

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

Sunday, 21st May, 2023

.... WELCOME

**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
OUR SERVICES TODAY**

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

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN ...

We repeat these words each Sunday when we affirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed. But what is their significance?

St Luke's account of the Ascension in Acts 1.6 – 11 is sparse, to say the least and, for us, these verses may raise as many questions as they answer. For St Luke's original readers, however, they would have been charged with meaning. They would have recognised, firstly, that this is a 'succession narrative' – Jesus is handing over responsibility for the mission of the Kingdom to his followers. Christ's victory over sin and death - won through the cross and affirmed by the Resurrection – is complete, and now his Ascension heralds that part of God's plan in which the church is to bring the message of the Gospel 'to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1.8)

The Ascension opens the way for Pentecost (which we celebrate next Sunday) and the empowering of the church for mission through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The original readers would also have recognised that the cloud that enveloped Jesus, as he leaves the apostles, signified that this Jesus, who was crucified and is risen, has been exalted by God and must direct the church from 'the heavenly realms' (Ephesians 1.20-23) until his return in glory. (Acts 1.11)

Amalgamation of St Luke's Modbury and St Mark's Golden Grove

As announced last Sunday, Diocesan Council has approved the registration of the new Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove (comprising the congregations of St Luke's, Modbury and St Mark's, Golden Grove). In the next few weeks, we will be giving notice of a joint meeting of the congregations, and sometime after that the Archbishop has indicated he will appoint the Rev'd Jo Smith as locum tenens for the new Parish. Once those steps are in place the new Parish will be registered and an initial Vestry meeting will be held to elect the Parish Council and Nomination Committee. We will keep you informed as these aspects of the process unfold.

The Work Health and Safety Advisory Group met last Wednesday and discussed:

- Improving the lighting at the base of the stairwell: Quotes being obtained
- Installation of a child safe gate and fence at the top of the stairs. Safe Work SA advice obtained – advised use of pool type fencing. Quotes being obtained.
- Installation of a handrail along path to Op-Shop. Preparatory and design work has been completed.
- Items stored in the stairwell (other than 2 fans) have been disposed of; rubbish cleaned out, area swept. Action complete.
- Sanctuary steps and kneelers: could be a trip hazard especially for those with impaired mobility. Consultation with key people is taking place, some solutions proposed. In progress.
- Working at Heights: A Draft Policy has been developed and circulated.
- Regular WHS site inspections: A draft program has been developed.
- Purchase of AED (Defibrillator): Waiting on suitable First Aid training prior to purchase.

Saturday, 27th May, at 2pm. Please join us for a **welcoming afternoon tea** to get to know each other. There will be tours of the church, op shop and community garden and a time to ask questions and chat.

During May we are asked to focus on chaplaincy in Health and the Community. There will be gathering as a chaplaincy community on the 21st May at 2.30pm in St. Peter's Cathedral at a Celebration of Chaplaincy Service followed by an afternoon tea in the Cynthia Poulton Hall.

Birthday wishes to David Datson who has recently celebrated a significant birthday.

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

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

<i>Reader 1:</i>	June Hindmarch
<i>Reader 2:</i>	Eric Harrison
<i>Sidespersons:</i>	Wendy Wake-Dyster & John Dearman
<i>Welcoming:</i>	Dorothy Bienke & Susan Dearman
<i>Morning Tea:</i>	Denise Robinson & Adrienne Wright

FOR PRAYER



- * *Recovery of children involved in the bush crash in Melbourne.*
- * *Victims and those affected by the New Zealand hostel fire.*
- * *Thanks to all volunteers who donate their time, energy and care to all sorts of organisations.*
- * *Victims of family violence and the organisations who assist them.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Iliya Khanzade, Michaela Kinnoch, Susan Restell, Diane Thiele, Jose, Mia, Carol Aitken.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:

Eveline Robinson, Sadie, Helen Gummow, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, 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, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Peter Cooling, Kate Bosner.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family:

Dorothy Beinke, Margaret Bernard, Kate Bonser, Veronica Boswell, Antony Bown and the Community Garden Group.

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

Tom Hermanus, Millicent Roberts, Walter Simpson, Eric Manoel, Lyn Breden.
+ *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).

Next week's readings

Acts 2.1-21
1 Cor 12.1-13

Pentecost

Ps 68.104.26-36
John 7.37-52

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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 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 st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 rd Saturday of the month	9.00am