



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 5th May, 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari Worship

Today we celebrate the miracle of the Ascension of Our Lord; and this is one of those stories that is hard for me to get my mind around. What does it mean that Jesus was “carried up into heaven”? How did this happen? And is Heaven really “up”? What does that mean? We know that even if we had a large enough telescope, we would not be able to look up into the skies and see heaven.

For me, this story is one of many stories in Scripture that I accept on faith – not because they make sense to me, or because I can figure them out – but because it is God’s Word to me and I have learned to trust God’s word with my heart even when my feeble human mind cannot wrap itself around the magnitude of the mystery that is God.

If you think that you have finally got your mind around God, then it’s not God that you have gotten your mind around. God is beyond our comprehension, but not beyond our faith, not beyond our trust. And that is true of much of Scripture, including the Ascension. The Ascension is a mystery that we can’t get our mind around, but that we accept in faith, and that brings joy to our hearts because it promises us the power and the presence of Jesus.

Rev'd Jo will be away at Clergy Conference this week from Monday to Wednesday. Father Simon Bailey will celebrate the 8am Tuesday Eucharist. Rev'd Jo is still contactable via phone and email.

On Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) Rev'd Jo will be preaching at the Cathedral Evensong Service at 6pm. All warmly invited to attend. She would love the support.

On Mother's Day 12th May, we will be holding a special service of thanksgiving for mums and caregivers at the 9.30am service. There will be children's activities and it will be an especially good opportunity to invite your family and friends to join you at church. Please keep this date in your diary and start talking about it with your family.

A suggestion has been made for photos to be displayed of mothers no longer with us. Please bring along some family photos, especially of your mothers so they are not forgotten at this time.

Opshop. The Opshop team have had many requests for food assistance and our supplies are running very low. It would be appreciated if you could put an extra item or two in your trolley next time you shop or if this is not convenient a monetary donation would be very helpful.

Helpers for the Joyful Noise Children's Choir needed. If you are available on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm and would like to support this exciting new ministry, please add your name to the list on the office window. We need people to help welcome the children and prepare a healthy snack for them at about 4.45pm. The ability to do a bit of shopping (funds provided) beforehand would be helpful. You don't have to be available every Tuesday, we will have a roster, if we have enough helpers. You will also need to complete a Safe Ministry Clearance but we can support you to do this - it is quite straight forward and important to safeguard children and young people.

"Happy Birthday" to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this month – Toni and David Owen, Douglas Home, Colin Fidock, Margaret Bernard, Wendy Wake-Dyster and David Datson.

Recycling for groceries - \$42.10 has been raised through recycling of cans/ bottles, etc, (from 3/3/2024 to 20/4/24). These funds will be used to purchase groceries for distribution through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. *Audrey Dewell*

FOR PRAYER

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

Susan Restell, Jose, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Betty Bryson, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Zarinah, Tess Richmond, Charlie, Cynthia Hendriks, Kirk Skelton.

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, Carol Aitken, 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, Cilla Harvey, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K, Angela Brown, Kathy Fennell.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Simon & Jane Bailey, Stephanie Baraglia, Roland Barker, Dorothy Beinke, Margaret Bernard and the Bari Congregation.

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

Georgina Thompson, George Holland, Robert Page, Dorothy Letchford, Arnold Walton, Frederick Lucas, William Drodge, Margaret Date.

+ *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

Acts 16:16-34
Revelations 22:12-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Ps 97
John 17:20-26

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Maria Harrison
Reader 2: Adrienne Williams
Intercessor: Carolyn Datson
Sidespersons: John Dearman & Glenn Wadrop
Welcoming: Susan Dearman & Dorothy Bienke
Morning Tea: Denise Robinson & Adrienne Wright

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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
	Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance	2.30pm (fortnightly)
	Christian Meditation	3.45pm (fortnightly)
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
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 st Friday of the month	10.00am