

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

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

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**“YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH ... YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF  
THE WORLD”**

With those words Jesus is declaring what already is. These are great and holy attributes and promises of discipleship but with this blessing comes responsibility.

Salt is a seasoning, purifier, and preservative. Whatever function Jesus had in mind, in all cases salt is not an element useful to itself. Its value comes in its application to other things. So, likewise the followers of Jesus are called to exist for others. We are to flavour the world. We are to season and transform human activity in such a way that it reveals God in this world. Being the light of the world means we are to help people better see God's life in theirs. It means we are to enlighten the dark places of the world. You and I are the means by which God flavours and illuminates life and the world.

What Jesus requires of us then, is a righteousness that exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees. Now I don't think Jesus is calling us to look at how carefully the Scribes and the Pharisees keep the law and then do one better. That kind of legalistic “one up manship” is not what he had in mind. What if Jesus' intention was for us as disciples to imagine and live into a different kind of righteousness, not a legalistic righteousness but a loving obedience to God's will that makes the kingdom of heaven possible here and now? A righteousness that expresses the merciful, forgiving, reconciling will of God that lies at the heart of the law.



## **Shared Worship with St Mark's.**

Today we begin our time of shared worship with St Mark's Golden Grove. The Rev'd Don Owers and the Rev'd Jo Smith will share most of the preaching, and lay readers from St Mark's will join our own folk in leading worship and assisting at Holy Communion. Please keep these combined worship services in your prayers this week, that the name of Jesus might be lifted high through our praise and that thus all of us might be encouraged in our faith and witness.

Our services today will be led by the Rev'd Jo Smith. The Rev'd Dr Don Owers is away today for Elizabeth's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday family celebration.

## **The theme for our services in February is 'Being a disciple.'**

<b><i>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></b>	<b>Key reading</b>	<b>Theme</b>
	Matt 5.13-20	<b>Discipleship means blessing others not legalism</b>
	Other readings:	Isaiah 58:1-9a, Ps 112, 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
<b><i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></b>	Matt 5.21-37	<b>Discipleship means pure hearts not outward behaviour</b>
	Other readings:	Deut. 10:12-22, Ps 119: 1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
<b><i>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></b>	Matt 5.38-48	<b>Discipleship means going beyond what's expected</b>
	Other readings:	Leviticus 19:1-2, Ps 119:33-40, 1 Cor:3:10-17
<b><i>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</i></b>	Matt 4.1-11	<b>Discipleship means resisting temptation</b>
	Other readings:	Gen 2:15-17 and 3:1-7, Ps 32, Romans 5: 12-21

**Quickest Warmth Project.** Please check the noticeboard for news from QWP.

**St. Mark's Golden Grove.** Please check the noticeboard for news about their upcoming book sale and Stretch and Balance classes.

**Food for the homeless.** The Opshop is running low on supplies and any donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Bird cages.** Leanne from the Community Garden is looking for unwanted bird cages. (Please speak to Jeana Rechner or David Datson.)

**Bible study** is in recess.

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

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

<i>Reader 1:</i>	Colleen Cleland
<i>Reader 2:</i>	Adrienne Williams
<i>Sidespersons:</i>	Wendy Wake-Dyster & Ralph Nicholls
<i>Welcoming:</i>	Christine Walker & Maria Harrison
<i>Morning Tea:</i>	Denise Robinson, Marilyn Harris & Marianne Carpenter

## FOR PRAYER



- \* *The people of the Ukraine.*
- \* *Territorians dealing with high levels of crime and domestic violence.*
- \* *New Zealanders suffering torrential rain and flooding in Auckland.*
- \* *Our economy and the flow on effect of rising inflation and cost of living expenses.*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khanzade.

***Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:*** Eveline Robinson, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Sadie, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Susan Restall, 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, Mia, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, David Cooling.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family:*** Linda Eastwood, Ben & Debbie Ebewe, Colin and Dany Fidock, Marilyn and Trevor Green, Helen Gummow and the Community Garden Group.

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

Leslie Watson, Anthony Mugg.

+ *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).*

### **Thought for the week**

*God doesn't stop loving you because you make a mistake.*

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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

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