

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 2nd March, 2025

.... **WELCOME**

TRANSFIGURATION

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

10.30am Ridgehaven Rise11.30am Bari Worship

The Transfiguration is one of those moments in scripture where the light is so bright it burns through the fog of ordinary life. We are told that Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray, and as he was praying, something happened—heaven bent near to earth and Jesus' appearance changed, his clothes became dazzling white, and suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with him. It is as if, for a moment, the curtain between us and reality was pulled back, and the disciples could see Jesus for who he truly was. Not just a teacher. Not just a prophet. But the radiance of God in human form.

Paul speaks of this kind of vision in his letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that Moses wore a veil to shield the people from the lingering radiance of God's glory. But Paul goes further—he tells us that in Christ, the veil has been removed. "With unveiled faces," he writes, "we see the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, and we are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

What does that mean? It means that the Transfiguration was not just a moment for Peter, James, and John. It was not just an event locked in the past. It was—and is—a revelation of what is true always, if only we have eyes to see. The glory of God is not something distant. It is not locked away behind a veil. It is here. Now. In Christ, the radiant face of God has been made visible, and we are invited to behold it, to let it change us, to let it make us new.

The funeral of the late Betty Mugg will be held at St Luke's Monday, 3rd March at 2 pm, to be followed by light refreshments at the church. Parishioners are very warmly invited to attend to give thanks for Betty's life.

Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday, **5**th **March**, 10am and 7pm, including the imposition of ashes.

Our "Come As You Are" Womens Fellowship invite you to join us on Friday 7th March between 10.00 am - 12 noon in our St Luke's Parish Hall. Come for a cuppa, relax, and share in fellowship and a fun activity as we get to know each other a little better. Any enquires phone Susan Dearman on 0412 814 082.

World Day of Prayer service, Friday, 7th March at 1.30pm, Salvation Army, 138 Reservoir Road, Modbury, followed by afternoon tea. The service is from the Cook Islands. Any queries please contact Denise Robinson 0429 234 007.

Hope 25 – Exploring Prayer. Sandy Andrews will run the following sessions on Wednesday 19th March, 2nd April and 16th April from 7pm – 8.30pm.

Session 1 – What is prayer? A look at different definitions and forms of prayer. Bring a copy of your favourite prayer.

Session 2 – What is contemplative prayer? Silent prayer. What does Jesus say about prayer.

Session 3 – What does it mean to 'pray without ceasing'? Can we pray continuously and how do we address God.

If you wish to attend please place your name on the list provided on the table at the back of the church. For enquiries please contact Sandy on 0421 504 396.

Learning in Lent: How to Give Away Your Faith Without Losing Your Friends.

This five week guided group discussion is designed to help church members develop the competence and confidence to share their Christian faith with their un-churched friends. The discussions will seek to draw out and recognise the knowledge that group members already have, as well as introducing practical insights regarding the 'what' and 'how' of evangelism. There will be two opportunities for you to be part of these discussions. One group will meet on Tuesday evenings, **beginning on Tuesday, 11th March**, and the other on Thursday evenings, **beginning on Thursday, 13th March** (and yes, you can swap and change if you need to!) Both groups will begin at 7.15pm for a tea or coffee before we get going at 7.30pm. Meetings will close at 9pm sharp. The discussions will be led by the Ven. Jo Smith and the Rev'd Dr Don Owers and occasional guest presenters.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance to the worship area.

Save the date: Parish Picnic on Sunday, 27th April, (the Sunday after Easter) Civic Park, near the library. More details to follow.

Happy Birthday to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays in March – Helen Wright, Jean McIntosh, Sandra McAdam.

FOR PRAYER

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

Steven Tyler, Sonia Smith, Kirsty Lees (Sandy Trezise's daughter).

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

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, Paul & June Walters, Colin & Margie Kirwan, Greg Downton, Ann Pfitzner, Jeanette Canton, Ann & Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Marilyn Harris, Ken Hodgson, Margaret Curd.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family: Linda & Vernon Williams, Adrienne Wright, Helen Wright, Rev'd Samuel Yengi, Rose Yobu, Esther Yu, Sandy Andrews, Margaret Anson, Christine & Ian Archer and Schools Ministry Group.

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

Recently Departed: Betty Mugg.

Anniversaries: Michael Henderson, George Wiedenhofer, Ross Caddy, Frederick Lewis, Robert Nicoll, Patricia Pennock, Janet Watkins, Estelle Breeding, Joe Cox, Rosina Brown, William Stenhouse.

+ 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 Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Ps 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:4-13 Luke 9.51-62

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Peter Caddy
Reader 2: Jeni Cooling
Intercessor: Mano de Mel

Sidespersons: Michael Southren & John McIntosh Welcoming: Maria Harrison & Jean McIntosh

Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva

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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

10.00

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
	Christian meditation (fortnightly). 9.30am	
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
	Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Come as You Are	1st Friday of the month	10.00am
(Women's Fellowship)		

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