



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 13th October, 2024

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR SERVICES TODAY

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion with hymns |

The Letter to the Hebrews - Persevering with Jesus

The idea of 'persevering with Jesus' may strike us as a bit strange - as though the Christian life is a dull, cheerless affair, something to be endured rather than enjoyed, rather like a visit to the dentist. Of course, to portray the Christian life only in those terms would be a caricature – we do experience times of joy, we do know a peace that passes understanding, we do have a hope that gives meaning to life. All that said, however, following Jesus (which is just another way of referring to the Christian life) can be tough at times. So often Jesus calls us to swim against the cultural tides, and that can be tiring, as well generating a puzzled ignorance from much of the community and either criticism or derision from committed atheists, both of which can be quite wearying. Add to this those challenging times in life which we all experience from time to time – times of loss and grief and suffering, for example, times when our Christian hope is challenged, and we might more readily recognise that sometimes living faithfully means simply persevering with Jesus.

The need for perseverance in the Christian life is one of the key themes of the letter to the Hebrews, part of which was our second reading today. Its author, writing to a group of dispirited, first century Christians, provides encouragement and advice which remains remarkably helpful for Christ's followers today.

Rev'd Jo will be on leave Friday, 11th October to Sunday, 13th October.

St. Luke's Patronal Festival will be held on **Sunday, 20th October**. There will be **one service at 9.30am**.

The guest preacher will be Owen Lewis. Owen and Mary Lewis were old university friends of the Rev Stephen Clark, former rector of St Luke's. They were GPs working in Mt Gambier when they responded to God's call for missionary service with CMS Australia in 1985. They were invited to St Luke's on deputation to speak about their assignment to Nepal. St Luke's supported them in prayer, letters and gifts as they took their four children with them to work in Patan Hospital. After seven years they came home to complete their children's education but went back again in 2000 for another six years as foundation professors of family medicine in a teaching hospital. On return to Australia Mary changed careers and was ordained as a priest. Her postings have been at Roxby Downs with Bush Church Aid, Port Pirie before "retiring" to Campbelltown. Owen continues work as a GP with outback locum and indigenous health focus. He has made numerous trips back to Nepal, India and South Sudan for medical teaching and disability work.

Mary is preaching somewhere else, but Owen will come to share the story of God's work in their lives.

The service will be followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.

It would be lovely to have **extra flowers** in church to celebrate. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost, it would be much appreciated. Money can be put in an envelope marked 'flowers' and left in the collection basket.

Food Hampers. The need is increasing especially food for the **general hampers** so please continue to donate goods. Money donations are very welcome - just put it in a labelled envelope in the collection plate.

Community Garden. Now that the weather is warming up, the Community Garden will need more watering, especially some of the new seedlings that are yet to be established. Mornings are best. Please speak to Jean Rechner, David Datson, or any of the garden team if you are able to help out.

Flowers today are in loving memory of Tiffany Ho and Jim Palin.

There are quite a few **candle ends** available for anyone who uses them for craft. Please speak to Helen Mayes or Helen Bradshaw.

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, Ron Rockliffe, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Zarinah, Tess Richmond, Neil, Mick, Jo C, Kerri, Bob Hall, Shirley B, Lyn Ho, Sue Barratt, Peter Wotton, Mia, June Walters, June Hindmarch, David Owen, Helen Wright, Nicholas Wright, Shirley and Stewart Shrimplin.

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

Jo Johnson, 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, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Cilla Harvey, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K, Angela Brown, Jeremy Bollen, Walton family, Bogale family, Paul Walters, Gloria, Margaret, Charlie.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Glen & Jan Wadrop, Wendy Wake-Dyster, Caryl Walker, Hugh Walker, Christine Walker and Foodbank.

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

Hazel Brown, Faith Beinke, Jim Palin, Roland Dyer, Joyce Graham, Mary Chafer, Chris Travis, Bernard Powney, Reggie Gill, Kaye McIntosh, Walter Turner, David Pincher.
+ *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

Jeremiah 8:22-9:3

Psalm 145:10-18

2 Timothy 4:9-17a

Luke 10:1-9

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Dorothy Bienke

Intercessor: Lyn Ho

Sidespersons: Doris de Silva & Wendy W-D

Welcoming: June Hindmarch & Christine Walker

Morning Tea: Maria Harrison & Audrey Dewell

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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