



# ST LUKE'S CHURCH

## THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 31st March, 2024

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### EASTER DAY

#### OUR SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Holy Communion with hymns

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Our Easter text this morning begins this way, "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb." Mary Magdalene rises to go to the tomb, she goes to check on death while it is still dark. But she finds that the stone has been rolled away. Mary runs to tell the other disciples what she has found - the stone is gone - the body of her Lord is gone. Peter and the beloved disciple race from where they were hiding to the tomb. They look inside. John says that when the beloved disciple "saw the clothes lying there, he believed." Believed what? John does not say. He simply believed, and without another word Peter and the other disciple returned to their homes. But Mary stayed. She stayed there outside the tomb, distraught, tears beginning to fall. She stays there in the half-lit morning; she stays in the pain and discomfort and uncertainty...and that is where she meets the resurrected Christ. She remains present to what is real, to what is actually happening. She does so even when what is real feels unbearable. And it is in staying there in the pain and uncertainty, in her willingness to be present to the awfulness and the horror and the grief, that new life comes - it is in her attending to the discomfort and turmoil that she becomes the first to see the Risen Christ.

In my own life, I find it increasingly true that when, like Mary, I am willing to linger in and explore the hard and barren places - the places I would prefer to avoid or ignore - the places of pain where platitudes fall flat, and easy answers prove inadequate, when I am willing to be in those places- clarity, hope, and healing come. Jesus comes in that half-lit morning, and sometimes it takes a long time to recognize him. He doesn't look the way I expect him to look. He doesn't let me cling to my old ideas - to old ways of being in the world.

So if you feel that you are still in the midst of a shadowy place - still fumbling around in the dark this Easter, may the Christ who rose in the darkness lead you into new life, new light, and new hope. May we dare to linger at the tomb until he calls our names and sends us forth to share his good news with the world: "We have seen the Lord."

**Rev'd Jo on leave this week.** Please note that Rev'd Jo and David will be taking some leave after our service this morning and returning next weekend for the Sunday service. Thanks to Rev'd Don Owers and Fr Simon Bailey who will take the mid week services on Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact Rev'd Don or one of the wardens if there are any urgent pastoral concerns.

**A Reminder that the "Come As You Are" Womens' Fellowship** will be having its First Gathering on Friday 5th April 2024 at 10.00 am.

Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. We are meeting in the Balcony Room 10.00 am - 12 noon. Any enquiries please phone Susan Dearman 0412 814 082 or Carolyn Datson 0412 606 615.

**Helpers for the Joyful Noise Children's Choir needed.** If you are available on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm and would like to support this exciting new ministry, please add your name to the list on the office window. We need people to help welcome the children and prepare a healthy snack for them at about 4.45pm. The ability to do a bit of shopping (funds provided) beforehand would be helpful. You don't have to be available every Tuesday, we will have a roster, if we have enough helpers. You will also need to complete a Safe Ministry Clearance but we can support you to do this - it is quite straight forward and important to safeguard children and young people.

**For the Love of God - Diocesan Conference Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April.** A day of encouragement. Register now. St. Peter's Girls School, Stonyfell. Everyone is invited. More information to come. Contact [educationprograms@sbc.edu.au](mailto:educationprograms@sbc.edu.au)

**Photo Sale to support Maternal Health in Africa:** Over the next two Sundays Don Owers is looking to sell (by donation) some photographic prints to support the work of a Christian Maternal Health Clinic in Africa (see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EEU8hgaUDY&t=2s>). Most of the images were printed for competitions on archival quality paper using high quality inks (which means that most of us will fade before the prints do!) Suggested donations are: A4 matted - \$10; A3 unmatted \$15; A3 matted \$20 (cash or card). Quite good frames can be obtained for as little as \$20 from K Mart or IKEA. Professional framing for an A3 print will cost \$120 - \$130.

**April to June Rosters for 9.30 am Services.** The rosters for the 9.30 am services have been compiled and have been emailed to parishioners on the parish email list. Paper copies (in yellow) are available on the table at the back of the church for the parishioners who have not received a copy by email.

There has not been a policy change involving the size of the sanctuary party but extended holidays etc meant that our numbers of parishioners experienced in handling sanctuary activities is often less than what is needed to roster 2 acolytes and I am wary of over using those who are already very generous with their time. Warren Henriks.

**Quickest Warmth.** Donations would be gratefully received. Please speak to Denise Robinson for further information.

## 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, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Matthew Pontifex, Zarinah, Maureen McCarthy.

***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., Angela Brown, Kathy Fennell.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:*** Sandy Trezise, Thelma & Tony Tyler, Serene Victor, Lisa Vink, Glen & Jan Wadrop and Foodbank.

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

John Harvey, Maud Hockey, Jack Somerton, Merle Hermanus, John Watson, Sean Smith, Victor Cutajar, John Warren, Florence Warren, Lorraine Evans, Anthea Bullen, Jessie Murn, Betty Wright, Lorna Blight.

+ *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***

Acts 4:32-37  
1 John 1:1-22

### ***Second Sunday of Easter***

Ps 133  
John 20:19-31

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

*Reader 1:* Veronica Boswell  
*Reader 2:* Adrienne Wright  
*Intercessor:* Lyn Ho  
*Sidespersons:* Michael Southren & Warren Henriks  
*Welcoming:* Glyn Price & Dorothy Bienke  
*Morning Tea:* David Smith & Marilyn Harris

## 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

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## 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 <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
Come as You Are (Women's Fellowship)	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	10.00am