

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

Sunday, 13th August 2023

.... WELCOME

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

If you ask non-believers what they know about Jesus, most of them are likely to remember that he walked on water, and also that he healed people. They probably won't have any idea why he would have done the former. They might suppose it to have been a sort of party trick, or an illusory effect he created in his disciples' minds to build his personal mystique. Strategic thinkers might think Jesus decided to do some remarkable things for the publicity, to attract a bigger personal following.

But neither Jesus's walking on the lake, nor his easier-to-understand healings such as those at Gennesaret in today's gospel reading, or indeed any of his other miracles, were aimed mainly at building mystique or attracting more followers. Jesus's control over the natural world in today's Matthew reading is one of the wonders which reveal the most important thing about Jesus, his identity as God the Son. The disciples seeing Jesus walking on the water were wet and cold and frightened, and they knew they could do nothing to control the sea. Only one person could do that. He had it under his feet, you might say. Healings and other works of mercy did indeed benefit people but, beyond that, they were signs pointing to Jesus's unique identity.

Baptisms. On 20th August during the 9.30am service Uchechi Ezeobi will be baptised. Please pray for Uchechi and her mum, Chioma, and dad, Arinze, as they prepare for this important milestone.

Also, on 27th August Athena Phillips will be baptised during the 9.30am service. Please pray for her and her mum, Jessica, and dad, Darryle.

The Link is the annual Year Book of St. Luke's and it is record of the activities and special events that have occurred during the year. There is a small editorial group and if you would like to be part of that group, please let me know as we can always use new ideas and input. So far this year we have much to celebrate, for example, joint worship – the new Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Two things are being requested, firstly that you submit articles for publication, they can be an account of our shared events, or perhaps you have had a special birthday, anniversary, holiday or family occasion that you wish to write about and share. Secondly, we request that you keep clicking photos on your phone on those special occasions and send them for publication (please write a caption with your photo so that we may attach it to the appropriate event). Written articles and photographs should be sent to the church email stlukesmodbury@outlook.com You have plenty of time to get writing and snapping as the deadline for articles is Sunday 5th November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd curdm@bigpond.com and Toni Owen (local editors).

Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. It's time to start packing your boxes again with useful and fun items for children overseas. Please collect boxes from Denise Robinson or Yvonne Brumley at the 9.30am service or speak to Rev'd Jo at the 8.00am service.

Flowers this week are in loving memory of Jean Malander.

Wanted – if you have any spare bird cages and plastic pots the Community Garden would love to have them.

Stretch and Balance classes at St. Mark's have moved to Thursdays on a fortnightly basis.

Christian Meditation sessions run by Sandy are held from 3.45pm to 4.30pm on Thursdays each fortnight (from 4th May) at St. Mark's.

Next week's readings

Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:13-32

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 133

Matthew 15:10-28

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Christine Walker

Reader 2: Kim Lawes

Sidespersons: John Dearman, Harry Brown

Welcoming: Susan Dearman, June Hindmarch

Morning Tea: Maria Harrison, Marilyn Harris

FOR PRAYER



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

Caryl Walker, Iliya Khanzade, Susan Restell, Jose, Jodie McIntosh, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Jill G, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Cathie Shipwright, Vimla Mukerji, Chris and Kelly Davies, Prue O'Donovan, Robert Rechner, Zoe, Kathy Fennell.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, 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, Wendy Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris and Kelly Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Des Dixon, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Neville Hendricks.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Julie & Ralph Nicholls, David & Toni Owen, Don & Elizabeth Owers, Margaret Palin, Robin Percy and the Pastoral Care team.

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

Jean Malander, Arthur Baker, Keith St. John Hams, Dick Holton, Ruth Westhorp.

+ *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 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Our combined prayer list is now very large. Please let us know if there are people whose names can be removed.

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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 PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	9.30am
	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Bible Study (St. Mark's)	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
Book sales	2 nd Saturday of the month (St. Mark's)	9.00am