



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

Sunday, 30th November 2025

.... WELCOME

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

The gospel writers all report that Jesus talked a lot about the Kingdom of Heaven. Paul wants the young church in Rome to keep it in mind, too. His instruction to love the other as yourself is not just to aid today's organisational harmony. There is a bigger reason why how we live matters.

Paul says in verse 12 – “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.” One day, God will call time.

Paul does not buy into end times speculation, except to say that the way we go about our lives here will be different if we keep in mind that the present era has an end.

The message in the Matthew reading too is that there will be a second coming, a day of reckoning.

Perhaps that seems a bit remote, but if we have any niggles in our mind about meeting God it is time, while we can, to settle ourselves. Be assured, Jesus tells us “anyone who comes to me I will never drive away”.

We say each Sunday in our Communion liturgy “Christ will come again”.

My prayer is that when he returns, he will find us keeping faithful to him, engaged in the work he has given us to do.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope



Christmas services

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00pm	Family service with Holy Communion
	11.00pm	Traditional service with Holy Communion
<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.00am	Holy Communion

Baptism today. Please pray for little Noah and his mum and dad, Krystal and Lachlan, on this special occasion.

New service times from this week. 8.00am unchanged and 10.00am.

The funeral of Steven Tyler, son of Tony and Thelma Tyler, will be held at St Luke's on Monday, 1st December at 11.00 am. Refreshments will follow in the Balcony Room. All are warmly invited to attend.

Camerata Community Choir and their guest Joyful Noise are pleased to present a Christmas Concert at 4pm today. Admission \$20 (cash only). Tickets also available at Trybooking.com – search Camerata Choir. Children 15 and under are free. Light refreshments will be provided. Enquiries email curdm@bigpond.com

"Exploring Prayer of the Heart at St Luke's, Wednesdays 7 – 8.00pm; 10th Dec 2025. *Learn about, ask questions and/or deepen the practice of Meditation in the Christian Tradition.* For more information contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396 or email sandy.jane.andrews@gmail.com All Welcome!"

Monday morning bible study will be in recess from 9th December until 2nd February.

Christmas flowers. The flower ladies would appreciate any donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas. Money can be placed in an envelope marked “Christmas flowers” and placed in the collection basket.

The Leprosy Mission. If you wish to give to the Leprosy Mission, you can leave your gift in our weekly collection in a clearly marked envelope. If you have a TLM box please pass it to Carolyn Datson.

Operation Christmas Child. 81 boxes have been sent to Cambodia. Thanks to those who filled them.

Memorial book in the prayer corner. We are updating the memorial book. If you wish a loved one to be remembered please leave a note in the office or give to Deb Travis.

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, 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, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Colin Fidock, Jean & John McIntosh, Margie Caddy, Alec, Tricia, Erin & Tyson, Tim & Suzanne, Levi, Scarlett & Will, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Nish & Mano de Mel, Audrey Dewell, Jhanelle Dionela, Ann Dixon, Faith Drodge, Linda Eastwood, Ben & Debbie Ebewe, Raneth Fernando and Community Garden Group.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Valma Holderness, William Bollen, Lester Smith, John Fidock, Joyce Jenkins, Fay Grave, Arnold Higgins.

+ *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

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21

Matthew 3.1-12

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Christine Walker

Reader 2: Kim Lawes

Intercessor: Carolyn Datson

Sidespersons: Peter Hoppo & David Datson

Welcoming: Julie Nicholls & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Barbara O'Sullivan

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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