



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

**Sunday, 8th December, 2024**

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

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**OUR SERVICES TODAY**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

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In a world that often feels fractured, where the noise of competing voices drowns out the sound of truth, the voice of the shepherd calls to us across time and space, offering not just direction but a promise. It is the promise of a love that is justice, intimacy, abundance, life, sacrifice, and eternity itself. This morning, as we listen to the voices of Ezekiel, the psalmist, Peter, and Jesus, let's hear them together, as if they were a choir - each singing their different part but all singing the same song in beautiful harmony: reminding us that God's love finds us wherever we are, heals us and gives us life and never lets us go.

From Ezekiel, standing knee-deep in the brokenness of his people we hear of a shepherd who will not stand by and let injustice win because his love is fierce and strong and just. The Psalmist assures us that our shepherd will guard and guide us, provide for us and restore us, with a love that will never let us go.

Finally in the letter from Peter and in the Gospel of John we hear the best news of all - the sacrificial love of the shepherd brings us healing and life itself.

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

<i>Carols in the Garden</i>	Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Family service 6.30pm for carols, Holy Communion 7pm Traditional Holy Communion with carols and candlelight 11pm
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Holy Communion 9.30am

### **Archbishop's visit to St. Luke's, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 8am and 9.30am services.**

The Archbishop will be preaching and presiding at both services. Please put this date in your diaries and make a special effort to come to church that day.

**Update on the Sale of the St Mark's Site.** The synod office has engaged an agent to manage the sale of the St Mark's site at Wynn Vale and marketing materials are currently being prepared. It is likely that the property will come on to the market after Christmas. Once the sale is finalised, we will have a better idea of our budget and can revisit the Mission Action Plan, engaging in further consultation before any decisions are made

**Anglicare Hampers** – on Friday last we dispatched 37 food hampers and 4 boxes of toys to the Anglicare appeal. Thank you to everyone for donations (food and money), also to the shoppers and the packers. Surplus donations were given to the Op Shop to assist with their food program and they in turn give surplus to Foodbank – a perfect circle, so thank you for a good team effort.

**Gloria** - once again on behalf of the Camerata Community Choir I thank you for your continued support, special thanks to Rev. Jo and Joyful Noise for a beautiful performance and to Rev. Don for technical support. We had one of our most successful concerts ever and the choir feel very welcome when they perform at St. Luke's – a very big thank you.

Margaret Curd

**A big thank you** to all who have donated food and money to enable the Op Shop to give out food hampers. The op shop will be closed over the Christmas period but we still need your on-going donations to continue so we can provide for those in need when we reopen on January 6th.

**Christian Meditation.** The St Luke's Christian Meditation (Prayer of the Heart) Group has met for the last time this year, and will be changing time and day next year. We will meet **9.30 - 10.00am on Alternate Tuesdays from January 21st 2025.** If that time does not suit, I will be leading 2 other groups at Wynn Vale (Alternate Tuesdays 3.45 pm at my home) and the Modbury Meditators Monthly Meeting at Modbury Uniting Church, 576 Montague Rd, Modbury North, Sundays 5 - 6pm every 4 weeks starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2025. For more information please contact Sandy Andrews on 0421 504 396.

## FOR PRAYER

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

Steven, Margaret.

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

Betty Bryson, Roland Barker, Tess Richmond, Neil, Mick, Jo C., Shirley B, Shirley and Stewart Shrimplin, 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, Jeremy Bollen, Max Pontifex, Kerri Bogale's husband and five children, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Hall, Sue Fawcett, Frances Kaisin, Jenny Butler, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Ron Rockcliffe.

***Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:*** Marilyn Florance, Sue Gilson, Marilyn & Trevor Green, Helen Gummow, Marilyn & John Harris, Eric & Maria Harrison, and Foodbank.

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

***Recently Departed:***

***Anniversaries:*** George Tyler, Beryl Ricketts, Vera Baker, Rhonda Prance, Kenneth Candlett, Brian Smith, George Dyer, Coral Nicoll, Margaret Carpenter, Sandra Carpenter  
+ *Rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Requests for prayer should be made to Deb Travis 0450 950 112 (8am service); Ann Dixon 0421 816 614 (9.30am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).*

***Next week's readings***

Isaiah 35:1-10

Philippians 2:12-18

***Advent 3***

Ps 100

John 16:16-24

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

***Reader 1:*** Peter Caddy

***Reader 2:*** Jeni Cooling

***Intercessor:*** Lyn Ho

***Sidespersons:*** Michael Southren & John McIntosh

***Welcoming:*** Jean McIntosh

***Morning Tea:*** Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva

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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
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