



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

Sunday, 24th MAY 2026

.... WELCOME

DAY OF PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns

Pentecost begins not with confidence, but with fear. In John's Gospel, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, uncertain of the future and afraid of what might come next. Into that fear, the risen Christ speaks peace and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. In Acts, that same Spirit bursts forth like wind and fire, transforming frightened followers into courageous witnesses. And in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the Spirit creates not uniformity, but a community of diverse gifts bound together as one body in Christ. This sermon reflects on Pentecost not simply as a dramatic event in the history of the Church, but as an ongoing work of the Spirit within ordinary human relationships and communities. It explores the way fear can shape our responses to difference and conflict — our instinct to defend ourselves, to fight, or to retreat behind locked doors of certainty and pride.

Drawing on a personal story of working alongside someone with very different gifts, perspectives, and leadership instincts, the sermon considers how the Holy Spirit often works precisely through the people who unsettle us. Sometimes the people we resist most strongly are those through whom God is trying to deepen our humility, widen our understanding, or reveal our blind spots.

Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit does not erase difference. The miracle is not that everyone suddenly becomes the same, but that people learn to hear one another across difference. The Spirit creates communion where fear once created division.

In a world increasingly shaped by suspicion, outrage, and fragmentation, Pentecost offers another possibility: communities where peace is stronger than fear, where forgiveness matters more than winning, and where diverse people discover that they belong to one another in Christ.

The Spirit still breathes through locked rooms. And the doors are still being opened.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Welcome to Edan, Kyron, Kaden and families who will be baptised today.

Rev Jo will be on leave from 31/5 -15/6. Please direct all enquiries to the Wardens.

Biggest Morning Tea. A group of volunteers will host a morning tea after the **10am service on 31st May**. There will be a variety of delicious treats available and the opportunity to make a donation to the work of the Cancer Council. If you would like to be part of the team providing treats, please speak to Barbara O'Sullivan.

Come as you are Women's Fellowship, Friday 5th June at **10.00am – 12 noon**. There will be a cuppa and chat. Any queries contact Susan Dearman (0412 814 082) and Carolyn Datson (0412 606 615).

Parish Office modifications. To progress the remodelling of the vestry and office areas the Parish Council has provisionally accepted a quote for \$2370 (inc GST) for built in wardrobes for the new vestry area and \$5652 (inc GST) for the installation of an office window to be let into the foyer wall. The Council is conscious we hope to engage in a more extensive church renovation project in the next few years and is therefore mindful of the need to minimise spending on smaller projects. At the same time the Council is impelled by the need to provide safe work areas for clergy and other staff and has decided it is necessary to go ahead with this project. As both items affect the fabric of the church building, this project will require a faculty (i.e. approval) from the Diocese and this in turn requires that congregations have an opportunity to raise questions or provide feedback. Questions or feedback on this proposed work should be provided in writing or by email to the Secretary of Parish Council (stlukesmodbury@outlook.com) by Wednesday 17th June for consideration at the Parish Council meeting on 20th June. Please feel free also to speak to a member of the Council if you have questions about this project. *Don Owers, Chair of Parish Council.*

Homes to Grow (HTG) is an external mission of St Luke's supported by individual parishioners. It is a trust fully supported by the Parish of St Francis in Simon's Town, South Africa helping children and young adults who may be orphaned, abandoned or HIV positive by providing foster homes and supportive family environments. It helps children to receive an education. *Contact: Colin Fidock 0417 819 938 colin.fidock@bigpond.com*

Schools Ministry Group (SMG) provides well-being services to schools in South Australia through their Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs). Their aim is to show God's love in action, helping young people and their school communities to discover 'purpose, value and hope'. Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully (SMTTG) works to support Pastoral Care workers in the TTG area. There are currently PCWs in 8 of our local schools. We at St Luke's actively support Hannah Schumann, the PCW at Fairview Pk Primary School and the whole Fairview Park school community. SMTTG is a supported external mission of St Luke's. The parish makes an annual cash donation and our Bible study groups donate items for 'Hannah's pantry' which provides food for the children who have no recess or lunch. Please pray for the strength, guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit on all of our PCWs as they work as God's hands and feet in our schools.

Christian Meditation Group will meet this **Wednesday 27th May, 7-8pm** at the church.

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.

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, Ian White, David, Debbie, Woody Abroe, Jan Walton, Jean & John McIntosh, Margie Caddy, Alec, Tricia, Erin & Tyson, Tim & Suzanne, Levi, Scarlett & Will, Ian & Bryan & families, Marion Ford & Ann Tee, Paul Phillips, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa, Peter Taylor, Jo Johnson, John Spencer, Pat Dunlop, Catherine Cooling, Louise Hoyle, Ruth-Anne.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Ali Karimi, Howard Kelley, Jo Keynes, Gene Kluver, Pasindu Kurugalage, Enid Lackerstein, Heather & Keith Lane, Kim Lawes, Tony Liew and St. Luke's Opshop.

External Mission. The School's Ministry Group (SMG) and pastoral care workers (PCW's), Fiona, Hannah, Mandy, Atida, Bella, Ben and Kookie in our local schools who provide positive role models delivering compassionate practical pastoral support to students/staff.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Eric Manoel, Dean Fergusson, Lyn Breden, Irene Birt, May McIntosh
+ *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

Exodus 34.1-8
2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Trinity Sunday

Song of the Three (APBA p.399)
Matthew 28.16-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Elizabeth Owers
Reader 2: Audrey Dewell
Intercessor: Raneth Fernando
Sidespersons: David Datson & Nish de Mel
Welcoming: Warren Henriks & Margaret Collins
Morning Tea: Maria & Eric Harrison

PARISH CONTACTS

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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: 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	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 Wednesday of the month	12 noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am