

## PEW SHEET

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

21<sup>st</sup> April 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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#### **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)

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#### **Weekday Eucharists**

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

*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 Philip Matthias.*

*Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.*

## OPENING HYMN

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

1. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
sound it to the souls in prison,  
shout our triumph to the sky:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.  
*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

2. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
let all times and peoples listen:  
death has no more victory,  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.  
*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

3. Death has lost and life has won;  
every newborn soul we christen  
has the Father's child become:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.  
*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.*

✠ 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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 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. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

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

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 us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; 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*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[4.5-12]

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is  
“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[23]

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of John.

[3.16-24]

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord.

‘I know my own and my own know me.’ **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[10.11-18]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches

them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

## **THE SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as the organist plays 'Kyrie Verse' by Francois Couperin*

## **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*

Father, we give you thanks for the risen Lord, the Good Shepherd, who seeks out and saves all who are lost. Guide and protect all those who are walking in the valley of the shadow at this time, all whose lives are hard or being made hard, for all being attacked by evil. We hold up to you our nation so recently troubled by the violence perpetrated at Bondi Junction, and the stabbing at the Assyrian Orthodox Church in Wakeley. May all who are impacted by these violent crimes know your love and protection.

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

Father, we ask you to guide all carers and counsellors. Strengthen all who are looking after others. Be with all those who seek out and befriend those most in need and vulnerable in our society.

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

Father, we remember and give thanks for all who have protected us and guided us. Send out your people to support each other in times of need, and to abide with those who are passing through times of darkness.

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



Father, we come with all who have entered into weakness, darkness or trouble this week. Hear the prayers on the hearts of those who do not know how to pray themselves, those who have lost reason or memory. Comfort all who are facing death, especially those who are lonely. In their own needs we present to you: Ali, Christine, Andrew, Alan, Christine, Daniel, Jayachandran, Mary and Stephen. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, may we learn to abide in you, and know that you abide in us. May we know that nothing separates us from you. Gather into one all those who have passed through darkness, and have entered light and life everlasting. In this week of their anniversary we remember: Isabel Maude Hartkopf, Frederick Robert Shearwood, Adam David Klinger, Sarah Isabel Lynas, Craig Michael Bouma. 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

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.**

*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. Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victory;  
*alleluia, alleluia!*  
the glad earth shouts her triumph high  
and groaning hell makes wide reply:  
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,*  
*alleluia, alleluia!*

2. while our Lord Christ, the mighty king,  
despoiling death of all its sting  
and trampling down the powers of night  
brings forth his ransomed souls to light.

5. From every weapon death can wield  
your own redeemed for ever shield:  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.

*Part 2*

6. That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when to their longing eyes restored  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

8. Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
come now yourself our hearts possess,  
that we may give you all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

*Anon., Latin c.7<sup>th</sup> cent.  
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.  
TIS 360*

## 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 'Deus, Deus Meus' by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.*

## 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 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.

Alleluia!

2. Now is Christ raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him.

Through him we die to sin and live to God.

Alleluia!

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;  
though Adam's sin has doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.

Alleluia!

*The Easter Anthems,  
adapted by Carl Pickens Daw 1944-  
TIS 543*

*The organist plays the Postlude, 'Prelude and Fugue in C major' by J.S.Bach*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### MEMORIAL GARDEN RE-DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Works to refurbish and rejuvenate our beautiful Memorial Garden at Saint John's Finch Street are now almost completed – please do spend some time in this reflective and sacred space which is the final resting place of generations of parishioners and their family members since its original dedication and consecration in 1965 in memory of a young and active parishioner Barry Shaw. Thanks to a generous bequest by the late Dorothy Thomas we have been able to further enhance the landscaping of the garden.

We had originally hoped to celebrate this work in early May – however it now seems best to wait until the Spring when more parishioners will be able to be present, particularly those who have led this recent process of rejuvenation, and also some final fixtures can be installed such as a large plaque on the floor of the Lych Gate as well as – if some further funding can be found – the water feature which forms part of the central concept design. Please ‘watch this space’ for a date in the Springtime for this celebration which will include a re-dedication and blessing of the garden.

In the meantime, however, the garden remains open and available to parishioners and the public and is now once more available to receive the ashes of parishioners and their immediate family for interment.

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### CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 6PM

Please join us this evening for Congregational Evensong at 6pm. This is a lovely and simple service of Evensong which is sung by the whole congregation, followed by wine and cheese.

Choral Scholar Will Grant will be Cantor this evening, and together with organist Yi-Shuen Chan he will be presenting as a Musical Reflection the lovely Schubert song, *Wandrer's Nachtlied II*. Do come along to support them and experience this service of quiet and gentle prayer at the end of the day.

SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET

# Appointment of Director of Music

## Rowan Swarbrick

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rowan Swarbrick as our next Director of Music!

Already a member of the Parish Choir as a Choral Scholar, Rowan moves into this role with a wealth of experience in developing and conducting both amateur and volunteer choirs as well as high-level consort and chamber singers.



Originally from Perth, Western Australia, Rowan has been Associate Director of the Chamber Choir of St Mary's South Perth, Assistant Director of the Giovanni Consort, and Director of the Quorum Chamber Singers, and has a deep experience and knowledge of the liturgical Anglican music tradition. Also an accomplished Double Bassist and Jazz musician, we are excited about the leadership Rowan will bring to developing the parish's worship and witness through its ministry of music. Rowan writes:

*"I am honoured to be taking up the role of Director of Music for St John's East Malvern and St Agnes' Glen Huntly, beginning this April. Choral music has been a significant part of my life, from a young treble to where I am today, and over this time I've grown to love and appreciate choirs and the community I find within them. I already know this to be a wonderful choir, and a wonderful parish to belong to, and I hope to build on the good work of my predecessor, Lachlan McDonald. Many thanks to the parish for this opportunity, I am greatly looking forward to the challenge!"*

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<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>This Week 21 April 2024</b>	<b>Next Week 28 April 2024</b>
<b>8.00am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	Jim Morse	Gayle Arden
Server	TBA	Pat Syer
Readers	John Jobling Bev Kocsis	Joel Ringrose David Arden
<b>9:30am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomers	Lesley Stonehouse John Stuckey	Rosemary Wickett Sue Lockey
Sub-Deacon	Rick Burman	Sebastian Harvey
Crucifer	TBA	Rick Burman
Acolytes		
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Robin Richards Sue Lockey	Preetham Kumar Anne Kerin
Intercessor	Robert Buckmaster	Jenny Thomson
Organist	David Brennan	Tim Clarke
Post-Service Hospitality	Sue Lockey Marg Garing	Caroline P'Huillier Chris Martin
<b>6.00pm</b>		
Welcomers	John Jobling	--
Readers	John Jobling Greg Thompson	--
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	--
Post Service Hospitality	TBA	--
<b>Weekly Duties</b>		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Lou Robinson & Deb Lauritz	Robin Richards & Caroline P'Huillier
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Richards <i>Recycling &amp; Garbage</i>	David Woods <i>Garden &amp; Garbage</i>



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