

PEW SHEET

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

17th November 2024

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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The Anglican Parish of Saint John & Saint Agnes

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Text marked with ♪ is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this morning is by Harold Darke in F. Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

3. O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called
he to my rescue came.

4. The host of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he provides for all
who in his mercy trust.

6. Fear him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
if in his service you delight
your wants shall be his care.

*Nabum Tate 1652-1715 and
Nicolas Brady 1659-1726 alt
based on Psalm 34
TIS 112*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ **Glory to God in the highest,**

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder of justice for the oppressed: maintain the hope of the poor, so that the time may soon come when no one need want for food and shelter, and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his very self; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit. Before the Liturgy of the Word all children and their parents are invited to come forward to receive a prayer and blessing

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Daniel

[12:1-3]

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the

brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[16]

Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.

**I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.**

As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,

**Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.**

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.

**The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.

**I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.

**For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

[10:11-25]

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had

offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds',

he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[13:1-11]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

‘As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the ☩ resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please kneel

God, the strength of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, give us courage to stand for the truth, courage to proclaim the gospel, courage to persevere in times of trouble. Give us a mind to know what is good and true. Give us a will to be faithful to you. Give us a heart to love and serve you. Uphold Christians working in dangerous places, all who are facing persecution for their faith, all who suffer mockery and scorn.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of love, may we learn to live in harmony and peace. We pray for all places where there is war or rumour of war, where there is violence, oppression, or tyranny; for all places of unrest, crime or neglect. Strengthen all who work for freedom and justice.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the places where we work, and we remember before you O God all that are over-worked or discriminated against. Bring stability and economic security to those without a proper wage or a dependable income.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, give hope and strength to all caught up in disasters, all who are suffering from famine or flood, all caught up in storms or earthquakes. Give courage to all who have fallen ill, all whose sickness finds no cure, all who are afraid for their future, as we name in prayer: Ali, Christine, Andrew, Alan, Liz, and Cam.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who are now where sorrow and pain are no more: we rejoice in the fellowship of your saints, and commend our loved ones departed to your almighty love, particularly Dan Scully, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Thomas Stanley Johnston. Lynette Shirley Wise, Phyllis St. Clair Cox, Lillian Hampton Turner, John Boyle Gason, Thomas Vesian Wallace, Margaret Shelton Marsh, James Robert Bisdee, Edward McDonald Walker, Hazel Shankly.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers of intercession may conclude with a final prayer, after which all stand

GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords
and heaven's eternal light,

3. the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;

his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855
TIS 378

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

♪ The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
♪ Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪ Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**♪ Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom
come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

**♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy
Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During Communion the
Parish Choir sing the Motet, 'If Ye Love Me' by Tomas Tallis.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here.

The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The priest pronounces this blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness in the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.**

**3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.**

*Frederick William Faber 1814-63 alt
TIS 136*

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

VICAR ON LEAVE 11 – 21 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE

The Vicar will be on leave from Monday 11 November until Wednesday 21 November – travelling solo to Singapore and India! Although on leave, I have been invited to preach at St George's Cathedral, Madras at Choral Evensong on Sunday 17 November, and in the morning will attend St Mary's Church within Fort St George – the oldest Anglican church 'East of Suez'. With thanks to Fr Luke Hopkins who will be at Saint John's Finch Street in the morning on Sunday 17 November and Fr Ken Hewlett who will be at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly. Andrew Murray, a theological student on secondment from St George's Malvern, will officiate at Congregational Evensong.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 6PM

Join us this evening at 6pm for our monthly service of Congregational Evensong, with music led by organist Yi-Shuen Chan and Director of Music Rowan Swarbrick, including the Musical Reflection 'Reverie' by Giovanni Bottesini. The service will be led by Candidate for Ordination in the Diocese of Melbourne and theological student Andrew Murray, on secondment from St George's Malvern. All are welcome – followed by cheese and wine!

VICARAGE LUNCH NEXT WEEK – FINAL FOR 2024

Following the Annual Meeting next week we will have the final Vicarage Lunch for 2024 – all are welcome! Please bring a salad or a dessert, a main and drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy the final opportunity this year to enjoy the Vicarage Garden and socialise with fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – 24 NOVEMBER AT 11AM

Notice is hereby given by order of the Parish Council that the Parish Annual Meeting will be held at 11am (note earlier time) on Sunday 24 November at Saint John's Finch Street. The Vicar is also calling for nominations for election of Churchwardens, members of Parish Council and Incumbency Committee. Please do consider whether you might be willing to stand for one of more of these roles. Nomination forms must be returned to the Vicar before 8am, November 17th (Please note the Vicar will be on leave from 11 to 21 November – nomination forms can be returned by email during this period of leave.) The Electoral Roll is now closed and no further revisions may be made until after the Annual Meeting.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS – SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 7:30PM

Looking ahead, do mark in your diaries the upcoming Nine Lessons and Carols Service, a favourite of the Advent and Christmas season, followed by a sumptuous supper! This will be the first under the direction of Rowan Swarbrick and an exciting selection of carols and music is planned to accompany the traditional 'Nine Lessons', telling the story of God's promises from Creation to Incarnation. This is a highlight service of the year, come along and bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Put your orders in now for Christmas Puddings! They are made from a prize-winning recipe and come in two sizes. Christmas Puddings are a major part of our fundraising each year so please get involved either by putting in an order or perhaps you'd like to help stir them up yourself! To order and pay go to trybooking.com/CWKVB or email the Vicar.

CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKING – FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 6:30PM

Bookings are now open for the Parish Christmas Dinner to be held in the Saint John's Hall on Friday 13 December at 6:30pm. The cost is \$40 – which is generously subsidised by the parish – and includes a sumptuous Christmas spread put on by our resident caterer Amanda Grundy and her team, as well as drinks. Please bring a dessert if you are able! Bookings can be made online at trybooking.com/CUTZR or if you would like to book and pay in cash or card on the night please email secretary@saintjohns.org.au

ROSTER	This Week 17 November 2024	Next Week 24 November 2024
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Roxane Hislop	David Arden
Server	Sally Wallis	Roxane Hislop
Readers	Sally Wallis Sue McMahon	John Jobling Roxane Hislop
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	David Reece Chris Martin	Robin Richards Marg Garing
Sub-Deacon	Robin Richards	Richard Burman
Crucifer	Will Grant	Satoshi Okita
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Thurifer	NA	TBA
Readers	Tim Clarke Chris Martin	Robin Richards Jenny Thomson
Intercessor	Sue Lockey	Robert Buckmaster
Organist	Bruce Fethers	Tim Clarke
Post-Service Hospitality	CK Choong Rosemary Wickett	Robin Richards Chris Martin
6.00pm		
Welcomers	Sally Wallis	--
Readers	John Jobling Sally Wallis	--
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	--
Post Service Hospitality	John Jobling	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Lou Robinson & Deb Lauritz	Gayle Arden & Ingrid Hogan
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	Chris Martin <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	David Woods <i>Green Waste & Garbage</i>



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