

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

Sunday, 3rd September 2023

.... WELCOME

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am Ridgehaven Rise (Rev'd Jo)
11.30am Bari Holy Communion (Rev'd Jo)

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference. (Robert Frost)

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? (Matthew 16.24-26)

This is such a counter-cultural message for our time. Our society is characterised not by self denial but by self indulgence. Thousands of advertisements each day, and tribes of 'influencers', tell us that life is all about 'you' and their subliminal message is that the more you consume, the better home or car or clothes you have, the more holidays or experiences you have – the happier and more fulfilled you will be. These messages infiltrate our thinking and yet, at the same time, we know that many in our consumer society are chronically unhappy and that problems associated with a lack of fulfilment in life – such as depression and addiction – are a growing cause for concern in all Western societies.

Jesus offers the world (and each of us) a different way. Rather than self-indulgence he invites us to follow him and learn from him. It's the road less travelled, but choosing it makes all the difference.

The Archbishop has accepted the nomination of Rev Jo Smith as the Parish Priest of Modbury and Golden Grove. Her commissioning will be held on Saturday, 14th October at 2.00 pm at St. Luke's church. Please mark this date in your diary and come along to celebrate this important milestone in our life together.

At Ridgehaven Rise Retirement Village today we are celebrating Father's Day. Our Holy Communion Service is at 10.30 am celebrated by The Rev'd Jo Smith followed by fellowship sharing a special morning tea for Fathers' Day. Rev'd Jo will also be celebrating the Eucharist this morning with the Bari.

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

The Link is the annual Year Book of St. Luke's and it is record of the activities and special events that have occurred during the year. There is a small editorial group and if you would like to be part of that group, please let me know as we can always use new ideas and input. So far this year we have much to celebrate, for example, joint worship – the new Parish of Modbury and Golden Grove. Two things are being requested, firstly that you submit articles for publication, they can be an account of our shared events, or perhaps you have had a special birthday, anniversary, holiday or family occasion that you wish to write about and share. Secondly, we request that you keep clicking photos on your phone on those special occasions and send them for publication (please write a caption with your photo so that we may attach it to the appropriate event). Written articles and photographs should be sent to the church email stlukesmodbury@outlook.com You have plenty of time to get writing and snapping as the deadline for articles is Sunday 5th November 2023. Enquires to – Margaret Curd curdm@bigpond.com and Toni Owen (local editors).

Envelope Giving. Please note that we will no longer be separately recording the offerings made each week via envelopes. While you may still place a cash offering in an envelope, there will no longer be special numbered envelopes provided for this purpose. We encourage you to consider using a regular electronic funds transfer instead of giving in cash. This is the preferred method for the parish because it allows for better records and budgeting, and reduces the handling of cash which is labour intensive and a security risk.

Service of Thanksgiving at St Mark's. Since we are no longer using St Mark's as a venue for regular worship, we will hold a Service of Thanksgiving for the building and ministry on that site on Sunday October 8th at 4pm. Afternoon tea will follow. All are most warmly encouraged to attend this very special milestone in our life together.

Luke's OpShop's roster will be renewed soon for the new year 2024. The roster comes out half yearly. Helen and I would be grateful if you would like to join the team in this important outreach ministry to our wider community. We are open each day from 10-3.30 and Saturday from 10-12 noon. Please contact Helen or myself if you are willing to assist either a half day or full day.



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, Chris and Kelly Davies, Prue O'Donovan, Robert Rechner, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Linda Eastwood, Ann Inglis.

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

Eveline Robinson, Helen Gummow, Betty Mugg, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Richard and 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:

Denise Robinson, Chris & Mark Robjohns, Saham Rostani, Margaret Shillabeer, Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin and Foodbank.

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

Myrtle White (11/8), Derek Birch, Eddie Dreha, Robert Redshaw
+ *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 12:1-14
Romans 13:1-10

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 149
Matthew 18:10-20

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Peter Caddy
Reader 2: Jenni Cooling
Sidespersons: Michael Southren & John McIntosh
Welcoming: Maria Harrison & Jean McIntosh
Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva



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WEEKLY PEW SHEET	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 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
Book sales	2 nd Saturday of the month (St.Mark's)	9.00am