

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

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023**

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

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**ADVENT 1**

**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am	Ridgehaven Rise
11.30am	Bari worship

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**Mark 13.24 – 37: Be awake to the realities of life!**

Our Gospel reading today jumps off in the middle of an answer given by Jesus to two questions raised by his disciples at the beginning of Mark 13. There, in response to a comment by the disciples about the magnificence of the temple, Jesus says, *“Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”* (Mark 13.2) So confronting is this statement for the disciples that it seems they were either shocked into silence or kept any discussion to themselves, because it's only later that they come to Jesus with their questions, *“Teacher, tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”* (Mark 13.4) In the rest of chapter 13 Jesus answers these questions in a prophetic speech which moves fluidly between the near future fulfilment of his words (which came to pass with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD), and their more distant future fulfilment which will come to pass with his return in glory. The passage is difficult to interpret for modern readers because we're not used to this manner of speaking. That said, however, if we read diligently, a number of helpful insights emerge about the realities of life – and we will explore these in today's sermon!



***Christmas Carols in the Garden. Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. 5pm sausage sizzle. 6pm carols. Bring all your family and friends to join in some community singing of all your favourite carols.***

***CHRISTMAS SERVICES.***

<b><i>Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b>9.30am only</b>	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Christmas Carols
	8.00pm	Holy Communion

<b><i>Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</i></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Communion
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***Baptism next week 10<sup>th</sup> December.*** Please pray for Abel Bedford and his mum Stacey and dad Michael.

***The Camerata Christmas Concert – today Sunday 3 December at 4.00 p.m.*** The Christmas Cantata “Night of Miracles” and Christmas music will be performed with some community singing. Admission \$20 (children 12 and under free) – sorry cash only, raffles tickets will be on sale and afternoon tea is included. Thank you for supporting our community choir. Enquiries to Margaret Curd: Mob: 0423205140

***Working Bee, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am at St. Mark’s.*** We will be packing items (mostly from the kitchen) ready to move for use at St. Luke’s. It won’t be heavy work. Please come and give us a hand if you can spare an hour or so.

***Special Vestry meeting.*** Please note that a Special Vestry meeting will be held on ***Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December after the 9.30am service*** to consult on the Mission Action Planning so far and the removal of some items from St. Mark’s property to St. Luke’s.

***Rosters for January, February and March 2024.*** We will soon be preparing the general rosters for January, February and March 2024. If you are unavailable for any extended periods (2 plus weeks) during that time could you please let us know by 3rd December:

- 8 am services - Helen Mayes (in person)
- 9.30 am services - Warren Henriks (in person or text 0474 759 301)

This will enable us to distribute the rosters by mid December. Please note that Easter Day falls on 31st March in 2024.

***Can & bottle recycling.*** If you have cans/plastic bottles/cartons, etc, which can be recycled for cash, with proceeds to Op Shop grocery purchases, please place items in red bin (next to the Op Shop bin) in the foyer.

***December birthdays.*** Many happy returns to the following people - Ann Dixon, Sandra Cardnell.

## FOR PRAYER

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

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, Zoe, Kathy Fennell, Cilla Harvey, Dominic, Roland Barker, Barry Connell, Jeremy Bollen.

### ***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, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Linda and Vernon Williams, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Ziba Khodarahmi, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Dominic, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Dominic.

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

Margaret Curd, Carolyn & David Datson, Doris de Silva, John & Susan Dearman, Audrey Dewell and the Bari Congregation..

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

Jeanette Leister, John Fidock, Joyce Jenkins, Fay Graue,  
+ *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 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15a

### ***Advent 2***

Ps 85: 1-2, 8-13  
Mark 1:1-8

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

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

## 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.
<b>CHURCH BANK DETAILS</b>	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
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance class & Christian Meditation (fortnightly)	2.30pm
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