ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 18th October 2026

…. WELCOME ….

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

Whose Image Do We Bear?

In this week's Gospel, some of the religious leaders try to trap Jesus with a difficult question about paying taxes to Caesar. But Jesus responds with such wisdom that they are amazed. His words, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's," invite us to think about where our ultimate allegiance lies.

As Christians today, we too can face difficult questions about our faith. How do we speak about what we believe in a world where our convictions may be challenged or misunderstood? Jesus shows us that speaking faithfully is not about winning arguments or responding to hostility with hostility. It is about having the courage to speak when it matters, the wisdom to see beyond the arguments presented to us, and the grace to reflect Christ in the way we treat others.

But there is a deeper question in Jesus' words. The coin bears Caesar's image, but what bears the image of God? The book of Genesis tells us that human beings are created in God's image. We are the bearers of that image, and our lives belong to God.

What, then, does it mean to give to God what belongs to God? It means more than attending worship or making a financial contribution. It means offering God our whole selves: our gifts, our relationships, our work and our service. It means allowing God's love to shape the way we live, speak and respond to the people around us.

This Sunday, we will reflect on how we can speak with courage and wisdom, and how our lives might make the image of God visible to the world. For if we bear God's image, our calling is to offer ourselves to God and to live in ways that reflect God's love, justice and hope.

Growing Faith in Christ, Building the Body of Christ, Sharing the Hope we have in Christ

Thank you to all who helped with the Spring Garden Sale yesterday and with the preparation before hand. It was a most successful day. A special thanks to Leanne one of our community volunteers for all the potting of plants and preparation for the day.

National Church Life survey. St. Luke's, with nearly all the parishes in the diocese, will participate in this. St Luke's will do this today today. It only takes a few minutes. It can be done on your phone or on paper.

Bush Church Aid (BCA). We have a box collection during October. If you have a BCA box, please leave it at the back of the church to be collected by David Collins. Thankyou.

OP SHOP Help needed! We urgently need someone to help hang clothing and tidy in Joseph's shed on Mondays from 9 to 11am. Please speak to Colin or phone Helen Mayes on 0403 955 270 if you can help. Thanks

Next Sunday 25th October, Barry Kurstn, an Ordination Candidate, will preach at both services 8.00am and 10,00am.

"Come As You Are" Women's Fellowship invite the women of the parish and a friend to come to our November meeting to hear our dear Venerable Jo Smith give us our 2026 "Christmas message". The meeting is on **Friday, 6th November 10.00am to 12 noon** in the balcony room and will be followed by morning tea. For more information contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

For such a time as this – Church Planting and Regenerating forum. Saturday, 7th November 9.30am-3.30pm at St Columba College, Andrews Farm.
Archbishop Brad is hosting a day for the whole Diocese to think. Missionally and creatively about our local churches, church planting and the future. There will be time for discussion and questions. Two experienced leaders will speak:

- The Venerable Dr Bree Mills, Archdeacon for Church Planting in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Reverend Paul Harrington, Senior Network Pastor of the Trinity Church network.

We will also hear about what is already happening here in Adelaide.
Dr Bree Mills will be preaching at St. Luke's the following day.

Christian Meditation (listening 'Prayer of the Heart') Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm, 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December. Contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Flowers this week are in memory of Chris Travis

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, Marie Galetta, Jenni Cooling, Colleen Spence, Jo Johnson, Di Thiele, Maxine Reid,

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, David, Debbie, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne, Maxine Reid, Indianna Mesecke, Mari Walker, Glyn Price, Chris Atherton, Cheryl Dohnt.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Linda Eastwood, Ben Ebewele, Raneth Fernando, Colin & Dany Fidock, Marilyn Florance, Helen Fuller, Cheryl & Roger Garnham, Community Gard
en.

External Mission. We give thanks for the BCA mission of Mary and Owen Lewis in the parish of Kangaroo Island. Be with Naomi Purti and the Kid's Club team – about 20 primary school children, as stories of Advent and Christmas are shared with them, that they may know the living Lord Jesus in their lives.
Those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Reggie Gill, Kay McIntosh, Walter Turner, David Pincher, Lucien Keegel, Leslie White, Pat Abbot, Albert Henderson
+ 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	***Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost***
Deuteronomy 34.1-12	Ps 90.1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 2.1-13	Matthew 22.34-46

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1:	Mano De Mel
Reader 2:	Eric Harrison
Intercessor:	Simon Bailey
Sidespersons:	Peter Hoppo, John Harris
Welcomers:	Anita Hoppo, Marilyn Harris
Morning Tea:	Dany Fidock, Louisa Fidock

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PROPERTY SERVICES	**Position Vacant**. Please contact Wendy W-Dyster, Warden on 0459 332 984 or Maria Harrison, Parish Secretary on 7079 7595.
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	1st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2nd Wednesday of the month	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1st Friday of the month	10.00am