

PEW SHEET

Third Sunday after Pentecost 26th June 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

Friday: 11:00am – 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 Herbert Sumison in F major. Please stand when the bells are rung.

The Ministers and Choir enter as the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound -
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

*John Bunyan 1628-88
and Percy Dearmer 1867-1936
TIS 562/NEH 372*

✠ 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

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to suffer death upon a cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same 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 Second Book of Kings

[2.1-2, 6-14]

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the

Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[77:1-2, 11-20]

I call to my God, I cry out toward him:

I call to my God, and surely he will answer.

**In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,
I stretch out my hands to him by night:
my soul is poured out without ceasing,
it refuses all comfort.**

I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:

I will call to mind your wonders of old.

**I will think on all that you have done:
and meditate upon your works.**

Your way, O God, is holy:

who is so great a god as our God?

**You are the God that works wonders:
you made known your power among the nations;**

By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**The waters saw you, O God,
the waters saw you and were afraid:
the depths also were troubled.**

The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:
and your arrows darted forth.

**The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:
your lightnings lit the world,
the earth shuddered and quaked.**

Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:
and your footsteps were not seen.

**You led your people like sheep:
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**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 Paul's letter to the Galatians.

[5:1, 13-25]

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you,

as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia,**

Jesus said: 'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[9.51-62]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say

farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection as the organist plays ‘Andante’ by G Merkel

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

The priest calls forward those to be baptised, with their parents and godparents

We welcome Oliver and Eloise who come to be baptised. I invite their parents and godparents to present them now.

We present Oliver Brian Alastair Birtles to be baptised.

We present Eloise Elaine Officer to be baptised.

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Oliver and Eloise in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God’s help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver ✠ you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

The priest prays these prayers

Grant, merciful God, that these children may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their parents and godparents the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The organ plays while the baptismal party, as well as any other members of the congregation who might wish, gather around the font. All stand and turn to face them

THE BAPTISM

At the place where the water for baptism is, the priest begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. Through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. And now we give you thanks that you have called Oliver and Eloise to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this ✠ water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The priest baptises each candidate by pouring water over them, saying

Oliver Brian Alastair, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Eloise Elaine, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

AFTER BAPTISM

The priest makes a cross with oil on the foreheads of the candidates, saying

Oliver and Eloise, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as disciples of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The priest lights the baptismal candles, saying

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The priest welcomes the newly baptised, saying

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the priest in saying

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

The newly baptised are welcomed with applause

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. All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

2. Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Bridges 1844-1930
based on the German of J Neander 1650-80
TIS 560(i)/NEH 333*

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

**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.**

Sung at 9:30am

**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, 'Locus Iste a Deo factus est' by Anton Bruckner.

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

At 9.30am the Closing Hymn is sung.

CLOSING HYMN

1. Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still
Through good or ill
Who ever lives!

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

*Richard Baxter 1615-91 and others
TIS 108/NEH 475*

The organist plays the POSTLUDE, 'Prelude' in D Major by J.S. Bach

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

VICAR ON LEAVE – NO VICARAGE LUNCH TODAY

The Vicar is currently on leave, returning Saturday 2nd July. We give thanks for the ministry of Fr Luke Hopkins, Chaplain of Trinity College, as he celebrates both services at Saint John's this morning. Please note there will be no Vicarage lunch this week – the next being on the 31st July, the last Sunday of the month.

BAPTISMS THIS MORNING

Please make very welcome the families and friends of the Birtles and Officer families who bring Oliver and Eloise for baptism this morning. Oliver and Eloise's parents, Rosie and Patrick, and Amanda and Simon, were married here at Saint John's Finch Street. Oliver is grand-daughter to parishioner Jane Dwyer.

CARITAS MEETING- MONDAY 4th JULY 8PM.

Rosemary will share her escapades in Canada with a visual presentation at the home of Gayle and David Arden. RSVP is required by Sunday 3rd July. For attendance, address or a lift please contact Rosemary on 0417532118.

ROSTER AVAILABILITY

We are looking for more people to be involved on the roster, including as a 'welcomer', reading or leading intercessions, serving in the sanctuary as subdeacon or crucifer, or serving morning tea. If you could offer yourself for one or more of these activities contact Robin (0412 545 002) or Anne (0411 587 180).

PARISH BOOK FAIR – SATURDAY 23RD JULY

The parish is having a book fair on Saturday 23rd July! The Finch Street Book Fair! There will be cakes, coffee, tea and books for a nice fun day for the community. We are looking for donations of books, records, CDs and DVDs that you are wishing to part with. Please donate before 17th July, if possible. We will be having a working bee after church to sort out the books before the event. Please let Robin, Anne or Satoshi know if you are willing to help on the day or the working bee. Please let us know if you can help set up on Friday 22nd July.

CHORAL EVENSONG NEXT SUNDAY 6PM

Please join us particularly next Sunday evening at 6pm for Choral Evensong. Our wonderful Parish Choir will sing the Introit 'I Sat Down Under His Shadow' by Edward Bairstow, Canticles 'Fauxbourdons' by Thomas Morley and the Anthem 'Round Me Falls The Night' with melody by Adam Dres. All followed by wine and cheese – a perfect way to end the week with prayer and song.



COME TO THE

FINCH STREET BOOK FAIR

SATURDAY 23RD JULY 10AM-2PM

SAINT JOHN'S PARISH HALL

5 FINCH STREET

CAKES - TEA & COFFEE - BOOKS

CDS - DVDS - RECORDS

ROSTER	This Week 26th June 2022 (note: no Vicarage Lunch this week)	Next Week 3rd July 2022
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Lorraine Bisdee	Barry Dance
Server	Judith Jobling	Greg Thompson
Readers	John Jobling Judith Jobling	Barry Dance Harry Hill
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Rosemary Wickett Gayle Arden David Arden	John Stuckey David Reece
Sub-Deacon	Anne Kerin	Anne Kerin
Crucifer	Rick Burman	Rick Burman
Acolytes		
Thurifer		
Readers	Anne Kerin Jane Fyfield	David Arden Bron Williams
Intercessor	David Arden	Michelle Mehta
Organist	Bruce Fethers	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Rosemary Wickett Caroline l'Huillier	Betty Ladbury Caroline l'Huillier John Stuckey
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	Chris Martin
Readers	--	Sebastian Harvey Rosemary Wickett
Organist	--	Bruce Fethers
Post Service Hospitality	--	Caroline l'Huillier
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Judith Jobling & Caroline l'Huillier	Robin Richards & Mary Balon
Bins (in the week after Sunday)	John Jobling <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Garden & Garbage</i>