



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

Sunday, 28th JUNE 2026

.... WELCOME

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

Today is a special day in the life of our parish as we welcome five children for baptism. Their presence among us reminds us of one of the most beautiful truths of the Christian faith: before we ever reach out to God, God reaches out to us.

Baptism is first and foremost a sign of God's grace. These children come not because they have achieved something, earned God's favour, or demonstrated great faith. They come simply as they are—loved by their families and loved by God. In baptism we celebrate God's initiative, God's promise, and God's desire to draw people into his family.

Our readings today help us understand this gift more deeply. In Romans, St Paul speaks of a new life that begins when we belong to Christ. Baptism is not an ending but a beginning—a lifelong journey of growing in faith, hope and love. As these children grow, they will discover for themselves what it means to follow Jesus and live in the freedom that comes from knowing him.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about welcome. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." These words remind us that faith is nurtured within a community. Today we are not only celebrating with parents and godparents; we are renewing our own commitment as a church family. Together we promise to be a community where these children can learn about Christ, experience his love, and find encouragement on their journey of faith.

Many of the most important things we do in the Christian life seem small: a prayer, a kind word, a welcoming smile, a helping hand. Yet Jesus reminds us that even a cup of cold water given in his name matters. God uses ordinary acts of faithfulness to shape lives.

As we rejoice with these families today, may we also remember our own baptism and give thanks for the God whose grace came to us long before we knew how to ask for it, and whose love continues to sustain us every day.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Today we welcome Blessing, Elian, Emesu, Navaeh and Elisah, and their families, who will be baptised today.

Care required when accessing the Sanctuary. Falls have occurred recently when people accessing the sanctuary have missed the step into the sanctuary or the step up to the Communion Table. Falls can be incapacitating and dangerous so please:

- access the sanctuary only if it is necessary for you to do so
- if you need to access the sanctuary please use the ramp and handrail on the right of the sanctuary or the stairs and handrail on the left.
- take extra care on the step to and from the Communion Table.

Thank you! St Luke's Work Health and Safety Advisory Group.

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM). A project for ABM is the Encounter program with the PNG Islands. Fr. Francis Marvin, from the diocese of the New Guinea Islands, is to visit parishes in SA later this year. Fr Marvin was a student at Newton Theological College from 2018 to 2021 and ordained in 2023. He is now the associate priest in Rabaul at the north-east tip of New Britain. He wishes to learn first-hand about parish life in Australia. Our parish is committed to the external mission of theological education for those seeking to minister in PNG, like Fr. Marvin. We hope he can receive parish hospitality in our diocese, learning from his experience in a way that enables him to better provide pastoral ministry in his home situation.

July, August and September Rosters for 10.00am Services. Paper copies (in blue) of the rosters for the 10.00 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.

"Come as you are Women's fellowship" invites you to come to our next meeting on **Friday, 3rd July at 10am.** Our speaker will be Chris Casiero, an exercise physiologist from My Local Physio Plus, Ridgehaven branch. His topic will be "Active Ageing" which will cover osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, the benefits of exercise, strength training and falls prevention. This will be followed by a cuppa and fellowship. For enquiries, please contact Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) or Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615).

Camerata Community Choir presents "Do you hear the people sing" love songs and anthems. **Saturday, 4th July at 4pm at St. Luke's.** Purchase tickets at the door for \$25 (cash only) or early bird price of \$22 online only until 27th June – <https://www.trybooking.com/DLRZQ> The performance will be followed by light refreshments. Enquiries Helen Loveday 0421 963 828.

Recycling for groceries - \$81.70 has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, (30/3/2026 - 31/5/2026), for groceries to be distributed through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Audrey Dewell

FOR PRAYER

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

Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Tess Richmond, Bev Schutt, Chris Atherton, Jim Williamson, Shirley Shrimplin, Angela Brown, Alan Sutton, Malcolm Mayes, Cathy Drodge, the Hall family.

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, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, John Spencer, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Jean Rechner, Susan Restell, Tess Richmond, Val Rogers, Jan Roberts, Denise Robinson, Chris & Mark Robjohns, Saham Rostani and the Men's Group.

External Mission. We pray for the work of the Anglican Board of mission and for Fr. Francis Marvin, ABM's Encounter Visitor for 2026. We give thanks Fr. Marvin received a sound theological education at Newton Theological College that prepared him to serve as priest in the diocese of the New Guinea Islands in Rabaul.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Janet McDonald, Peggy Andrews, George Rankine, Stephen Lucas, Kenneth Fisher, Mabel Wilson, Florence Lamb, Gertrude Brown.

+ *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

Genesis 24,34-38 & 24.42-49, 58-67

Romans 7.14-25

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 45.10-17

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Audrey Dewell

Reader 2: Elizabeth Owers

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: Gene Kluver & David Datson

Welcomers: Margaret Collins & Warren Henriks

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Barbara O'Sullivan

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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: 705 077 A/c No: 00041526 A/c Name: Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove

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
	Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	7.00pm
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 Wednesday of the month	12 noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am