

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

Sunday, 8th October 2023

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
4.00pm Thanksgiving service at St. Marks

Paul offers us encouragement for the journey of faith when he writes “Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.” Even Paul, hero of the faith, great missionary church planter was simply “on the way.” He is pressing on because Christ Jesus has made him his own. None of us are there yet. But we are on the way. If we are baptized, Christ Jesus has made us his own. It is real. And it is complete. And nothing can take that away from us. But baptism is not the end; it is the beginning of our journey. We still have a goal; and we are called to press to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has already made us his own.

I used to hang around with a lot of Lutherans and I have always liked the way Martin Luther put it. Here are his words:

“This life is not a being holy but a becoming holy; it is not a being well but a getting well; it is not a being but a becoming; it is not inactivity but practice. As yet we are not what we ought to be, but we are getting there; the task is not as yet accomplished and completed, but it is in progress and pursuit. The end has not been reached, but we are on the way that leads to it; as yet everything does not glow and sparkle, but everything is purifying itself.”

(Martin Luther, What Luther Says, p. 235)

We serve; we give; we pray; we sin, and confess; we fall down and get up. We come to church to be fed and encouraged on the way. Yes, we are on the way. And one day, we hope to be able to say, from the depths of our heart, that compared to knowing Jesus, all else is but loss. In the meantime, we press on to the goal, knowing that our Lord and Savior has already reached the goal on our behalf. We press on, as best we can, grateful to follow the one who promises to show us the way. We are not there yet, not what we ought to be. But thanks be to God, we are on the way.

Stretch & Balance and Christian Meditation Classes at St. Luke's. Every other Thursday – 19th Oct; 2nd, 16th, 30th Nov; 14th Dec.

Stretch & Balance (chair/floor) 2.30-3.40pm. Please bring a mat for floor work, water and a blanket for relaxation. \$5 donation – 50% to Hutt St Centre and 50% to St. Luke's.

Christian Meditation follows Stretch and Balance from 3.45 – 4.30 pm. Free.

All welcome to either or both. For more information contact Sandy Andrews 0421 504 396

Acknowledgement of Country. The Parish Council has listed for discussion at its October meeting, the helpfulness or otherwise of the Acknowledgement of Country said prior to Sunday services. Church members should be aware that this discussion does not and will not relate to the Referendum on the Voice (regardless of its outcome). It is simply a discussion which will seek to discern the best ways in which we, as a Parish, can acknowledge the history and culture of aboriginal people and promote understanding and respect. Other ideas that have been proposed include placing a plaque in the foyer acknowledging the traditional custodians and/or the use of indigenous art and music. You may like respectfully to make your views known to Parish Councillors.

Ministry Roles. A reminder that you will usually be able to find Jo in the office at St Luke's in the morning Monday-Thursday. She tries to visit people, go to meetings and conduct nursing home services in the afternoon. She takes Fridays as her day off. You can contact her anytime by email or on her mobile - she will answer if she can or get back to you later. Don is continuing as part time associate priest in the parish. His role will include

- Leading the Mission Action Planning process
- Harmonising and updating parish policies
- Leading services in Jo's absence
- Supporting the Bari congregation
- Preaching as part of the regular preaching roster.

The Link. Email articles to stlukesmodbury@outlook.com by Sunday, 5th November.

Flowers this week are in memory of Tiffany Ho.

Can & bottle recycling. Please contact Audrey Dewell on 0421 635 422 if you have cans/plastic bottles/cartons which can be recycled for cash with proceeds to Opshop grocery purchases.

DIARY DATES:

Saturday, 14th October. 2.00pm Commissioning of Rev'd Jo at St. Luke's church.

Sunday, 15th October. 9.30am St. Luke's Patronal festival. BYO drinks and a plate of food to share. **NB only one service at 9.30am.**

Sunday, 26th November. 9.30am Christ the King celebration with sausage sizzle to follow. **NB only one service at 9.30am.**



FOR PRAYER

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

Caryl Walker, Iliya Khanzade, Susan Restell, Jose, Jodie McIntosh, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Jill G, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Cathie Shipwright, Vimla Mukerji, Prue O'Donovan, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis, Cilla Harvey, Dominic, Brenton Billingsley, Neill Bicknell, Jean McIntosh, Dominic

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Wendy Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris and Kelly Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Des Dixon, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Neville Hendricks, Robert Rechner

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Jan & Brian Walton, Jessie Waters, Judith Whiting, Kanchana Wickramage & the Mens Group.

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

Joyce Brumley, Alice Ramsey, Shirley Hayes, Billie Short, Hazel Brown, Faith Beinke, Jim Palin.

+ *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). Our combined prayer list is now very large. Please let us know if there are people whose names can be removed.

Next week's readings

Jeremiah 8.22-9.3

2 Timothy 4.9-17a

Luke Evangelist & Martyr

Ps 145.10-18

Luke 10.1-9

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

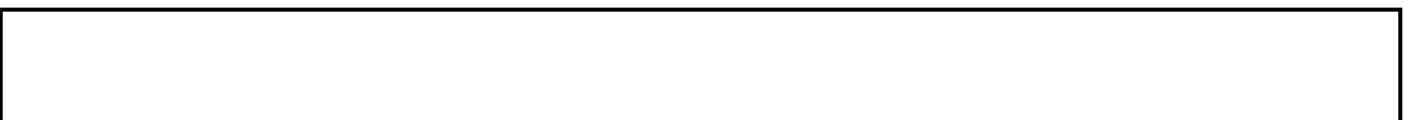
Reader 1: Audrey Dewell

Reader 2: Dorothy Beinke

Sidespersons: John Dearman & Veronica Boswell

Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Maria Harrison & Jessy Lim



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WEEKLY PEW SHEET	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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