



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

Sunday, 7th September, 2025

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

Shaped by the Gospel: A Message from Philemon

This Sunday we read one of the shortest books in the Bible—the Letter to Philemon. At first glance, it may seem a private note between the Apostle Paul and a wealthy Christian in Colossae. But in truth, it is a window into the heart of the gospel.

The story is simple. Onesimus, a slave belonging to Philemon, has run away and, in God's providence, encountered Paul in prison. There he has come to faith in Christ. Now Paul writes to Philemon, not as a commanding apostle but as a brother, appealing that Onesimus be welcomed back not as property but as family: *"No longer as a slave, but more than a slave—a beloved brother in the Lord."*

Here in just 25 verses we glimpse the world-changing power of the gospel. A prisoner, a wealthy man, and a slave are drawn together on equal ground before the cross of Christ. Old hierarchies of status and power begin to crumble in light of the new humanity God is creating in Jesus.

This little letter also presses on us today. How do we respond to the call of the gospel in our own relationships? Who are the people we are asked to welcome, forgive, or see with new eyes? And what does it mean to live out the truth that every human life bears the dignity of being God's beloved—especially in a world where slavery and exploitation tragically still exist?

The Letter to Philemon reminds us that the gospel is never merely an idea. It reshapes lives, heals divisions, and challenges us to embody reconciliation, equality, and love. In it we discover not just Paul's plea, but Christ's invitation to live as His new creation

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

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, Friday 19th September, 7am-8.30am, Sfera's convention centre. St Luke's has been involved in planning the Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast, bringing together Christians from all denominations for prayer, worship and encouragement. Guest speaker is Michael Neale, Principal Consultant at Literally Brilliant. He 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 attend 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.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available from Denise Robinson. Thanks to those who have already filled them. They are to be returned by 28th September.

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) celebrates 175 years on Sunday 26th October. Join us to celebrate faith, history and hope. Celebratory High Tea at 4 pm followed by Choral Evensong with preacher Archbishop Geoff Smith at 6 pm. RSVP for High Tea. Entry by donation. Tickets available online: www.abmission.org/17adelaide.

The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia, is proud and excited to release a new study app just in time for the 2025 Season of Creation (Sep 1st – Oct 4th). **Weaving a Stronger Spell** is written by Celia Kemp and is available from the website abmission.org.

Bush Church Aid (BCA). Rev. Mary Lewis from Kangaroo Island will visit St Luke's on Sunday 21st of September and talk about her BCA ministry. After the 9.30am service at morning tea, we will hold a gold coin donation for the work of BCA.

Soup morning - Thanks to Marilyn Harris, her band of soup makers and bread donors, and the generosity of our parishioners, last Sunday's soup morning raised \$412.60 for Schools Ministry Group. Thank you all for a lovely morning and for such a great result for SMG!

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: Paddy McKay, Darryl McLean, Stephanie McRostie, Rosemary McWhirter-Whitlock, Sinju Mohanandas, Elizabeth Morgan, Joseph & Jolene Ng, Julie & Ralph Nicholls and the Community Garden.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Dennis Charlton, Harry Barrat, Lorna Jackson, Eve Guyer, Patricia Lewis, Alma Owen, Vera Jones, Richard Morgan, Valerie Steel, Douglas Whiting, Frederick Santell, Andrew Gray, Shirley Norris.

+ *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 4.11-12, 22-28

Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14

Luke 15.1-10

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Peter Caddy

Reader 2: Jeni Cooling

Intercessor: Mano de Mel

Sidespersons: John Dearman & John McIntosh

Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Jean McIntosh

Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Linda Williams

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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
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