

PEW SHEET

Third Sunday of Easter

14th 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 Harold Darke in E.

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

OPENING HYMN

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston 1791-1867
TIS 580*

✠ 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.
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

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **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

[3.12-20]

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this

we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[4]

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to
my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless
and seek after lies?

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful
kindness:

when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed
and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord,
has gone from us.’

Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of John.

[2.15-17, 3:1-6]

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[24.36b-48]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.

Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as Paul Annable plays ‘Allemand’ from Suite in G major, No. 14 by George Frideric Handel

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 of all life, we give you thanks for the gift of eternal life. May we know in our lives that the crucified one is alive and comes to us: turn our doubts and disbelief into awe and wonder, until we rejoice in the glory and presence of the risen Lord. Give heart to churches which are struggling at this time, for those who have lost vision and grown cold in their love; for Christians who have lost faith or entered into deep doubt. Fill them with your resurrection hope.

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

Father of all mercy, relieve all those who are experiencing hunger or any other suffering in this world. Enable the good work of aid and relief agencies, and all who seek to help people rise out of their troubles. Bring peace and security to this world and be with all who promote the cause of peace.

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

Father of all sustenance, we give thanks for all those who have shared their food and faith with us, all who have sustained our bodies and our minds, those who have cared for the needs of our spirits. Show forth your love to those who have been deprived of love and make your presence known in our homes and hearts. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who hunger for food, for shelter, for love, for spiritual refreshment; for the many who feel rejected or lonely; for the ill who have no one to care for them, for all who find it hard to cope. Hear our prayer this day for: Ali, Christine, Andrew, Alan, Christine, Daniel, Jayachandran, and Mary. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We long for the day when we shall see Christ as he is in his glory. May we, with all who have died in Christ, triumph over darkness and death and share with the faithful in the light of your kingdom. Remember in your mercy all who have died, and this week we commend to you: Asa Pope Thompson, Alan Cox. 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. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears
is life, and health, and peace.

3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

4. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5. Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

6. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt
TIS 210

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

♩ **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. 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. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it with a joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison,
let the whole wide world rejoice.
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come with high and holy gladness,
sing our Lord's triumphant song:
not one touch of twilight sadness
dims his resurrection morn;
brightly dawns the radiant east,
brighter far our Easter feast.

3. He is risen, he is risen!
He has opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
soon a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 alt
TIS 379

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

VICAR ON LEAVE 8 APRIL UNTIL 14 APRIL INCLUSIVE

The Vicar will be on leave between the 8 and 14 April. Thanks to Fr Ken Hewlett who will take the morning services at Saint John's Finch Street on Sunday 14 April, and Fr Peter Richards who will be at Saint Agnes'.

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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MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 14, 6pm*

TENEBRAE *Tuesday March 26, 7:30pm*

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday March 28, 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION *Friday March 29, 10am*

EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday March 31, 9:30am*

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT *Friday May 24, 7pm*

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG *Sunday August 11, 4pm*

SCHOLARS' SOIREE *Friday September 13, 7pm*

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM *Saturday November 2, 7pm*

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS *Sunday December 15, 7:30pm*

MIDNIGHT MASS *Tuesday December 24, 11pm*

CHRISTMAS MORNING *Wednesday December 25, 9:30am*

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ROSTER	This Week 14 April 2024	Next Week 21 April 2024
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Lorraine Bisdee	Jim Morse
Server	Greg Thompson	TBA
Readers	TBA David Arden	John Jobling Bev Kocsis
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Mary Balon	Lesley Stonehouse John Stuckey
Sub-Deacon	Jane Fisher	Rick Burman
Crucifer	Satoshi Okita	TBA
Acolytes		
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Robert Buckmaster Bron Williams	Robin Richards Sue Lockey
Intercessor	Robin Richards	Robert Buckmaster
Organist	Bruce Fethers	David Brennan
Post-Service Hospitality	Rosemary Wickett Robin Richards	Sue Lockey Marg Garing
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	John Jobling
Readers	--	John Jobling Greg Thompson
Organist	--	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post Service Hospitality	--	TBA
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Gayle Arden & Ingrid Hogan	Lou Robinson & Deb Lauritz
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	Chris Martin <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	David Richards <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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