

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

Sunday, 11th February, 2024

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TRANSFIGURATION
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
11.30am Bari Worship

The Transfiguration (Mark 9.2 – 9)

The Transfiguration of Jesus refers to the time when Jesus took three of his closest disciples up 'a high mountain' where, before them, Jesus was 'transfigured' – his clothes became dazzling white and two foundational figures of Jewish faith, Moses and Elijah, appeared to stand with him and talk to him. It may seem a strange story to modern ears and yet it is documented in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and all three tie their accounts to the same time and the same geographical references. In addition, the apostle Peter makes clear reference to his personal experience of 'the majestic glory . . . on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1.16ff) in order to underpin the truth of who Jesus is, and St John reflects (in John 1.14) that, 'We beheld his glory.' There is no indication in the biblical text that this story is to be understood as anything other than historical truth.

As elsewhere in scripture, context is important for an understanding of the meaning of the Transfiguration. In all three gospel accounts the Transfiguration follows the disciples' attempted rejection (with Peter as their spokesperson) of Jesus' teaching that he will suffer rejection and death and after three days rise again. The purpose of the Transfiguration is to stamp the glory and authority of Jesus on the key leaders of the disciples and thus to impress on them (and us) the need to 'Listen to him!'.

Welcome Evan Reece from the Gideons International who will be speaking to us during the Notices about the work of Gideons and how we can be supportive of this ministry.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday this week. Services, including the imposition of ashes will be held at St Luke's at 10 am and and 7 pm.

During Lent we will be using the First Order for Holy Communion and there will be a sermon series about being the Church in the 21st Century, incorporating many ideas from a book called *The Provocative Church* by Graham Tomlin.

18th Feb: Musak to Their Ears: Australians and the Message of the Church.

25th Feb: Shopping for Truth: Australian Attitudes to faith today

3rd Mar: Evangelism is not your job: The Church as Evangelistic community

10th Mar: A Church worth going to: The Church as transformative community

17th Mar: God's Conspiracy Theory: The Church as provocative community

NEW! Evening Discussion Group. Would you like an opportunity share your views and engage with others about the provocative sermon topics set for Lent (see above)? We are looking to form an evening discussion group which will provide that opportunity. The group will be led by the Rev'd Don Owers and, at this stage it's looking as though it will meet over a cuppa on Thursdays from 7pm – 9pm at St Luke's (but this could be changed depending on people's availability). Please don't let transport concerns deter you as we may be able to resolve those. If you're interested (even if you can't make a Thursday evening) could you please speak to the Rev'd Don Owers or email the office at: stlukesmodbury@outlook.com

Communion Table from St Mark's. When we made an inventory of items at St Mark's, it was determined that the communion table would be "surplus to requirements" and that we would offer it as a gift to other parishes and schools before seeking to dispose of it via auction. This was agreed by the vestry at a meeting held on the 10th of December 2023. Rev'd Donna Petersen from Gawler Parish contacted Rev'd Jo, seeking a communion table suitable for use in the nave at the Church of the Transfiguration on Adelaide Road. Parish Council has agreed that it is appropriate to gift the communion table to Gawler Parish for this purpose and the table will be relocated this week.

Shrove Tuesday – You are invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, 13th February commencing at 5.30pm. Please bring a savoury dish to share and BYO drinks, pancakes will be supplied. For catering purposes, please place your name and the number in your party on the list at the rear of the Church.

Vestry Meeting – A vestry meeting is called for Sunday, 18th February, commencing at 11.00am following the 9.30am service, to share and discuss the draft thus far of the Mission Action Plan.

Happy birthday to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays in February. Veronica Boswell, Faith Drodge, Linda Eastwood, Jo Johnson, Jessy Lim, Carolyn Datson, Louisa Fidock, Cynthia Hendricks.

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, Debbie Southren, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Kathy Fennell, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockcliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins.

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, Jill G, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K.

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

Stephanie McRostie, Rosemary McWhirter-Whitlock, Hannah Mikajlo, Beth Morgan, Betty Mugg and the Community Garden Group.

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

Anthony Mugg, Norman Anson.

+ *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

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 2:42-47

First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 33:1-12

John 17:20-23

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Eric Harrison

Reader 2: Helen Wright

Intercessor: Hugh Walker

Sidespersons: Ralph Nicholls & Wendy W-D

Welcoming: Maria Harrison & Dany Fidock

Morning Tea: Dorothy Bienke & Colleen Cleland

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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 class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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