



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 16th August 2026

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TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am	Bari worship

The People We Didn't Expect God to Save

One of the things we humans seem remarkably good at is drawing boundaries: between those who belong and those who do not, between people we trust and those we find difficult, between those we consider deserving of mercy and those we quietly write off. This week's readings challenge those boundaries.

In Genesis, Joseph is reunited with the brothers who betrayed him and sold him into slavery. He has every reason to reject them, yet instead he chooses reconciliation, recognising that God's purposes have brought life out of circumstances intended for destruction. In Romans, Paul warns Gentile Christians not to become proud about their inclusion in God's people. They have been grafted into the story of Israel by grace, and therefore have no grounds for boasting. God's mercy is not something we possess or control; it is something we receive. Then, in Matthew's Gospel, a Canaanite woman approaches Jesus seeking healing for her daughter. She is an outsider by every conventional measure, and even the disciples want her sent away. Yet she persists in faith, and Jesus ultimately declares, "Woman, great is your faith!" The person others might have regarded as being beyond the boundaries becomes an example of extraordinary trust in God. Together these passages proclaim a wonderfully challenging truth: **God's mercy is bigger than our boundaries.**

That is good news for those of us who have sometimes felt like outsiders, unsure whether we belong or whether our past places us beyond God's grace. But it is also a challenge for those of us who already feel securely inside. We are reminded that we stand within God's love by grace, not because we have earned a privileged position. As we worship together this week, we might therefore ask: **Whom have we placed outside the circle of God's mercy—and what might God be asking us to see differently?** Perhaps the Gospel invites us to become, ourselves, people whose lives

make God's extravagant and boundary-crossing mercy visible to others.

Growing Faith, Building Community, Sharing Hope

Updating our Mission Action Plan (MAP) - Two years have passed since we formulated our MAP so it's time to review it and update it. The Parish Council has engaged Mr Michael Neale of Literally Brilliant (see <https://www.literallybrilliant.com.au>) as an external facilitator and in concert with him has developed a process for consultation with the Parish. This process will kick off with combined service of worship at **9am on Sunday 23rd August**, followed by a celebratory morning tea. At 10.30am we will move back into the church for a small-group based discussion led by Michael Neale.

Our Focus Question for MAP 2026: *"Our vision for 2036 - what voice do you want Christianity to have by the 200th Anniversary of SA and how will our Parish contribute to this?"*

Diocesan Events – Please refer to the sheet on the Notice Board for dates of Diocesan Events you may be interested in attending.

Operation Christmas Child - Don't forget to pack your shoe box of love for Operation Christmas Child. We will be blessing these on the last week in September, so you still have a few weeks to see Denise Robinson for a box and a list of the items to pack.

Liwolo Appeal for humanitarian assistance and prayer - The Right Reverend Joseph Aba Nicanor, Bishop of Liwolo in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, is appealing to the Anglican Communion for humanitarian support and prayer due to the deteriorating security situation in his diocese. This has led to civilian casualties, the destruction of homes and livelihoods, widespread fear, and the displacement of more than 15,000 civilians. Displaced persons are currently seeking refuge in churches, schools, health facilities, community centres, and host families, which are unable to accommodate their needs. Our parish is coordinating a response and will be pleased to receive donations. To donate to the Diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan 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 "Liwolo Appeal". Thankyou.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) – Discover what God is doing from the desert to the sea on Monday 24th August from 6.30 pm, meet

- **Either**, Dave & Margie Wood, Coober Pedy with Beth McDonald, Roxby Downs at 'The Hill', 674 North East Rd, Hoden Hill,
- **Or**, Mary & Owen Lewis Kangaroo Island with Dave & Margy Williams, Strahan Tas. at Christ Church North Adelaide Hall, 62-72 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide.

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, Cathy Drodge, the Hall family, Marie Galetta.

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, 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, Maxine Reid.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Jan & Brian Walton, Charese Wani, Jenny Weidenbach, Elizabeth White and the Pastoral Care Team.

External Mission. We pray for those displaced innocent families in the diocese of Liwolo, South Sudan that their basic human needs be met. We pray that food, clothes and housing can be provided to the vulnerable and that the volatile political situation of civil war and aggression of Ugandan militants into Liwolo will end.

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

Recently Departed: Muriel Taylor

Anniversaries: Ronald Tapps, Laurel Deotardi, Ruth Westhorp, Ivy Carr, Florence Whitehead, James Powell, David Freeman, Geral Ashton and Violet Hudson.

+ 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 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (23rd August)

Ps 124

Matthew 16:13-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 10.00am service next Sunday (23rd August)

<i>Reader 1:</i>	Colin Fidock	<i>Sidespersons:</i>	Gene Kluver & Warren Henriks
<i>Reader 2:</i>	Emma Wierda	<i>Welcomers:</i>	Audrey Dewell & Doris de Silva
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Maria Harrison	<i>Morning Tea:</i>	John & Marilyn Harris

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PROPERTY SERVICES	Position Vacant. Please contact Wendy W-Dyster, Warden on 0459 332 984 Or Maria Harrison, Parish Secretary on 7079 7595.
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	12.00noon
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am

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