tickets for you. If you would prefer to book independently you can use the QR code on the Prayer Breakfast poster on the notice board.

Please come and listen to Julia Baird speak about Grace, Awe and Hope at 11.30am, Saturday, 20th September, Memorial Hall, St. Peter's College. (Refer to flyer for bookings.)

Bush Church Aid (BCA). Rev. Mary Lewis from Kangaroo Island will visit St Luke's on **Sunday 21st September** and talk about her BCA ministry. After the 9.30am service at morning tea, we will hold a gold coin donation for the work of BCA.

"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.

General Rosters for October, November and December 2025. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for July, August and September. If you are involved in one or more of these ministries but expect to be unavailable for **2 or more weeks** during that period, could you please let us know **by texting by the 14th September at the latest:**

- 8.00 am Service Roster – **Toni Owen 0439 684 236**
- 9.30 am Service Roster – **Warren Henriks 0474 759 301**

This email is sent from the St Lukes Office and neither of us has access to direct responses.

South Sudan Appeal. To donate to the Diocese of Kajo-Kaji in support of internally displaced families, please place a separate envelope in the collection. Or you can give electronically to BSB: 705077. A/c No: 00041526. A/c Name: Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Identify your donation as "South Sudan". Thankyou.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available from Denise Robinson. Thanks to those who have already filled them. They are to be returned by 28th September.

Happy birthday to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays in September – Malcolm Keynes, Margaret Shillabeer, Trevor Green, John Rechner, Deane Stroud, Jim Williamson, Deborah Ebewe, Helen Bradshaw.

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: Barbara O'Sullivan, Toni & David Owen, Elizabeth and Don Owers, Margaret Palin, Jeanette Pfitzenmeier, Janet & Paul Phillips, Lorraine Pincher and St. Luke's Opshop.

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

Recently Departed: Terry Bennett

Anniversaries: Allan Case, Fred Rowe, Janet Hensel, Lucy Walters, Amanda Taylor, John Merry, Mabel Langton, Myrtle Hutchinson, Jordan Jenner.

+ *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

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

1 Timothy 2.1-10

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 79.1-9

Luke 16.1-13

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Raneth Fernando

Reader 2: John McIntosh

Intercessor: Glyn Price

Sidespersons: Warren Henriks & Gene Kluver

Welcoming: June Hindmarch & Dany Fidock

Morning Tea: Marilyn & John Harris

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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