

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

Sunday, 25th February, 2024

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

Shopping for Truth: Australian attitudes to Faith today.

In our culture most people think that no one religion is better than any other and that it is offensive to say that you have a claim on truth. Where does that leave us who have a gospel to proclaim, with faith, certainties, and confidence in grand religious propositions? Is evangelism even possible in our culture?

Robin Hood's band of resistance fighters, known colloquially as Merry Men, is perhaps not a bad image for the church today. They live under an oppressive regime, but they can smile and laugh because they know that the present system is not the last word. They know that the true king is coming, and that things will one day be different. From time to time, they still remind the false powers that their rule is temporary and bogus, by acts of rebellion which recall the true king. They also whisper around the good news that things don't have to be like this. The king is coming, in fact he has already landed and others can begin to live joyfully in the light of this coming kingdom as well.

This is essentially what evangelism is-the simple announcement that there is another king, another kingdom that will one day become fully visible, and the invitation to take part in it.

In a letter to clergy, Archbishop Geoff Smith announced that he has received the resignation of Bishop Denise Ferguson as an assistant bishop in the Diocese. Bishop Denise will be retiring to Brisbane to be close to family. Bishop Denise will finish ministry in the Diocese on July 20 and conclude as assistant bishop early in September following Long Service Leave. We will farewell Bishop Denise and Mark at a service at the Cathedral on July 20 commencing at 10am.

Annual Vestry Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry Meeting of the parish will be held on March 10th 2024 at 11.00 am. At this meeting we will receive reports from the Parish Priest and Wardens, the audited statement of accounts and a draft budget for the coming year. We will also appoint Wardens, members of Parish Council, and representatives for the Nomination Committee. Please give prayerful consideration to these important roles in the parish. you can nominate by signing one of the forms displayed around the church. You will need a seconder to sign also.

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.

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

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)? Why not join the Thursday evening discussion group being run during Lent by Rev'd Don Owers? The group meets over a cuppa on Thursdays from 7pm – 9pm at St Luke's. Please don't let transport concerns deter you as we may be able to resolve those. If you're interested could you please speak to the Rev'd Don Owers or email the office at: stlukesmodbury@outlook.com

World Day of Prayer service is being held on Friday, 1st March at 1.30pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church (Lutheran Homes), 1215 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley. The service has been written by the women of Palestine. Afternoon tea will follow the service. Please do join us for this special service. Please refer to the poster on the noticeboard in the balcony room. Denise Robinson.

Our shoebox gifts were sent to the Ukraine and Papua New Guinea.

Wanted – bird cages for the Opshop; glass jars with metal lids – please see Jean Rechner.

Food hampers – we constantly need food for the hampers given out at the Opshop. Please see notice board in the balcony room for what we need. Money is always gratefully received.

Prayer update: my name has been in the prayer list for a long, long time. Just recently I saw another neurologist who has diagnosed me as having essential tremor which is not part of my neuropathy. Your prayers have given me hope that there is treatment for this debilitating tremor. Thank you. Beth Morgan.

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 Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Matthew Pontifex, Fiona, Zarinah.

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.

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

Robin Percy, Jeanette Pfitzenmeier, Max Pontifex, Glyn & Jean Price, Donald & Marjorie Prince and Schools Ministry.

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

Mary Liew Kon Kiaw, Constance Pike, Victor Curd, Jeremy Wright, Michael Henderson.
+ *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

Genesis 50:15-21
1 Peter 3:8-18

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 19
Matthew 5:38-48

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Jo Johnson
Reader 2: Jan Walton
Intercessor: Julie Nicholls
Sidespersons: Harry Brown & Veronica Boswell
Welcoming: Glyn Price & Christine Walker
Morning Tea: Dany & Louisa Fidock

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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