



# ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MODBURY

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00am Sung Eucharist  
11.30am Bari Worship

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### ...WELCOME ...

#### *This week at St. Luke's*

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| Tuesday  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion           |
|          | 9.30am  | Community Garden         |
| Thursday | 10.00am | Holy Communion           |
| Friday   | 9.30am  | Community Garden         |
| Saturday | 6.00pm  | Family Christmas service |
|          | 11.00pm | Midnight Communion       |

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### And she will call his name 'Emmanuel'

(Isaiah 7.14; Matt 1.23)

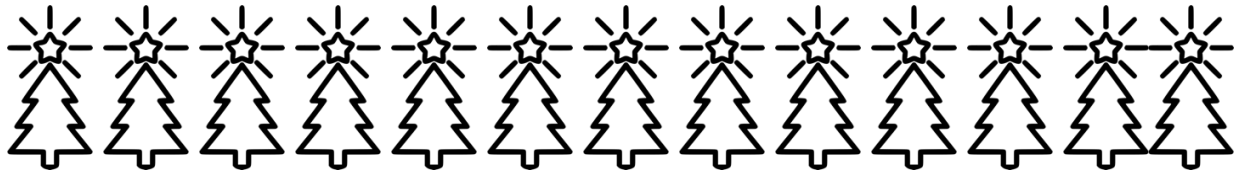
Isaiah 7 is dated around 730BC. At this time Jerusalem was under threat from an alliance of northern kingdoms whose armies are described by Isaiah as causing the hearts of Ahaz (king of Judah) and the people of Jerusalem, to be shaken 'as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind' (Isaiah 7.2). In the midst of this terror, Isaiah tells of a young woman, probably a member of the court of Ahaz, who will give birth to a son, and, in an act of faith which is a rebuke to the fearfulness of the king, will call him 'Immanuel' (which translates as 'God is with us'). This act of faith is recalled by Matthew when he thinks about the birth of Jesus. The faith and courage of that anonymous young woman in the time of Ahaz, Matthew suggests to us, is fulfilled in the faith and courage of Mary who chooses, in faith and in spite of the threat to her, to bear a son who, as Matthew had come recognize, is the true Immanuel.

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**Rev. Don on leave from 26/12/22.** The Rev. Don Owers will be on leave from Monday 26/12/22 to Saturday 14/1/23. Sunday services during this time will be taken by the Rev. Brian Jeffries. Arrangements for week day services are yet to be confirmed.

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*Our Vision Statement. St. Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.*



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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| <i>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve</i> | <i>Family Service</i>     | <i>6.00pm</i>  |
|  | <i>Midnight Communion</i> | <i>11.00pm</i> |
| <i>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Day</i>   |                           | <i>9.00am</i>  |

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**Special Vestry Meeting.** At last week's meeting the following motion was voted and carried unanimously. *"That this vestry resolves to undertake a period of joint worship with the parish of St Mark's, Golden Grove, from Sunday, 5 February 2023 to Sunday, 16 April 2023 inclusive, with the Sunday worship to be conducted at St Luke's."*

As a consequence of this decision, planning will now commence so that people from both St Luke's and St Mark's can be involved in leading worship from the beginning of February. Sunday worship will be conducted at St Luke's, at our regular service times of 8am and 9.30am.

**Locum tenens.** From this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, Rev'd Don Owers will work 4 days a week with St. Luke's. His regular work days will be Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Christmas Hampers.** Thank you so much to everyone who helped fill the Christmas Hampers. We were able to deliver 35 general hampers and 35 Christmas hampers, 70 boxes in total to Anglicare who are struggling to meet the demand this year. A special thanks also to the staff from Centrelink and Weber BBQs who contributed to our collections this year. We also had a special request from Hannah our Pastoral Care Worker at Fairview Park Primary School for hampers for 5 families having difficulties and we were able to also help out with these. Well done everyone. *Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

**Bible study is now in recess** over the Christmas holidays.

**We would like to thank** all those who attended Everard's funeral and expressed sympathy on his passing. Caryl, Pieter and Carren Walker.

**Prayer in Advent.** Parish Council is encouraging church members to get together in three's for 30 minutes a week, to pray for our church, our Christian services, our mission and our community. If you are interested in joining a "Prayer Triplet" please speak to Helen Wright or one of the Wardens.

**Christmas cake raffle.** Tickets are 3 for \$5 and available from Thelma.

**Lost Property box.** Please check the lost property box located in the church foyer.

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*Please join us for morning tea in the Balcony Room after the service*

## FOR PRAYER



*The victims and families of the fallen police officers who died doing their job.  
Thanks to our police forces, fire and emergency services personnel who work to look after us  
and our communities.  
Residents and wildlife along the Murray River suffering the rising floodwaters.  
Children as the school year finishes.*

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

Kathy Fennell, Peter Cooling, Iliya Khanzade, Eveline Robinson, Carol Aitken, Helen Gummow, Sadie Jane Hodge

***Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:*** Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Susan Restall, Jessie Waters, Helen Spencer, Donald & Marjory Prince, Ngaire Stitchbury, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Adrienne Wright, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Mia, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, David Cooling

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our St. Luke's family:*** Kate Bonser, Veronica Boswell, Antony Bown, Helen & Philip Bradshaw and Harry Brown and the Pastoral Care team.

***Those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur this week:***

Alfred Harwood, Murray Dossett.  
+ *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 (Thursday service)*

***Next week's readings***

Isaiah 52.7-10

***Christmas Day***

John 1.1-14

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***Thought for the week***

God believes in you.

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# PARISH CONTACTS

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*Sacraments of Anointing for Healing, Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals are all available.  
Enquiries about pastoral visiting and home communion are welcome.  
Please see Rev'd Cameron or Colin Fidock.*  
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**WEEKLY PEW SHEET**      Please forward information to the church email or put a note  
under the office door by Wednesday.

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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S

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| Community Garden     | Tuesdays at 9.30am and Fridays at 9.30am                            |
| Community Garden BBQ | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11.30am                    |
| Men's Group          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30pm                    |
| Bari Worship         | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11.30am |
| Parish Council       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9.00am                    |