

PEW SHEET

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9th June 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

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hides thee,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
thou alone are holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and
sea.
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber 1783-1826 alt
TIS 132*

✠ 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 Lord, from whom alone all good things come: grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 Genesis

[3.8-15]

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.’

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

PSALM

[130]

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;

**O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

**My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.

**He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. [4:13-5:5]

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—
‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know
that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring
us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as
it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of
God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[3:20-35]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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 ‘Träumerei (Dreaming)’ by Robert Schumann.

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

God of faithfulness, we give you thanks for all who have remained faithful to you; for all who have seen beyond the temporary to the eternal, for saints and martyrs who have been our inspiration. Uphold the church where it is being persecuted, for all Christians afflicted or tortured for their faith. Lord be a strength to all who are losing hope, to the faint-hearted and the fearful.

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

God of peace, we pray for countries broken by war, for peoples facing ethnic violence and hatred, bring justice for all who are being discriminated against and restoration for those robbed of their homes, of their land, and their livelihoods.

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

God of protection, we give thanks for those who have protected us; who have shielded us from harm or evil, and enriched our lives by their goodness. Empower the police, and fire and emergency services, and all upon whom our security and safety depends.

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

God of health and wholeness, look with your compassion upon those who are poor, the homeless and the refugee; bring peace of mind to those who suffer from mental illness; comfort the disturbed; refrain the violent; bring hope to all who struggle with life in its many trials, as we pray this day particularly for: Ali, Christine, Andrew, Alan, Christine, Daniel, Mary, Stephen, Elaine, Liz, Esther, Peter, Jo, Tiffany, Robin and Paul.

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

God of life, extend our vision, may we look beyond what we see to the eternal. We commend into your gracious gaze all those who see you now in that glory which is beyond measure, remembering in this week: Hilda Jane Boulter, Albert Ernest Hartkopf, Harry Norman Turner, Clementine Eva Rickards, Betty Ferguson Gedye, Frederick John Daniel Syer, George C Papasavvas.

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

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. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.**

2. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

5. If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber 1814-63 alt
TIS 136

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 'Pinsesalme' from Peer Gynt by Edvard Grieg.

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

CLOSING HYMN

- 1. How deep the riches o four God,
his wisdom how sublime;
how high his judgements soar above
all judgement of mankind!**
- 2. What mind has read the mind of God,
or given him counsel sure?
Who from his riches gave to God
what was not first received?**

3. From God all things created flow;
all things through him exist;
to him for judgement all returns,
to whom all praise is due!

4. To God the Father, fount of grace,
through his beloved Son,
in oneness with the Holy Ghost
be glory evermore.

James Quinn 1919-2010
TIS 167

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

NEW CHORAL SERVICE SUN 23 JUNE 8PM 'MIDWINTER COMPLINE'

Do mark your diaries for an exciting addition to our offering of worship, led by our wonderful Parish Choir: a service of 'Compline' – sung prayers at the close of the day – to mark 'Midwinter' on Sunday 23 June at 8PM. Not a long service, it will mark the 'completion' of the day and week on the shortest day of the year. Please join us for what promises to be a beautiful and reflective service.

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUE FEEDBACK ON WORDING

The Parish Council is seeking parishioner feedback on the wording for the plaque to be installed in the Memorial Garden – a circular bronze disc on the floor of the 'Lych Gate' (roofed seating area) as you enter the garden. Developed together with the Garden Group who have overseen the recent transformation and rejuvenation of the Memorial Garden, the proposed wording is:

This garden holds the sum of our past, generation after generation, into the future of hope. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways (2 Thess 3:16)

Please send any comments or suggestions on the proposed wording to the Vicar (vicar@saintjohns.org.au) before Sunday 16 June.

30 JUNE VICARAGE LUNCH AT ST AGNES' TO FAREWELL FR PETER

The regular 'Vicarage Lunch' on the last Sunday of the month will be held this month at St Agnes' Glen Huntly, on Sunday 30 June. As usual, please do bring along a plate of salad or dessert – and a main and drinks will be provided. It will be an opportunity to farewell Fr Peter Richards who concludes his appointment in the parish on that day. Please do come along to wish Fr Peter well and thank him for his ministry amongst us.

VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE & CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday 1 September at 6PM Choral Evensong we will welcome the Archbishop of Melbourne at Saint John's Finch Street for a final visit before his retirement in February 2025. A number of parishioners will also be Confirmed in this service – if you or someone you know would be interested in Confirmation, or making an 'Affirmation of Faith' – please contact the Vicar.

SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

MIDWINTER COOMPLINE

Sunday 23 June 2024 - 8PM

A monastic and ethereal service
of 'completion' at the end of the
day, sung by the Parish Choir
to mark the Midwinter

Featuring

Phos Hilaron by Owain Park

Abendlied by Josef Rheinberger

Te Lucis Ante Terminum by Thomas Tallis

Ave Regina Caelorum by Joshua Adams

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ROSTER	This Week 9 June 2024	Next Week 16 June 2024
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Bev Kocsis	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Sue McMahon	Greg Thompson
Readers	John Jobling Sally Wallis	Greg Thompson Roxane Hislop
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Chris Martin John Stuckey	Daniel Morshedi Sue Lockey
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Tim Clarke
Crucifer	Anne Kerin	Sebastian Harvey
Acolytes		
Thurifer	NA	NA
Readers	Sebastian Harvey Sue Lockey	Robert Buckmaster Daniel Morshedi
Intercessor	Anne Kerin	Jane Fyfield
Organist	Tim Clarke	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Chris Martin Caroline l'Huillier	CK Choong Nikki Morshedi
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	TBA
Readers	--	Anne Kerin John Jobling
Organist	--	Tim Clarke
Post Service Hospitality	--	Roxane Hislop
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Ingrid Hogan & Gayle Arden	Lou Robinson & Deb Lauritz
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	Jim Morse <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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