



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

Sunday, 23rd March, 2025

.... WELCOME

LENT 3

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Luke 13.22-35: Two forms of avoidance

In our passage today Jesus encounters two forms of avoidance. One is at a personal level and involves a passive form of avoidance. How much easier it is to ask speculative theological questions (Sir, will only a few be saved?) than to allow oneself to be confronted by the demands of the kingdom. It's a form of passive avoidance which is also common today. Jesus is not distracted; he takes this theoretical question and makes it personal. The question "Will the saved be few?" becomes, "Will the saved be you?"

The second form of avoidance is more active – it's the avoidance generated by forces set against the work of God's kingdom (and hence the mission of Jesus) and expressed through groups that wield power in the culture of the day. In our passage these cultural powers are represented by Herod, the Pharisees and the power of the mob in Jerusalem. Each in their own way seeks actively to subvert the mission of Jesus. Again, Jesus is not distracted. He has 'set his face toward Jerusalem' (Luke 9.51) and now he emphasises that he will fulfill his mission and do so in his time and his way. That way leads to Jerusalem and the apparent victory of these power groups when Jesus is crucified. But that isn't the end of the story! The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that the cross is actually the defeat of sin and death and, ultimately, the defeat of those cultural powers that oppose God's mission. And, despite opposition, that mission continues.

Annual Vestry Meeting. The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove will be held at St Luke's at 11am today. Anyone who has attained the age of 18 years, who has received Holy Communion in the parish no less than three times during the last twelve months, and who can affirm that they are not members of any other church, may vote at the vestry meeting. At this meeting reports will be received from the Parish Priest and Wardens, the Treasurer and various other groups and teams within the parish. Importantly, at this meeting we will need to elect a People's Warden, Parish Councillors, Synod Representatives and members of the Nominations Committee. There are sheets at the rear of the church where you can nominate for one of these roles. Please note that you will also need someone to second your nomination. Reports will be available at the back of the church.

Our "Come as you are" Womens fellowship who meet on the first Friday of every month in our church hall, had such a fun morning in March. If you have not been before we encourage you to come on **Friday, 4th April, 10-12 noon**. Our speaker will be Linda Fisk, CEO and co-founder of "Seeds of Affinity : Pathways for Women. Along with her co-founder, they will talk to us about their 19 years of supporting women entrenched within the Criminal Justice system. Following this there will be a "Trading Table" where you can support the organisation by purchasing some special things. Our Cuppa and Chat will happen with some "special treats" as we celebrate our first year together. Any enquires phone Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

Mothering Sunday. In the English Church, in which the Anglican Church has its historic foundations, the fourth Sunday of Lent is observed as Mothering Sunday, a day when people would visit their Mother Church, the main church or cathedral of the area. This visit would become an occasion for family reunions as children, especially those working away from home would return to see and honour their mothers. At St Luke's we will be marking this tradition in the service next week.

Easter Flowers. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would like to donate money towards flowers. Please put in an envelope marked 'flower money' and place in the collection plate. Many thanks from the Flower ladies.

April, May and June Rosters for 9.30 am services . Paper copies (in pink) of the rosters for the 9.30 am services are now available on the table at the back of the church for the parishioners who do not receive a copy by email or who have not been able to print off their own copy. Please note that the rosters include Easter Day but exclude Maundy Thursday and Good Friday which will need to be filled prior to those services.

Hope 25 – Exploring Prayer. Sandy is running the following sessions from 7-8.30pm.
2nd April *What is contemplative prayer?* Silent prayer. What does Jesus say about prayer.
16th April *What does it mean to 'pray without ceasing'?* Can we pray continuously and how do we address God. For enquiries contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

BCA. It is box opening time again. For those of you still using boxes please bring them to the church and leave in the office. Many thanks.

Save the date: Parish Picnic on **Sunday, 27th April**, (the Sunday after Easter) Civic Park, near the library. More details to follow.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Sonia Smith, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Anne Sharpe.

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

Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Max Pontifex, Kerri Bogale's husband and five children, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Greg Downton, Ann Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Margaret Curd, Lorelie Hill.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Marjorie Church, Nancy Church, Coleen Cleland, Margaret Collins, Jeni Cooling, Margaret Curd, Carolyn & David Datson, Doris de Silva, Susan & John Dearman and the Bari Congregation.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Tom Oborn, Frank Schneider, Blue Jenkins, Ivan Leonard, Amy Tofts, Mervyn Watkins.

+ *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

Joshua 5:2-12

2 Cor 5:16-21

Lent 4

Ps 32

Luke 15.11-32

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Tony Tyler

Intercessor: Simon Bailey

Sidespersons: Peter Caddy & Keith Lane

Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Audrey Dewell

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

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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
	Christian meditation (fortnightly).	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