

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

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

**.... WELCOME ....**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

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

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**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE, THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES.**

It isn't surprising that this text is so often used at funerals. There is comfort in our visions of the destination. The great house where there is a room for us, the vision of our loved ones being welcomed into eternity is something to hold onto in the midst of crisis and grief. Yet, as Jesus speaks over the Last Supper to his disciples about the dwelling place of God with many rooms, I don't think he wants us to focus on the destination and start imagining what it will be like. He wants us to focus on the way. And the way to get there is not to imagine the destination... But rather through the One who is the Way, the One who shows us the Father, the One who will face separation and isolation, who will go over the brink of sin and death... this One...

This Christ is our Way.

This Christ our Truth.

This Christ is our Life.

This One is where we are going, this One brings us into God's way.

And as we wonder what is next for us and when we might get to our imagined destination, Jesus reminds us that the place that Jesus has always been going to has been to us. Meeting us in the Word and showing us the Father.

Welcoming us into the dwelling place of God in the waters of baptism.

Showing us the way at the table of the Lord, and transforming us into the Body of Christ. And as the Body of Christ we have always been going to the same place... always to New Life in God. And how do we get here, what is our way?

Today Jesus reminds us again, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

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**Welcome Athena Phillips** who is to be baptised today, along with her parents Jessica and Darryle, and friends and family.

**At the Special Vestry meetings for St. Luke's and St. Mark's** the proposal that a new amalgamated parish called The Anglican Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove was passed unanimously. This means that we can now start working with the Diocese to complete all the necessary steps. The first step is to submit a proposal for the registration of the new amalgamated parish to Diocesan Council. We are hopeful that this will be considered at a meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Everyone is welcome.

**During May we are asked to focus on chaplaincy in Health and the Community.** There will be gathering as a chaplaincy community on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Opshop food donations.** Thank you to everyone who brought food donations for the Op Shop, please keep them coming.

**History Festival Open Day – St Michael's Anglican Church, Cnr St. Michael's & Church Road, Mitcham, 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4pm – 170 years of being community.** Please check the website for more details .. <http://www.mitchamanglican.org.au>

**Quiz night - Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** (*changed from 27<sup>th</sup> June*) at St Mark's Golden Grove. Get your table ready. More information to come.

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

**ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday**

*Reader 1:* Colleen Cleland  
*Reader 2:* Adrienne Williams  
*Sidespersons:* Kirk Skelton & Peter Caddy  
*Welcoming:* Doris de Silva & Maria Harrison  
*Morning Tea:* Dany & Louisa Fidock

## FOR PRAYER



- \* *Thanks for our police force who constantly put their lives at risk to keep us safe. Please pray for the recovery of the two wounded policemen and their families.*
- \* *Millions of Australians struggling with overwhelming cost of living pressures*
- \* *Somalia suffering unprecedented drought and on the brink of famine.*
- \* *The reign of King Charles III*

### ***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:*** Judith Whiting, Kanchana Wickramage, Jim Williamson, Adrienne Wright, Helen Wright and the Bari Congregation.

***Birthdays this month-*** Toni Owen, David Owen, Douglas Home, Colin Fidock.

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

George Holland, Dorothy Letchford, Arnold "Mick" Walton, Frederick Lucas, William Drodge

+ *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 17.22-31

1 Peter 3.8-22

### ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

Ps 66.7-19

John 14.15-21

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### ***Thought for the week***

*Faith can move mountains. (Matthew 17:20)*

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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.

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