



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

Sunday, 24th August, 2025

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

This Sunday, our lectionary gifts us with three extraordinary readings: **Jeremiah 1:4-10**, **Hebrews 12:18-29**, and **Luke 13:10-17**.

At first, they seem to sit far apart — a prophet's calling, a vision of God's unapproachable holiness, and the quiet healing of a bent-over woman in a synagogue. But together, they weave a single, beautiful story about the God who knows us, calls us, frees us, and invites us into a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

In **Jeremiah**, we encounter a God of deep intimacy — the One who says, "*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.*" This is not a distant deity, but a God who leans close, touching Jeremiah's lips and calling him by name. And when Jeremiah protests his unworthiness, God replies with gentle strength: "*Do not be afraid... I am with you.*"

In **Hebrews**, we meet the God of blazing majesty — the consuming fire who once made mountains tremble. But through Christ, that holy presence is no longer distant or terrifying. We are welcomed into God's city, into a kingdom unshakable, where grace and joy hold us fast even when the world around us crumbles.

And in **Luke**, we witness Jesus noticing a woman long bent under the weight of suffering. Without her asking, he calls her, touches her, and sets her free to stand tall.

This Sunday, we'll reflect on what it means to be known from the womb, unbound from shame, and unshaken by life's storms. My prayer is that we, as Christ's Church, become a place where the weary stand tall, where burdens are lifted, and where God's love is made visible.

Come as you are. You are known. You are loved. You are free.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Review of Mission Action Plan at 11.30am today. This will be an important opportunity to prayerfully examine our work so far and discern where God is leading us to revise our strategies and plans. *Handouts for the MAP review are on the table at the rear of the Church.*

Rev Jo will be taking study leave from 12 noon, Thursday, 28th August to the morning of Tuesday, 2nd September. Please contact Rev'd Don or one of the wardens if there are pastoral needs during this time.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Connect North East – free event this Wednesday, 27th August at Tea Tree Gully Anglican church, 7pm – 8.30pm. This will be followed by supper 8.30 - 9.00pm. Please bring a plate to share. Speakers are - Dave and Margie Wood (Coober Pedy), Glen & Beth McDonald (Roxby Downs), John Warner (SA/NT Officer). Register on BCA website: <https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/content/bca-connect-sant/gl09g8>

Hot soup day – Sunday, 31st August. We will be serving hot soups, with a bread roll, after the 9.30am service. This will be by donation. Money raised will go to Schools Ministry Group. For more information please speak to Marilyn Harris or Carolyn Datson.

SA Provincial ABM committee invites you to join them to honour the memory of New Guinea Martyrs on Tuesday, 2nd September at 6pm at St Cuthbert's, 49 Prospect Rd, Prospect, to celebrate the ongoing service of the PNG Anglican church. Preacher is The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry. A light supper will be served after the service. RSVP by 29th August to info@abmission.org.au or 1300 302 663.

“Come as you are” Women's Fellowship, Friday, 5th September, 10am-12 noon. We will be doing something special – *come to an hour of art and be surprised with your creativity.* All materials will be supplied. Our artist, Kateryna Bowyer, is a secondary art and drama teacher at Torrens Valley Christian school. Any enquires contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

City of Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast – Please refer to the Flyer for details

Recycling for groceries - \$46.60 has been raised through recycling of cans/ bottles, etc, (from 9/6/2025 to 17/8/25). These funds will be used to purchase groceries for distribution through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Audrey Dewell

New Parish bank account details – refer to the back of the pew sheet.

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.

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, Ann 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 Ann.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Ali Karimi, Howard Kelley, Jo Keynes, Gene Kluver, Pasindu Kurugalage, Enid Lackerstein, Heather & Keith Lane, Kim Lawes, Jeanette Leister and the Men's Group.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Dorothy Brumley, Frederick Lewis, Katherine Molyneaux, Fred Wells.
+ *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 2.4-13

Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 81.1,10-16

Luke 14.1(2-6) 7-14

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Elizabeth Owers

Reader 2: Audrey Dewell

Intercessor: Raneth Fernando

Sidespersons: Wendy W-Dyster, Nish De Mel

Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Margaret Collins

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR	
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