

PEW SHEET

Fifth Sunday of Easter 15th May 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

- 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 – 3:00pm
Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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 at 9:30am. The Mass Setting sung by the choir this morning is by Philip Mathias. Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter as the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring;
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

3. In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Brian Arthur Wren (1936-)
TIS 387*

✠ 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 before proceeding to the Belltower for children's activities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[11.1-18]

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[148]

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

**His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation of Saint John.

[21.1-6]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[13.31-35]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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.

Lord, we rejoice that we abide in you and in your great love; you accept us when we find it hard to accept ourselves or each other. Strengthen the fellowship of your people that they may be sustained in their unity. Bring unity to your Church

and encourage the work of all those who strive to realise that unity which is your gift, as we pray for our local ecumenical relationships particularly.

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

Lord, we remember before you all areas of ethnic violence and racial hatred, for all places where there is division, strife and animosity. Bring an end to the war in Ukraine and persecution of people based on prejudice and fear. Build up minority peoples and uphold all who are scorned, rejected or belittled by others.

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

Lord, we give thanks for our own homes and their love. Transform all homes of strife and discord, homes where there is neglect, abuse or violence. Fill with your love those homes where there is no love, or where love is betrayed.

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

Lord, be with all who suffer from mental illness and those whose lives are torn apart by memories or fears. Bind up those who have suffered any form of breakdown and bless all who may be sick or suffering at this time. Particularly today we pray for Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Andrew, Tom, Alan, Christopher, Nicholas, Helen, John, Glenys, and Geoff.

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

Lord, we look forward to the day when we will share fully in the communion of saints, when we will be one in the Spirit and one in the Lord. We commend to you loved ones departed, and all who have gone before us in the faith, that we will share with them the vision of your glory in your kingdom. We give thanks for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Violet Emma Crabtree, John Richard Dillon, Enid Kezia Heriot, Mrs Kingsmill.

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

GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

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. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

*John of Damascus (c. 675 – 754)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt
TIS 361*

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:

Said at 8:00am

Sung at 9:30am

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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. During the communion the choir will sing the Motet, 'Almighty and Everlasting God' by Orlando Gibbons.

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 says this blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia:

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

At 9.30am the Closing Hymn is sung.

CLOSING HYMN

1. Chris the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain;
hark! the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high:
Hallelujah!

3. He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Hallelujah!

4. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through all the church it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings
Hallelujah!

6. Christ, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, your ransomed people feed.
At the end of earthly strife
raise us, Lord, to endless life.
Hallelujah!

Michael Weisse (1488-1534)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)
TIS 365

The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 6PM

Please do join us this evening at 6pm at Saint John's for our service of Congregational Evensong, a simple and meditative service of prayer, song and Scripture to begin the new week – followed by wine and cheese. All welcome!

BISHOP'S VISIT AND VICARAGE LUNCH – 29TH MAY

Our Regional Bishop, Genieve Blackwell, will be visiting Saint John's Finch Street on Sunday 29th May. We look forward to welcoming Bp Genieve for this special day and will transfer our regular 'Fourth Sunday' Vicarage Lunch to this Sunday, being the 'Fifth Sunday' of the month.

TEENAGERS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AND CAMPFIRE – 3 JUNE

On Friday 3rd June from 6:30pm to 9pm we will be hosting an outdoor movie night and campfire for teenagers and young people at Saint John's Finch Street under the Gazebo. Please mark this in your diary and RSVP to Fr Alex or see flyer for info. We'll be watching Harry Potter and roasting marshmallows – bring warm clothes, and snacks provided! If any parishioners are available to assist in setting up and on the night, please contact Fr Alex at vicar@saintjohns.org.au

YOUNG ADULTS CORPUS CHRISTI MASS, DINNER AND DRINKS

Fr Alex has been invited to act as Deacon at this year's celebration of Corpus Christi at St Peter's Eastern Hill on Thursday 16th June at 6:15pm. All are very welcome to this special festive service which traditionally gathers Anglicans from across Melbourne. Fr Alex is particularly gathering a group of Young Adults (under-40s... or thereabouts!) to go on afterwards for dinner and drinks at a nearby pub. If you are in this demographic – please consider coming along – and otherwise please do commend it to those who might be interested.

CHORAL SCHOLARS' SOIREE – FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 7PM

After three years we are finally looking forward to again holding the second of our very successful Choral Scholars' Soirees! This is a major focus for fundraising for music in the parish, and particularly to support our marvellous Parish Choir through the generous provision of 8 Choral Scholarships. The Soiree is an opportunity to showcase our scholars but this year will also feature a special solo from the Vicar! Book your ticket early at <https://www.trybooking.com/BZKRT>



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Grand Piano

Featuring Solo and Group
Performances from our Scholars'

AND a special solo performance by
the Vicar!

Together with Silent Auction
and other entertainments

ROSTER	This Week 15 th May 2022	Next Week 22 nd May 2022
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Judith Jobling	John Jobling
Server	Sally Wallis	Sue McMahon
Readers	Harry Hill Jim Morse	John Jobling Greg Thompson
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey David Arden	Michael Wood David Arden
Sub-Deacon	Tim Clarke	Sebastian Harvey
Crucifer	Rick Burman	TBA
Acolytes		
Thurifer		
Readers	Jane Fyfield David Arden	Bron Williams Michael Wood
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	David Arden
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	Bruce Fethers
Post-Service Hospitality	Sue Lockey Betty Ladbury	Wood Family
6.00pm		
Welcomers	TBA	--
Readers	Rick Burman Sue Lockey	--
Organist	TBA	--
Post Service Hospitality	Sally Wallis	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers	Lou Robinson Deb Lauritz	Judith Jobling Caroline l'Huillier
Bins	John Jobling <i>Garden Waste & Garbage</i>	David Arden <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>

