

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

Sunday, 19th November, 2023

.... WELCOME

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

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

On the face of it today's parable might look like a tale of an angry God punishing a faithless person.

When a property owner leaves for a time and entrusts his property to three servants. He entrusts them with an enormous amount of money. Scholars differ as to the modern figure but safe to say we are talking about many year's wages, perhaps as many as 15- 20 year's wages. Many many hundreds of thousands of dollars, perhaps even millions. An enormous blessing and responsibility. What would you do in their position? If you were entrusted with that kind of money on behalf of someone else? Would you risk it in trying to make him some more.....or would you play it safe? In the parable it is the one who takes the safest approach who is punished. Never mind the fact that burying riches in the ground was at the time, a common method for keeping valuables safe.

Despite the fact that the return on investments, both then and now , is not always profitable or predictable, the master calls the two who risk the fortune on the markets, "good" and "trustworthy," while the one who hides the treasure safely away is called wicked and lazy. Not only that but he is thrown into the outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Wow! Its not like he lost it all.

This parable, however; reveals a God who is much more gracious than vengeful because the story pivots not on notions of risk and reward, nor even simply on the wise stewardship of resourcesthere is more at stake here. This parable pivots on the idea of relationship and mutual trust, and perhaps the treasure that has been entrusted to us is the kingdom itself!

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Christ the King celebration next Sunday, 26th November. One service only at 9.30am. Food provided. BYO drinks, glasses. RSVP for catering. Please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

Special Vestry meeting. Please note that a Special Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, 10th December after the 9.30am service to consult on the Mission Action Planning so far and the removal of some items from St. Mark's property to St. Luke's.

Rosters for January, February and March 2024. We will soon be preparing the general rosters for January, February and March 2024. If you are unavailable for any extended periods (2 plus weeks) during that time could you please let us know by 3rd December:

- 8 am services - Helen Mayes (in person)
- 9.30 am services - Warren Henriks (in person or text 0474 759 301)

This will enable us to distribute the rosters by mid December. Please note that Easter Day falls on 31st March in 2024.

Biscuit Bake-a-thon. On Saturday 2nd December we will be packing our homemade bikkies for hampers and for other clients at the Op shop. Any home-made ones are welcome. We just ask that no nuts are included (allergies) and no melted chocolate decorations (melts in bags in heat). We ask that your bikkies are brought to church by 9 am on 2nd, just in ice cream containers etc. We will pack mixed bags of these. Please feel free to decorate yours if you are creative.

The **Camerata Christmas Concert** - will be held here on **Sunday 3 December at 4.00 p.m.** and you are invited to attend. The Christmas Cantata "Night of Miracles" and Christmas music will be performed with some community singing.

Admission \$20 (children 12 and under free) – sorry cash only, raffles tickets will be on sale and afternoon tea is included.

Thank you for supporting our community choir. Enquiries to Margaret Curd: Mob: 0423205140

Can & bottle recycling If you have cans/plastic bottles/cartons, etc, which can be recycled for cash, with proceeds to Op Shop grocery purchases, please place items in red bin (next to the Op Shop bin) in the foyer.

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, Prue O'Donovan, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Cilla Harvey, Jean McIntosh, Dominic, Roland Barker, Barry Connell, Jeremy Bollen.

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, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Dominic, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris.

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

Margaret Caddy, Peter Caddy, Trish Caddy, Sandra Cardnell, Allan Carpenter and the Pastoral Care team.

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

Robert Castellari, Janet Schneider, Jennifer Taylor, Chris Johnson, Ernest Hutton.

+ *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

Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23

Christ the King: Advent 1

Ps 100
Matthew 25:31-46

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Jo Johnson

Reader 2: Jan Walton

Intercessor: Healing prayers

Sidespersons: Warren Henriks & Veronica Boswell

Welcoming: Glyn Price & Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa 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