



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

Sunday, 28th April, 2024

.... WELCOME

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

As we enter into today's gospel, we find ourselves back on that evening of Maundy Thursday in John's account of the Jesus story. Jesus knows he is about to die, leaving the disciples behind. So, he is urging them to remain **in** him, stay connected **to** him, and remain in fellowship with each other. Jesus is saying to the disciples and to each one of us, "Stay connected. Live in relationship to me. And, stay connected and live in relationship to each other. Make your home in me just as I do in you. And, he gives us this wonderful image of the vine and branches.

Now, if we think about wild grapevines, or any vine for that matter, one thing we soon realize is that vines and branches are tangled and messy. Yet, when we look at a cultivated grapevine, we can see that the vine grower has put an anchor to the main vine. The branches are sorted out, trained and even disciplined. There is a wire structure that supports the vine from below and from above. All of the dead branches have been removed. And, the vines and branches that are cultivated end up producing large quantities of grapes.

With this image that Jesus shares, he shows us that Christ is the source of all life. Our very existence is dependent on God, who nurtures and cultivates us. We are not, and cannot be, the vine that gives life to all. Neither are we the vine grower, the one who cultivates, stakes, supports and yes, prunes the branches, though sometimes we try to claim this authority. We are the branches and, if we are to flourish, we need to stay connected to the vine, abide and remain dependent on the vine.

St. Mark's Day. St. Mark's Day is set down to be celebrated on 25th April which is, of course, also Anzac Day. We normally mark Anzac Day on the Sunday after 25th April and we will do that today. It is important though that we should also remember and celebrate St. Mark's Day, so we plan to do that on Sunday, 28th July.

'Come As You Are' Women's Fellowship invites you to join them in the Balcony Room on Friday, 3rd May, 2024, from 10.00 - 12 noon to hear Carolyn Mesecke (a Member of our St. Mark's in the Village Congregation) speak on "How to produce a Musical", and to enjoy Morning Tea and Fellowship.

Have you ever wondered what procedures a Musical Company has to go through to present a Musical. From the start to final night, She will take you through the necessary steps which result in amazing performances. You will be surprised at the costs and hard work, problems and stress which companies encounter along the journey. You will also hear of Carolyn's involvement with The Metropolitan Musical Theatre Company in Adelaide.

Any enquiries contact Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) or Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615).

On Mother's Day 12th May, we will be holding a special service of thanksgiving for mums and caregivers at the 9.30am service. There will be children's activities and it will be an especially good opportunity to invite your family and friends to join you at church. Please keep this date in your diary and start talking about it with your family.

A suggestion has been made for photos to be displayed of mothers no longer with us. Please bring along some family photos, especially of your mothers so they are not forgotten at this time.

Recycling for groceries - \$42.10 has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, (from 3/3/2024 to 20/4/24). These funds will be used to purchase groceries for distribution through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. *Audrey Dewell*

Opshop. The Opshop team have had many requests for food assistance and our supplies are running very low. It would be appreciated if you could put an extra item or two in your trolley next time you shop or if this is not convenient a monetary donation would be very helpful.

Helpers for the Joyful Noise Children's Choir needed. If you are available on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm and would like to support this exciting new ministry, please add your name to the list on the office window. We need people to help welcome the children and prepare a healthy snack for them at about 4.45pm. The ability to do a bit of shopping (funds provided) beforehand would be helpful. You don't have to be available every Tuesday, we will have a roster, if we have enough helpers. You will also need to complete a Safe Ministry Clearance but we can support you to do this - it is quite straight forward and important to safeguard children and young people.

FOR PRAYER

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

Susan Restell, Jose, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Betty Bryson, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Matthew Pontifex, Zarinah, Tess Richmond, Charlie, Cynthia Hendriks.

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

Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Carol Aitken, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Cilla Harvey, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K, Angela Brown, Kathy Fennell.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Rose Yobu, Esther Yu, Sandy Andrews, Margaret Anson, Christine & Ian Archer and Pastoral Care team.

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

Jim Cross, Robert Breeding, Lorna Faulkner, Anthony Haynes, John Taylor, Elizabeth Ladegourdie.

+ *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).

Next week's readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ps 93

Mark 16:15-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Margaret Curd

Reader 2: June Hindmarch

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: David Datson & John McIntosh

Welcoming: Margaret Collins & Jean McIntosh

Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva

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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: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

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
	Stretch & Balance	2.30pm (fortnightly)
	Christian Meditation	3.45pm (fortnightly)
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