

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

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

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Today we start a new sermon series on Philippians. Parts of it will have a clearer focus for us if we know a bit about the Philippi of Paul's day, which was a re-building of a much older city. In a school-history-lessons meets the Bible moment, this all followed from Julius Caesar's assassination in 44BC. Two years after that, Mark Antony's and Octavian's army killed his assassins and their supporters near Philippi. The victorious soldiers were rewarded by being granted land there – a new Roman colony was born, and the retired soldiers were proud to establish Rome's superior ways in this far-flung frontier. In this setting, Paul had founded a church, and now he reassures the new Christians there that his imprisonment at the hands of Rome won't stop the gospel.

The Philippian church is facing some challenges, and it seems that, relationally, they're in danger of forgetting about living in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. -Fragmentation sometimes happens when things get tough. Our problems are relatively minor compared with Paul's, but when the churches mourn their lost influence and image it's tempting to lapse into blame-storming. But our boast was never meant to be in organisational prestige or achievements, but in Christ alone. So we stand firm, identifying with Jesus in both good times and bad.

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**Daylight saving begins at 2am next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please put your clocks forward one hour.**

**Recycling for groceries - \$64.90** has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, for groceries to be distributed through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

**Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes** will be blessed today at the 9.30am service.

**Luke's OpShop roster.** Copies of the roster are on the table at the back of the church.

**National Opshop week 29<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October.** We can all support our local Opshop by donating high quality goods, volunteering in the shop or buying some new gear. However we help, we can all make a difference and give a hand. That's what National Opshop week is all about!

**BCA. It is box opening time again.** *For St Marks BCA box holders* - please return boxes to Adrienne Williams. *For St Luke's box holders* - for those not giving online please return boxes to Deb Travis or leave at the back of the church as soon as possible. A new process will be in place for March 2024. Thank you.

**Improving the church sound system.** The Parish Council is investigating ways to improve the sound system and are keen to hear from those with hearing impairments. The church has a "T loop" fitted but we're not sure if this is working. Your comments on audibility and clarity of the system and whether you use the "T loop" system (if it's working) would be appreciated. Please speak to Don Owers or email at [donaldowers@iCloud.com](mailto:donaldowers@iCloud.com)

**The Link** Please submit articles for publication and keep taking photos on your phone and send them for publication with a caption.

Email to [stlukesmodbury@outlook.com](mailto:stlukesmodbury@outlook.com) by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd [curdm@bigpond.com](mailto:curdm@bigpond.com) and Toni Owen (local editors).

**Can & bottle recycling.** If you have a stockpile of cans/plastic bottles/cartons (bottle tops removed) etc which can be recycled for cash please contact Audrey Dewell on 0421 635 422. All funds received will be donated to the Opshop for grocery purchases.

#### **DIARY DATES:**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. 4.00pm** Thanksgiving service at St. Marks. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Maria Harrison [stmarks.goldengrove@gmail.com](mailto:stmarks.goldengrove@gmail.com) and bring a small plate of food to share.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. 2.00pm** Commissioning of Rev'd Jo at St. Luke's church.

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. 9.30am** St. Luke's Patronal festival. BYO drinks and a plate of food to share.

**NB: one service only at 9.30am.**

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am** Christ the King celebration with sausage sizzle to follow.

**NB: one service only at 9.30am.**

**September birthdays.** Happy birthday to Malcolm Mayes, Margaret Shillabeer, Trevor Green and John Rechner.



## FOR PRAYER



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

Caryl Walker, Iliya Khanzade, 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, Robert Rechner, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis, Cilla Harvey.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Chris Landden, 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, Wendy Hendriks, Jeanette Leister, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris and Kelly Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Des Dixon, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Neville Hendricks.

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

Thelma & Tony Tyler, Serene Victor, Lisa Vink, Glen & Jan Wadrup, Wendy Wake-Dyster & Schools Ministry.

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

Bevan Verney, John Southren, Kate Davis, Paul Swalling, Helen Brown.

+ *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).*

***Our combined prayer list is now very large. Please let us know if there are people whose names can be removed.***

***Next week's readings***

Exodus 17:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13

***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Ps 78:1-4 & 11-16

Matthew 21:23-32

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

*Reader 1:* Veronica Boswell

*Reader 2:* Jo Johnson

*Sidespersons:* Michael Southren & Wendy W-D

*Welcoming:* Glyn Price & Dorothy Bienke

*Morning Tea:* David Smith & Marilyn Harris

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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 PARISH ACTIVITIES

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