

**ST LUKE'S MODBURY  
and  
ST MARK'S GOLDEN GROVE  
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

**.... WELCOME ....**

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
OUR SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

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**“I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANED”**

At some point we all want or even need to hear these words. They speak directly to some of our greatest fears and challenges; abandonment and isolation, loneliness, vulnerability. They remind us that we are not destined to walk this earth without an identity or direction. We do not stand alone.

To be sure there are seasons of life, moments, when the transitions, changes, and tragedies can leave us feeling as orphans. Whether spoken or unspoken the questions begin. What will I do now? Where do I go? What happens next? Who will love, nurture, and guide me? Who stands on my side? What will become of me? Those are the orphan's questions. Those are the questions I imagine running through the heads and hearts of the disciples in today's gospel reading.

We fear becoming orphaned. That fear points to the deeper reality that by ourselves we are not enough. It is not, however, because we are deficient. It is rather because we were never intended or created to be self-sufficient. We were never intended to stand alone as individuals. We were created to love and be loved, to live in relationship as persons giving themselves to each other, to dwell, abide, and remain within each other even as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father; the antithesis of being orphaned.

“I will not leave you orphaned.” That is the promise. Regardless of the circumstances of our lives: storms, death, separation, we have never been and will never be orphaned by God.



**Happy Mother's Day** to all mums, step-mums, grandmothers and carers.

**At the Special Vestry meetings for St. Luke's and St. Mark's** the proposal that a new amalgamated parish called The Anglican Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove was passed unanimously. This means that we can now start working with the Diocese to complete all the necessary steps. The first step is to submit a proposal for the registration of the new amalgamated parish to Diocesan Council. We are hopeful that this will be considered at a meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Quickest Warmth Project.** The May newsletter is now available for your perusal. However, much you contribute, makes a big difference to people across S.A.

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, at 2pm.** Please join us for a **welcoming afternoon tea** to get to know each other. There will be tours of the church, op shop and community garden and a time to ask questions and chat.

**During May we are asked to focus on chaplaincy in Health and the Community.** There will be gathering as a chaplaincy community on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm in St. Peter's Cathedral at a Celebration of Chaplaincy Service followed by an afternoon tea in the Cynthia Poulton Hall.

**Opshop food donations.** Thank you to everyone who brought food donations for the Op Shop, please keep them coming.

**History Festival Open Day – St Michael's Anglican Church,** Cnr St. Michael's & Church Road, Mitcham, 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4pm – 170 years of being community. Please check the website for more details .. <http://www.mitchamanglican.org.au>

**Quiz night - Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** (*changed from 27<sup>th</sup> June*) at St Mark's Golden Grove. Get your table ready. More information to come.

*Please join us for morning tea in the Balcony Room after the service*

**ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday**

*Reader 1:* Peter Caddy  
*Reader 2:* Helen Wright  
*Sidespersons:* John McIntosh & Ralph Nicholls  
*Welcoming:* Jean McIntosh & Warren Hendriks  
*Morning Tea:* Doris de Silva & Maria Harrison

## FOR PRAYER



- \* *Preservation of our wildlife.*
- \* *Care of our elderly particularly in nursing homes; the sick, terminally ill and those in hospital.*
- \* *Peace in Myanmar and other countries suffering civil war.*
- \* *An end to racial discrimination*

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

Caryl Walker, Kathy and Simon Fennell, Iliya Khanzade, Michaela Kinnoch, Susan Restell, Diane Thiele, Jose, Mia, Carol Aitken.

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

Eveline Robinson, Sadie, Helen Gummow, Barry Connell, Betty Mugg, Ian Archer, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, Adrienne Wright, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Christopher Allen, Christopher Richmond, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi and Roland Barker, Russell Blore, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Cynthia Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Peter Cooling, Kate Bosner.

### ***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of St. Luke's family:***

Samuel & Rose Yengi/Yobu, Esther Yu, Christine & Ian Archer, Stephanie Baraglia, Roland Barker and Foodbank.

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

John Brumley, Sue Llewellyn, Morris Watson, Clarence Stanley  
+ *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 (Thursday service).*

### ***Next week's readings***

Acts 1.6-14  
1 Peter 5

### ***Sunday after Ascension***

Ps 68.1-10, 32-35  
John 17.1-11



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<b>WEEKLY PEW SHEET</b>	Please forward information to the church email or put a note under the office door by Wednesday.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST. LUKE'S

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Bari Worship	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am
Parish Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	9.00am