



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

Sunday, 13th September 2026

.... WELCOME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

What Is the Point of Being the Church?

It is a question we may not often ask out loud, but it is an important one: **What is the point of being the Church?**

Why do we gather Sunday by Sunday? Why do we worship, pray, hear Scripture and share in the Eucharist? Why do we give our time, our gifts and our resources? And why should the Church matter to a world in which so many people no longer see it as relevant to their lives? These are not simply questions about how we organise ourselves as a parish. They go to the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

This Sunday's readings offer us a powerful place to begin. In Exodus, we encounter a people who discover that their identity begins not with what they have achieved, but with what **God has done for them**. In Romans, Paul reminds Christians that they belong to one another even when they disagree. And in Matthew, Jesus tells a challenging story about forgiveness and reminds us that those who have received God's mercy are called to become people of mercy. Together, these readings point us towards a fundamental truth: **the Church exists because God has first acted in grace**. We gather because God has called us, rescued us, forgiven us and drawn us into a community of faith. This is also at the heart of our Mission Action Plan as we look towards the future of St Luke's. Our three pillars — **Growing faith; Building Community and Sharing hope**— are not simply a list of activities. They describe the shape of a Christian life and the purpose of a Christian community. Over the coming months, we will continue to explore these questions together: Why are we here? What is God calling us to become? And how might our life together as St Luke's become a more faithful response to the grace we have received?

The answers may change the way we see our Church — and perhaps the way we see ourselves.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Rev'd Jo will not be with us next Sunday as she will be interstate at a family wedding.

Prayer Breakfast – Friday, 18th September, 7am to 8.45am. Marquee ballroom at The Tea Tree, 191 Reservoir Rd, Modbury. Tickets \$45 each (or \$40 for a table of 10.) Rev'd Jo would like to organise two tables. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

50 Years of CEBS at St Luke's, Sunday, 27 September. We will welcome a group of men who were members of the Church of England Boys' Society (CEBS) at the 10.00 am service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of CEBS beginning at St Luke's. They will celebrate together after the service and we look forward to sharing this special occasion with them.

Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be blessed on **Sunday, 27th September.**

"Come as You Are" women's fellowship invites **ALL** parishioners to join us for a morning of singing and "rock and roll", presented by the Para Hills Community Hub Singers, on **Friday, 2nd October** from 10.00am to 12 noon. The concert will be held in the church followed by morning tea in the balcony room. You are encouraged, but not obliged, to wear something with a "60ish rock and roll look" e.g. jeans/skirt/colourful top or scarf. For more information contact Carolyn Datson - 0412 606 615 or Susan Dearman - 0412 814 082.

Patronal festival for St. Luke's day, Sunday 11th October. Archbishop Bradly Billings will be joining us on the day. **One service only at 9am.**

Spring garden sale, Saturday, 17th October. Could those who have potted cuttings please bring them to the garden where they will be nurtured up to the time of sale. We would also welcome donations of pots. Enquiries to David Datson 0413278180. Thank you.

National Church Life survey. St. Luke's, with nearly all the parishes in the diocese, will participate in this during September/October. It only takes a few minutes. It can be done on your phone or on paper. When the materials arrive, we will do it at church together.

General Rosters for October, November and December 2026. It is time again 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 * text by the 13th September at the latest:

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

If you are able to help, please let either of us know.

Christian Meditation (listening 'Prayer of the Heart') fortnightly at St Luke's Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm on 16th & 30th September; 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. **ALL WELCOME!** no experience needed, just a desire to love, connect with and listen to God within, and each other. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Optical Super Store at Gilles Plains together with the Lions Clubs of SA thanks everyone who donated used/unwanted glasses. They are given to the needy and those living in remote areas of Australia. There is a container in the Balcony room for further donations. Many thanks.

FOR PRAYER

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

Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Jim Williamson, Shirley Shrimplin, Angela Brown, Alan Sutton, Malcolm Mayes, Cathy Drodge, the Hall family, Marie Galetta, Jenni Cooling, Colleen Spence.

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, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, John Spencer, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid, Indianna Mesecke, Mari Walker, Glyn Price, Chris Atherton, Cheryl Dohnt.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Rachel Atherton, Jane & Simon Bailey, Stephanie Baraglia, Roland Barker, Dorothy Beinke, Margaret Bernard, Sheryl Berry, Edward Bigga & Schools Ministry.

External Mission.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Andrew Gray, Shirley Norris, Allan Case, Fred Rowe, Janet Hensel, Lucy Walters, Amanda Taylor, John Merry
+ *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

Exodus 16.2-15
Philippians 1.21-30

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 105.1-6, 37-45
Matthew 20.1-16

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Raneth Fernando
Reader 2: John McIntosh
Intercessor: Glyn Price
Sidespersons: David Smith & Gene Kluver
Welcomers: Audrey Dewell & Dany Fidock
Morning Tea: Marilyn & John Harris

PARISH CONTACTS

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PROPERTY SERVICES	Position Vacant. Please contact Wendy W-Dyster, Warden on 0459 332 984 or Maria Harrison, Parish Secretary on 7079 7595.
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
	Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	7.00pm
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 Wednesday of the month	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am