



# ST LUKE'S CHURCH

## THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026

.... WELCOME ....

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

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#### Come to Me

Life has a way of becoming heavy.

Some burdens are obvious: illness, grief, financial pressure, or caring for someone we love. Others are less visible but no less real. The pressure to succeed, the fear of not being enough, the weight of regret, or simply the relentless pace of modern life can leave us weary in body, mind and spirit. Into that reality come some of the most comforting words ever spoken by Jesus: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

These words are not an invitation to escape life's responsibilities, nor a promise that every problem will disappear. Rather, they are an invitation into a different way of living—a life shaped not by striving alone, but by walking alongside Christ, whose heart is "gentle and humble."

The Gospel reading also reminds us that God's voice is not always recognised. Jesus reflects on those who dismissed both John the Baptist and himself because neither met their expectations. It is a timely reminder that faith begins not with having all the answers but with hearts that remain open to God's surprising ways of working.

As we gather for worship today, we are invited to pause amid the demands of everyday life and to listen again for the voice of Christ. We come not because we have everything sorted, but because God meets us in our weariness and offers grace before achievement, welcome before worthiness, and hope before certainty. May this time of worship be a place of renewal for each of us, as together we learn again what it means to receive Christ's invitation, to lay our burdens before him, and to discover the rest that only he can give.

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*Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope*

**The Leprosy Mission (TLM). Yes...Leprosy... is still a thing!** Leprosy is a disease which still occurs in more than 120 countries, with a new case diagnosed every 2 minutes, many of whom are children. If left untreated, or if treatment is delayed, leprosy can have devastating and permanently disabling effects including deformity and disfiguration. One of the biggest challenges is stigmatisation and discrimination. TLM is a global Christian organisation which works 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.

On Sunday July 26th Nicolle Macaitis, representing TLM Australia, will speak at both of our services about the work of TLM.

Generous monetary donations, made by people like ourselves, are vital for the work of The Leprosy Mission to happen and there will be a retiring collection for The Leprosy Mission after each service.

**Care required when accessing the Sanctuary.** Falls have occurred recently when people accessing the sanctuary have missed the step into the sanctuary or the step up to the Communion Table. Falls can be incapacitating and dangerous so please:

- access the sanctuary only if it is necessary for you to do so
- if you need to access the sanctuary please use the ramp and handrail on the right of the sanctuary or the stairs and handrail on the left.
- take extra care on the step to and from the Communion Table.

Thank you! St Luke's Work Health and Safety Advisory Group.

**Bible study (Monday and Wednesday)** is in recess during the school holidays.

**Christian Meditation group** will meet Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July in the church at 7pm.

**Recycling for groceries** - \$81.70 has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, (30/3/2026 - 31/5/2026), for groceries to be distributed through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Audrey Dewell

**Happy birthday** to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this month – Jenny Cooling, Jean Rechner, Yvonne Brumley, Donald Prince, Helen Spencer, Philip Bradshaw, Nish de Mel, Allan Carpenter, Maria Harrison, Heather Jeffries, Margaret Johansson, Howard Kelley, Anne Sharpe, Deborah Southren and Linda Williams.

## 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, Valerie Londrigan.

### ***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.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:*** Graham Rowan, Sudheesh Sadanandan, Donna Schroeder, Anne Sharpe, Margaret Shillabeer, Shirly & Stewart Shrimplin, Manishi Siwrathna, Kirk Skelton and the Bari congregation.

***External Mission.*** "Following Jesus Christ, the Leprosy Mission seeks to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness." We pray for all who are affected by leprosy both here and around the world, for the work of TLM and for its workers world wide.

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

### ***Recently Departed:***

***Anniversaries:*** Albert Hams, Ellen Hoare.

+ *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***

Genesis 25.19-34

Romans 8.1-11

### ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

Ps 119.105-112

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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### ***ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday***

*Reader 1:* Emma Wierda

*Reader 2:* Helen Wright

*Intercessor:* Glyn Price

*Sidespersons:* Warren Henriks & John Dearman

*Welcomers:* Marilyn Florance & Susan Dearman

*Morning Tea:* David Smith & Kate Bonser

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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.
<b>CHURCH BANK DETAILS</b>	BSB No: 705 077 A/c No: 00041526 A/c Name: Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove

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## 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month	12 noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	10.00am