

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

Sunday, 17th December, 2023

.... WELCOME

ADVENT 3

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

REJOICE IN LIFE

Throughout Advent our readings also talk to us very clearly about repentance and rejoicing. In our first reading today, the prophet Isaiah invites us to “to be glad and rejoice in what God is creating.”

St. Paul echoes this exhortation with the exclamation: “Rejoice always!”

John the Baptist completes his proclamation of repentance, begun in last week's Gospel. He invited us to make a straight path to God that we might be in a right relationship with God and with one another through repentance. In today's Gospel, he calls us to rejoice — for the Bridegroom, Jesus the Lord, is at hand.

Repentance and rejoicing are certainly corner stones of the Christian faith. They are eternally yoked to each other. As Christians we are called to repentance which means to turn away from sin and turn toward God.

Repentance means focusing on God, instead of on ourselves, our own needs and wants, our own sin. Repentance requires that we turn away from ourselves and our sinfulness.

Repentance calls us to focus on the Lord and His love for us and for those around us. The natural consequence of this focus on God and God's love for us is Joy.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December **9.30am only** Holy Communion
7.30pm Christmas Carols
8.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December 9.30am Holy Communion



With thanks. The family of Dominic, a 10 year old boy with haemolytic anaemia, wishes to thank St. Luke's community for their prayers. Dominic is now on the road to a complete recovery.

Foodbank update. A Christmas morning tea was held this week for the many people who attend Foodbank visits. Clients were most appreciative to receive the delicious biscuit packs made at the Biscuit Bake-a-thon. Thanks to everyone who made and packed the biscuits - bringing some Christmas cheer to those in need.

Rosters for January, February and March 2024

The rosters for the **9.30 am services** have been prepared and will shortly be distributed via the St Luke's email system. Please check that you have received your copy.

A limited number of paper copies (green) will be made available on the table at the rear of the church for anyone who has not received a copy by email.

Anglicare Christmas Hampers. Anglicare wishes to thank everyone involved at St Luke's for the wonderful effort providing Christmas Hampers. With the help of staff from Centrelink and Weber BBQs we were able to fill 54 boxes this year.

Camerata Community Choir. Sincere thanks from the Camerata Community Choir for the support and welcome we find when we hold performances at St Luke's. The performance on 3 December was our most successful yet, and since we have been holding concerts here, our membership has increased, our finances have improved greatly and we have had more audience support. A big thank you to St Luke's. *Margaret Curd.*

FOR PRAYER

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

Susan Restell, Jose, Jodie McIntosh, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Jill G, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Cathie Shipwright, Vimla Mukerji, Kathy Fennell, Roland Barker, Barry Connell, Jeremy Bollen, Jeff Pfeiffer.

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:

Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Dominic, Zoe, Cilla Harvey, Jeanette and Allan Canton

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Colin & Dany Fidock, Marilyn Florance, Sue Gilson, Marilyn & Trevor Green and the Community Garden group.

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

Jeanette Leister, Murray Dossett, Doug Bain, Reginald Worthy, Kitty Anson
+ *Rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Requests for prayer should be made to Deb Travis 0450 950 112 (8am service); June Hindmarch 0402 138 694 (9.30am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16
Romans 16:25-27

Advent 4

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-27
Luke 1:26-38

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison
Reader 2: Tony Tyler
Intercessor: Carolyn Datson
Sidespersons: Peter Caddy & Kirk Skelton
Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Dorothy Bienke
Morning Tea: Dany & Louise Fidock

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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: 015 300 A/c No: 709007242 A/c Name: St Luke's Church Modbury

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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