

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

Sunday, 10th December, 2023

.... WELCOME

ADVENT 2

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

The first sentences of the Old Testament reading today will be familiar to many as the opening words of Handel's masterpiece, *The Messiah*. "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye my people," says your God!" It would be difficult to estimate the millions of people who have heard orchestras, soloists, and choirs proclaiming these words of hope and the promise of delivery from the oppression, despair, and sin of the world.

We hear it in the context of the season, eagerly anticipating the cries of "Hallelujah!" that will come in just two weeks with the birth of Christ. In their original context these words of the prophet Isaiah were words of restoration and hope to the people of Israel who were to return home after almost sixty years in exile. The prophet Isaiah was speaking powerfully about a new beginning, in which God and his people come home. Through Isaiah, God gives a glimpse of what restoration looks like; one with God at the center; a God who is loving even in the midst of passing judgment and righting the injustices in the world, whether that is lifting up those in valleys or leveling those who sit upon pompous mountains. This is no cheap grace being offered, but rather is the reconciling work of a mighty God. This is what we anticipate in Advent; the arrival of God's love. Isaiah presents one vision of that for us today.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

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| 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 |



Baptism. Today we welcome Abel who is to be baptised and his mum, Stacey, and dad, Michael.

Special Vestry meeting today 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.

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, 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, 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, Dominic, 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:

Ann Dixon, Faith Drodge, Linda Eastwood, Ben Ebewe, Debbie Ebewe and Foodbank.

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

George Dyer, Beryl Ricketts, Vera Baker, Kenneth Candlett, Brian Smith, Coral Nicholl, Al Heubler, John Datson, Colin Brown, Rhonda Prance, Margaret Carpenter, Sandra Carpenter, Rhoda Oakley.

+ *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

Isaiah 61.1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Advent 3

Ps Song of Mary
John 1:6-8, 19-28

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: John McIntosh
Reader 2: Maria Harrison
Intercessor: Kim Lawes
Sidespersons: Glenn Wadrop & Kirk Skelton
Welcoming: Audrey Dewell & Dany Fidock
Morning Tea: Denise Robertson & Marilyn Harris

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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

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| 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 |