



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

Sunday, 27th July, 2025

.... WELCOME

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Colossians 2.6-15: Victory through the cross

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith . . . See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. (Colossians 2.6 - 8)

The Colossian Christians had received Christ – which is to say they had come to put their faith in him. It seems though, that some had remained at that point. They had put their faith in Christ but they had not *grown* in their faith, they were spiritually immature – hence Paul's exhortation in the opening verses of our passage, '*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith . . .*' (Col 2.6-7)

One of the dangers of a lack of growth in faith is that the spiritually immature are easily captured and led astray by seemingly plausible philosophies or empty 'beliefs' that claim to offer special insight, or fulfilment or salvation (or all three!) but which were not 'according to Christ' (verse 8). These abounded in Paul's time (as they do today) so, to guard his readers against this danger, Paul reinforces the foundations of Christian faith, reminding them of the greatness of Christ (verses 9 and 10) and the greatness of what God has done for us through Christ (verses 11 – 15), concluding with a magnificent statement of the victory of the cross (verses 14 - 15).

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Bishop Sophie will visit the parish on Sunday, 17th August, and preaching and presiding at both services. Bishop Sophie is Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Adelaide and will become the Administrator when Archbishop Geoff retires in November until we appoint a new Archbishop. Please put this date in your diary and make a special effort to come along.

Bishop's Nomination Committee Process and Consultation. An important part of the work of the Bishop's Nomination Committee is to hear from as many people as possible about what qualities we might be looking for in a new Archbishop.

If you wish to participate in an online survey, please scan the QR code below or go to - surveymonkey.com/r/5V99JHX



Review of Mission Action Plan. Parish Council invites parishioners to participate in a review of our Mission Action Plan on Sunday, 24th August, commencing at 11.30 am. This will be an important opportunity to prayerfully examine our work so far and discern where God is leading us to revise our strategies and plans. Please mark this date in your diary and come along ready to share in this important work.

"Come as you are" women's fellowship. Our next meeting is **Friday, 1st August at 10.00am.** Not only will we have fellowship but we are ask you to bring something which *"brings back memories of your childhood or growing up years"* to share with others. After sharing we will enjoy a cuppa together and finish at 12 noon. Any enquiries please contact Carolyn Datson on 0412 606 615 or Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082.

Electronic Sign. Parish Council has for some time been concerned about the outdated and worn signage on Smart Road. We believe that it reflects poorly on the life of the church community and misrepresents the real vitality of our mission and daily activities on the site. One strategy of our mission plan to share the hope we have in Jesus is to create more effective signage on Smart Road. An electronic sign with dynamic images and messaging is considered to be the most effective way of representing the vibrancy of our parish life and engaging the local community.

Accordingly, the Modbury and Golden Grove Parish Council meeting on 21st June, 2025, passed the following motion:

That Parish Council provides the Diocesan Property, Finance and Resources Committee with a proposal for the installation of an electronic sign at St Luke's at an approximate cost of \$35k with the project to be funded ultimately from the sale of the Golden Grove site.

An electronic sign on Smart Road would show a rolling slide show of images and text highlighting our community garden, op shop, children's choir, foodbank, bible studies, sermon highlights, worship services and other events; and provide information about service times, contact details and how people can become involved. It can be easily updated via a smart phone app. Parishioners are invited to comment or ask questions about this proposal by emailing the office stlukesmodbury@outlook.com before Friday, 8th August.

The Baptistry is not able to be used at the moment due to safety concerns with the stained-glass windows. When repairs have been undertaken, we will advise when it can be accessed again. Parish Council and WHS group.

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, Neville and Cynthia Hendricks, Warren Sharpe, Peter & Val Rogers, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond.

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, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Greg Downton, Ann 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.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Carolyn & David Datson, Doris de Silva, Susan & John Dearman, Audrey Dewell, Ann Dixon, Faith Drodge, Ruth Duniell, Linda Eastwood and Schools Ministry.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Ken Hall, Alfred Roberts, Rose Runnegar, Sydney Keen, Audrey Cooke, Bill Humphries.

+ *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

Hosea 11.1-11

Colossians 3.1-11

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 107.1-9, 43

Luke 12.13-21

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Margaret Curd

Reader 2: Christine Walker

Intercessor: Warren Henriks

Sidespersons: Gene Kluver & John McIntosh

Welcoming: Margaret Collins & Jean McIntosh

Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Marilyn Florance

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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