



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

Sunday, 25th January 2026

.... WELCOME

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns

Problems in Corinth (1 Corinthians 1.10-18)

The situation St Paul addresses in our New Testament reading is one which, sadly, most church members have experienced at some time in their faith journey. It's the problem of division and conflict within a local congregation. In Corinth the conflict involved disputes between different groups about who had the most spiritual wisdom. Paul is horrified. For him this is evidence that these quarrelling groups have drifted away from the truth of the gospel and drifted into wayward thinking and disputes which contradict their faith and injure their fellowship and mission. There's little doubt that all of this was due in large part to the influence of the surrounding culture. Corinth was a cosmopolitan city in which an ability to demonstrate superior wisdom through sophisticated speech brought social esteem, aggressive self-promotion was taken for granted and boasting, factions, and disputation were the norm. The church was in Corinth but a very negative part of Corinth was in the church. Churches today, ours included, need to be aware of this subtle tendency to import pervasive cultural values into the life of the church. Paul's remedy for the problems at Corinth, and for similar problems in churches today, is to take drifting churches back to the cross of Christ as the foundation for faith and the key to understanding how Christians should relate to one another and to the wider community.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

World Day of Prayer 2026 Nigeria. Friday, 6th March, at 1pm. St. Luke's is hosting the service for our area. Everyone is invited to come and add our prayers to all countries of the world praying together on that day.
Denise Robinson 0429 234 007.

Bible studies will recommence on Wednesday, 28th January and Monday, 2nd February at 10am.

Rev'd Don will conclude as Associate Minister in the Parish on 30th January, 2026. He and Elizabeth will continue to be members of the Parish but Don will have another attempt at retirement. Rev'd Samuel Yengi will be licensed by Bishop Sophie as Assistant Curate in 2026.

Joyful Noise will recommence on Monday, 2nd February. If you are free on Mondays between 4pm – 5.30pm and would like to support this ministry by providing an afternoon snack (every 4-5 weeks), please speak to Rev'd Jo after the service.

"Come as you are" Women's Fellowship will meet on Friday, 6th February, 10am – 12 noon. Guest speaker will be Tony Ey, from the RAA who will talk about "Road safety for Seniors. For enquires please contact Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082.

"Christian Meditation Group will meet Wednesdays fortnightly in the church at 7 - 8pm starting on 4th February. Future dates are Feb 18, Mar 4, 18, Apr 1, 15, 29. All are welcome! Please let me know if you would like to attend, and I will send you a reminder. For more information contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396.

Baptism and Confirmation enquiries. If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation or in simply finding out more about Christianity, please collect a form from the rear of the church and return it to the office.

Community garden. The gardeners are looking for frangipani cuttings to strike some plants for sale. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Ridgehaven Rise services. The hall will not be available for a few months due to renovations, so we look forward to welcoming members of the Ridgehaven Rise to our services on the first Sunday of the month.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) - Prayer Notes are available at <https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/content/current-publications/gk68fk>

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) - Missional Prayers are available at <https://www.abmission.org/resources/missional-prayers/>

FOR PRAYER

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

Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter), Belinda Richmond, Max Pontifex, Louise Hoyle, Catherine Cooling, Tess Richmond, Jo Johnson, John Spencer, Paul Phillips.

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, Anne Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Lorelie Hill, Sonia Smith, Alf Ho, Peter Cooling, Carol Aitken, Ian White, David, Debbie, Ruth Anne, 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, Cynthia & Neville Hendricks, Teresa.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Sinju Mohanandas, Elizabeth Morgan, Joseph Ng, Jolene Ng, Julie & Ralph Nicholls, Barbara O'Sullivan, Toni & David Owen, Don & Elizabeth Owers and the Bari congregation.

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

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries: Peter Lane, Jeanne Holland, Gino Lattore, Tom Blight, Boris Vasin, Kathleen Stratford.

+ *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

Malachi 3.1-4

Hebrews 2.14-18

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Ps 24

Luke 2.22-40

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service

Reader 1: Margaret Curd

Reader 2: Christine Walker

Intercessor: Lyn Ho

Sidespersons: Harry Brown & Veronica Boswell

Welcoming: Margaret Collins & Doris de Silva

Morning Tea: Jessie Lim & Marilyn Florance

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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 Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am