



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

Sunday, 1st December, 2024

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OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise service
11.30am	Bari Worship

Today, our Gospel reading introduces two figures who embody hope: Simeon and Anna. Their lives reveal what it means to live in hope, to wait faithfully, and to trust that God's salvation is on the way. Simeon is described as "righteous and devout," a man who has been "looking forward to the consolation of Israel." In his words and actions, we see the deep longing of a people waiting for God to intervene, to bring peace, and to fulfill the promises of old. Simeon has lived his life clinging to the hope that he will see the Lord's Messiah before he dies. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon takes the child into his arms and declares, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation. Simeon recognizes in this child the fulfillment of God's promises, not only for Israel but for all nations. Simeon's hope is not passive; it is active, grounded in his faith in God's word and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

This hope enables him to see beyond a poor couple bringing their child to the temple and recognises God's salvation entering the world. Alongside Simeon, we meet Anna, a prophet who has spent decades in the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer. She has lived with steadfast devotion to God as a way of life in the temple. She, too, recognises the significance of the child Jesus and begins to praise God, speaking about him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. Anna's hope is communal. Her proclamation invites others to share in the joy and anticipation of what God is doing through this child.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Carols in the Garden*** Saturday, 14th December, from 6pm
- Christmas Eve*** Family service 6.30pm for carols, Holy Communion 7pm
 Traditional Holy Communion with carols and candlelight 11pm
- Christmas Day*** Holy Communion 9.30am

Archbishop's visit to St. Luke's, Sunday, 15th December, 8am and 9.30am services.
 The Archbishop will be preaching and presiding at both services. Please put this date in your diaries and make a special effort to come to church that day.

Prayer Chain. The prayer chain is a way in which we can request immediate, once off, prayer on a particular day. If you message or call Julie Nicholls on 0408 191 521, she will send a text to the members of the prayer chain who will pray for you during the next 24 hours. In addition, if you wish to become a member of this important ministry please get in touch with Julie and she will add you to the team and you will receive the text messages with prayer requests from Julie as they are received.

Come as you are Women's Fellowship. After our Christmas gathering on 6th December, 2024 at 12 noon, we will NOT meet again until February, 2025. Please contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615 for further information.

General Rosters for January, February and March 2025. It is great to be able to welcome some extra members of the congregation to our roster lists. Everyone's contribution to the Sunday services is much appreciated. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for January, February and March. If you involved in one or more of these ministries but expect to be unavailable for 2 or more weeks during that period, could you please let us know by texting by 15th December at the latest:

- 8.00 am Service Roster – Helen Mayes 0403 955 270
- 9.30 am Service Roster – Warren Henriks 0474 759 301

Stretch & Balance met for the last time last week. We started at St Mark's on 17th October, 2022 and have raised \$1,540. Half was donated to St Mark's, then St Luke's, and \$769 to the Hutt Street Centre for the homeless in Adelaide. Thank you to all those who have supported the class, and for letting me run the class at St Luke's. It was going very well, but I have decided to let go of some of my activities as my family and babysitting increases!

Christian Meditation. The St Luke's Christian Meditation (Prayer of the Heart) Group has met for the last time this year, and will be changing time and day next year. We will meet **9.30 - 10.00am on Alternate Tuesdays from January 21st 2025.** If that time does not suit, I will be leading 2 other groups at Wynn Vale (Alternate Tuesdays 3.45 pm at my home) and the Modbury Meditators Monthly Meeting at Modbury Uniting Church, 576 Montague Rd, Modbury North, Sundays 5 - 6pm every 4 weeks starting Feb 2nd 2025.

For more information please contact **Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396."**

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven, Margaret.

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

Betty Bryson, Roland Barker, Tess Richmond, Neil, Mick, Jo C., Shirley B, Shirley and 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, Frances Kaisin, Jenny Butler, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Ron Rockcliffe.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Doris de Silva, John & Susan Dearman, Audrey Dewell, Ann Dixon, Faith Drodge, Linda Eastwood, Ben & Debbie Ebewele, Colin & Dany Fidock and the Bari congregation.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: William Bollen, Lester Smith, John Fidock, Joyce Jenkins, Graue, Arnold Higgins

+ *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

Ezekiel 34:11-16

1 Peter 2:21-25

Advent 2

Ps 23

John 10:1-18

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Elizabeth Owers

Reader 2: Colin Fidock

Intercessor: Carolyn Datson

Sidespersons: John Dearman & David Datson

Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: David Smith & 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.
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