

Second Sunday After Epiphany

16th January 2022

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 – January only 9:30am at St John's

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 Eucharist

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

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Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 9:00am - 11:30am

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 to the Mass Setting by Philip Matthias.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Let earth and heaven combine,
their voices all agree,
to praise in songs divine
the incarnate deity,
our God contracted to a span,
incomprehensibly made Man.

2. Unsearchable the love
that has the Saviour brought;
the grace is far above
our own or angels' thought:
enough for us that God, we know,
our God, is manifest below.

3. He deigns in flesh to appear,
widest extremes to join;
to bring our vileness near
and make us all divine:
and we the life of God shall know,
for God is manifest below.

4. Made perfect first in love,
and sanctified by grace,
we shall from earth remove,
and see his glorious face:
then shall his love be fully showed,
and we shall then be lost in God.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

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✠ 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.’

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.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, 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

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 before proceeding to the Belltower for children's activities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

[62.1-5]

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord ,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 36

[5-10]

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:
and your justice as the great deep;
you, O Lord, save both man and beast.**

How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:
the children of Adam shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

**They shall be satisfied
with the good things of your house:
and you will give them drink
from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life:
and in your light shall we see light.

**O continue your merciful kindness
toward these who know you:
and your righteous dealing
to those that are true of heart.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

[12.1-11]

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[2.1-11]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period 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

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all who enrich our world by their talents and abilities. We pray for those with the gift of healing and for all healing ministries. We pray for those who are visionaries and those who plan our future: may we all exercise the gift of discernment and distinguish the true from the false.

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

Lord, who has given us this world and all that is in it, help us to use its resources properly, that we do not waste now what should be saved for the future: that the resources of the sea are not depleted; that fossil fuels are not too easily spent. Bless all who are seeking to conserve and to protect our natural resources and give nations courage to translate policies into action.

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

We rejoice, O God, that you delight in us. You will not leave us desolate: you are God who renews and restores your creation. We pray that we may learn to delight in each other and give our attention and love to each other. Bless our communities with your fullness; renew and restore us in strength and in love.

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

Lord, be with all who have run out of energy or hope, all who feel empty or that life is too much for them. Encourage the despairing, the despondent, and all who feel utterly drained at this time. From our own parish we continue to pray for: Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Warwick, Andrew, Tom, Alan, Sarah, Christopher, Pat, Cameron and Nicholas.

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

We rejoice with the whole communion of saints who wait in hope to receive of the fullness of your Kingdom and rejoice that we shall be restored and renewed by your love and saving power. We commend to you those who have died in that hope, remembering this week: Florence Esna Atkinson, Lottie Bennett, Gwynellen Clara Milligan, Martin Worrell Robinson, Frances Hillary Crabb, Herman Charles Rockefeller, John Herrington.

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

Please 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice;
3. people and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest;
and all who suffer want are blessed.
5. Where he displays his healing power
death and the curse are known no more;
in him the tribes of Adam boast
more blessings than their father lost.

**6. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.**

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.
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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
be 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.

**♪ 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. You are welcome to receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here. The priest prays a 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. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.**
- 2. Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.**
- 3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.**

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-75 alt.
TIS 454

The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for morning tea

NEWS & NOTICES

CATERING NEXT WEEK AT SAINT AGNES'

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly are very much looking forward to hosting a much larger congregation next week than they would usually, with a number of distinguished guests also as we celebrate Saint Agnes' Day and launch the new Saint Agnes' House seminary and introduce our new Organ Scholar. We hope to cater a lunch afterwards of quiche, salads, platters, meat and fruits but it would be wonderful if some Saint John's parishioners could help the Saint Agnes' crew with the catering given the numbers involved and that this is a celebration of our whole mission as one parish in East Malvern and Glen Huntly. If you can help – please contact Carole Hooper on 0416 971 309 or cehooper@hockey.net.au who is co-ordinating things at Saint Agnes'. Thank you!

VICAR ON LEAVE

The Vicar is on leave from 16th January to 22nd January inclusive. Please contact a Churchwarden for any enquiries during that time or, for pastoral care, Fr Ken Hewlett. We welcome back Fr Ken Hewlett to Saint John's Finch Street this morning as celebrant and preacher and give thanks for his ministry amongst us!

CHOIR RECESS

The choir is now in recess until the beginning of February when we shall welcome them back along with a number of returning and some new Choral Scholars! The first Choral Evensong in 2022 will be February 6th.

JOINT PARISH EUCHARIST JANUARY 23rd

A reminder that on January 23rd 2022 there will be no services at Saint John's Finch Street and instead the whole parish will gather at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly at 9:30am for a Joint Parish Eucharist to mark our observance of Saint Agnes' Day. We will be joined by Dean of Trinity College Theological School, Bob Derrenbacher, as well as Bishop Lindsay Urwin who will be our preacher.

SERVICES IN JANUARY

A reminder that there will only be one Sunday service at 9:30am at Saint John's during January (except on January 23rd when we shall all meet at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly). We will have the usual Vicarage Lunch on the last Sunday of the month which will be the 30th January. 8am services and Evensongs will recommence from February 6th

ROSTER	This Week 16th January 2022	Next Week 23rd January 2022
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Jane Fyfield Betty Ladbury	No Service – Joint Parish Eucharist at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly
Subdeacon	Anne Kerin	NA
Readers	Chris Martin Bron Williams	NA
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	NA
Organist	Bruce Fethers	NA
Post Service Hospitality	John & Judith Jobling	NA
Weekly Duties		
Flowers	Louise Robinson & Deb Skues	Judith Jobling & Caroline L'Huillier
Bins	Richard Burman <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Garbage & Green Waste</i>



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