



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

Sunday, 11th May, 2025

.... WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

The Voice That Calls Us Home

This Sunday, as we mark Mother's Day, we reflect on a voice that is both deeply human and divinely eternal: the voice of love that calls us by name.

Long before a child can speak, they recognise the sound of their mother's voice. It calms them, guides them, orients them. That voice is often the first sign of belonging, the first experience of love. In today's Gospel reading from John 10, Jesus speaks of this same kind of love:

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me... No one will snatch them out of my hand." The voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is a voice of deep intimacy and safety—one that draws us in, that tells us we belong.

This week's sermon explores how the voice of God and the voice of mothering love intertwine. We'll remember Tabitha—also called Dorcas—

from Acts 9, a woman whose acts of care and compassion were so significant that the early Church paused to honour them. We'll hear again the comforting words of Psalm 23 and reflect on the presence of God as one who stays close, restores our souls, and walks with us through the darkest valleys.

Whether today is a day of gratitude or grief for you—or perhaps both—may you hear the voice of God speak gently to your heart: *You are mine. I know you. I will never let you go.*

Come and be held by that love.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures in our lives.

Clergy conference. Rev'd Jo will be away from Monday, 12th May, to Thursday, 15th May inclusive, at the Provincial Clergy conference at Murray Bridge. She will still be contactable by email or phone for particularly urgent matters.

Joyful Noise, Sunday, 25th May, at 2pm. Join us for an afternoon of music, singing and dance to share the hope we have in Jesus. We will be debuting our new band also! Please bring your family and friends, especially the young ones!

Volunteers needed for the Opshop. For the Opshop to continue its effective and efficient ministry we need more help from parishioners. Just 3 or 5.5 hours on a weekly/fortnightly basis and a willingness to become a team member who helps in all aspects of the Opshop activity would be a great help. Please talk/contact Colin Fidock 0417819938 or Helen Mayes 0403955270. Thanks

"Prayer Chain Requests. Julie Nicholls will be away on holiday until 1st June. Until Julie returns please ring or message Ann Dixon on 0421 816 614 if you have any prayer requests for the Prayer Chain Group.

For sale (donation only). There are a number of electrical items for sale from St. Mark's. These are displayed in the church foyer.

Exploring Prayer Sessions. Thank you to all those who attended the Exploring Prayer Sessions at St Luke's during Lent. We explored the Wheel of Prayer, Meditation in the Christian Tradition and Labyrinth Walking as contemplative prayer. There will be another session on **Wednesday, 25th June, 7 - 8pm** to explore Holy Reading - a different way to read the Bible. Please bring 1 or 2 of your favourite Bible verses and sign up on the sheet provided. Everyone is welcome! Contact is Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396.

Silent Retreat Day, 17th May, 10.30am - 4.00pm. WCCM (The World Community for Christian Meditation) will hold their annual silent retreat day at St Luke's. Suggested donation \$15. Please bring your own lunch. To register contact Sandy Andrews 0421 504 396

Car Parking. Parish Council has decided the top car park at St Luke's will be designated as 'Easy Access Parking' for use by those with mobility issues or for loading/unloading goods. If you don't have mobility difficulties, please park in the lower car park and walk up the path, through the garden, to the church. Please note, the designated disabled parks will be retained for those with disability parking permits, but the remainder of the top carpark will be available for those who have mobility issues or things to unload.

Defibrillator. Parish Council has approved a proposal that the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) should be moved from its current location inside the church foyer to a position outside the front door of the church.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond.

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, Sonia Smith, Anne Sharpe, Alf & Lyn Ho, Cynthia Hendricks, Rebecca.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Beth Morgan, Joseph & Jolene Ng, Julie & Ralph Nicholls, David & Toni Owen, Don & Elizabeth Owers, Margaret Palin and the Men's Group.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: William Drodge, Margaret Date, Lynette Thornley, John Brumly, Una Keast, Sue Llewellyn.

+ *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

Acts 11.1-18

Revelation 21.1-6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148

John 13.31-35

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Jane Bailey

Intercessor: Hugh Walker

Sidespersons: David Datson & Michael Southren

Welcoming: Christine Walker & Marilyn Florance

Morning Tea: Audrey Dewell & David Smith

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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
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