



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

Sunday, 31st August, 2025

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Luke 14.1-14: A sabbath meal with food for thought

It's clear from our Gospel reading that those invited to lunch with Jesus on this occasion got more to chew on than they anticipated. This sabbath meal, set up by 'a leader of the Pharisees' with the provocative young prophet Jesus of Nazareth as the special guest, would have been the equivalent of a power lunch – a meal the chosen few would feel privileged to attend, an invitation which would lift their status in the eyes of others (and probably in their own estimation). There's little doubt they would have looked forward eagerly to both the meal and the conversation with Jesus. But things get off to a controversial start. Before the meal begins, they encounter a man suffering from 'dropsy' (or edema) and Jesus confronts the guests with a question about healing on the sabbath. Then, to their astonishment, he heals the man in their presence, and then sends him away, as though it was nothing remarkable. The guests are left speechless and rebuked but, even as they begin settling down, jockeying a bit for the places of honour, Jesus interrupts again with a short but stinging parable about humility. Not content with that, he then turns to his host and suggests that this esteemed leader of the Pharisees would do well to extend hospitality not simply to his friends and rich neighbours but also to the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. This exclusive meal was not turning out as they had expected! Imagine them returning home later to the inevitable question from their wives, 'So how was your lunch?' For them, but for us also, there's much food for thought in the teaching Jesus presents in this passage.

Rev Jo is on study leave until the morning of Tuesday, 2nd September. Please contact Rev'd Don or one of the wardens if there are pastoral needs.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Hot soup today served with a bread roll, after the 9.30am service. This will be by donation. Money raised will go to Schools Ministry Group.

SA Provincial ABM committee invites you to join them to honour the memory of New Guinea Martyrs, on Tuesday, 2nd September, 6pm at St Cuthbert's, 49 Prospect Rd, Prospect, to celebrate the ongoing service of the PNG Anglican church. Preacher is The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry. A light supper will be served. RSVP by 29th August to info@abmission.org.au or 1300 302 663.

“Come as you are” Women’s Fellowship, Friday, 5th September, 10am-12 noon. We will be doing something special – *come to an hour of art and be surprised with your creativity.* All materials will be supplied. Our artist, Kateryna Bowyer, is a secondary art and drama teacher at Torrens Valley Christian school. Any enquires contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615.

Invitation to Afternoon Tea for those who would like to know more about St Luke’s.

When: Sunday, 14 September, 2025 at 2pm

Where: Balcony Room with a glass of bubbles and finishing with afternoon tea

Why: To provide an opportunity to get to know each other better, find out more about our church, and ask any questions you may have

Who’s Invited: Anyone who would like to join us

RSVP: 7 September, 2025 to stlukesmodbury@outlook.com

City of Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast. At the invitation of Tea Tree Gully Council, St Luke’s has been involved in planning the Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast, an event that brings together Christians from all denominations for prayer, worship and encouragement. This year the Breakfast is to be held at Sfera’s Convention Centre on Friday 19th September beginning at 7am and concluding by 8.30am and we have been fortunate in obtaining Michael Neale, Principal Consultant at Literally Brilliant, as our guest speaker. Michael is an engaging and inspirational speaker who has a clear and vital message for Christian churches, schools and welfare organisations. Tickets are \$40 each or \$360 for a table of ten. If you would like to be part of a St Luke’s table please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church and we will obtain tickets for you. If you would prefer to book independently you can use the QR code on the Prayer Breakfast poster on the notice board.

Please come and listen to Julia Baird speak about Grace, Awe and Hope at 11.30am, Saturday, 20th September, Memorial Hall, St. Peter’s College. (Refer to flyer for bookings.)

General Rosters for October, November and December 2025. It is already time for us to start preparing the general rosters for July, August and September. If you are 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 the 14th September at the latest:**

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

This email is sent from the St Lukes Office and neither of us has access to direct responses.

South Sudan Appeal. To donate to the Diocese of Kajo-Kaji in support of internally displaced families, please place a separate envelope in the collection. Or you can give electronically to BSB: 705077. A/c No: 00041526. A/c Name: Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Identify your donation as “South Sudan”. Thankyou.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Warren Sharpe, Peter & Val Rogers, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond, Jo Johnson.

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

Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin, Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jeremy Bollen, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Paul & June Walters, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, Woody Abroe.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Tony Liew, Jessy Lim, Mary Longat, Edmund Malander, Tammy May, Helen and Malcolm Mayes, Sandy McAdam, Jean & John McIntosh and 'Come as you are' women's fellowship.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Derek Birch, Joan Powney, Eddie Dreha, Robert Redshaw, Jill Rigby-Meth, Gayle Atherton, Millie Hunt, Leigh Corcoran, Colin Guyer, Freddie Ladegourdie, Phyllis Tyler, Bruce Mudge.

+ *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

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Philemon 1-25

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

Luke 14.25-35

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Christine Walker

Reader 2: June Hindmarch

Intercessor: Carolyn Datson

Sidespersons: Peter Hoppo & David Datson

Welcoming: Julie Nicholls & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: Christine Walker & Barbara O'Sullivan

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR	
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
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