

PEW SHEET

First Sunday in Lent

9th March 2025

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)

Weekday Eucharists

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

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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. At 9:30am the Lent Prose is sung.

LENT PROSE

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

1. To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesus, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Attende
NEH 507*

Please stand when the bells are rung.

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

OPENING HYMN

**1. Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:**

**2. let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain.**

**3. And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.**

4. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
 ever constant by your side,
 that with you we may appear
 at the eternal Eastertide.

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822-70 and
 Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt
 TIS 591*

✠ 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.

At 9:30am the priest sprinkles the people with Holy Water as the 'Asperges Me' is sung

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second is for All. The third staff is for the Cantor, and the fourth is for All. The fifth staff is for the Cantor, and the sixth is for All. The seventh staff is for the Cantor, and the eighth is for All. The lyrics are: 'Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean: wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness: ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces. Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness: and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God: Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now, and for e - ver. A - men.'

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. *Fine*

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

and for e - ver. A - men. Repeat antiphon

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.’

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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 COLLECTS

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may

ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Deuteronomy

[26.1-11]

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us

into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[91:1-2, 9-16]

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

They will say to the Lord

**'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'**

The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

**Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.

**'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,
'and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

'When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**'With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.'**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

[10.4-13]

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[4.1-15]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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 on piano 'Sonata in c-minor' by Domenico Scarlatti.

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

Loving God, throughout all ages you have rescued and restored your people; we come to you for refreshment and renewal. Lord, protect us from all the terrors of the night and the dangers of the day. Guide in discernment all who are seeking to know their vocation, all who are trying to sort out their priorities. Give wisdom to all spiritual counsellors and advisors.

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

We pray for all in positions of authority, that they do not misuse their powers; for leaders of peoples and for all who make decisions about our future. Relieve all who are suffering from hunger or poverty, all who are experiencing a time of dryness or aridity in their lives.

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

We give thanks for all who have provided for us and protected us, for those who inspired us or directed us. We pray that we may be sensitive to your call and ready to do your will. We ask you to bless and protect our loved ones and friends.

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

We pray for all who at this time are full of regret or remorse, those who have succumbed to temptation and weakness. May all who battle against addiction or habit find new hope and courage in you, O Lord. We remember all who are ill, or longing to live full lives, and for all who are restricted in any way: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Alison and Maree.

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

We pray for all who have once been part of this church and community, for the saints and all who have enriched our world. May they, with our dear ones departed, rejoice in doing your will in your kingdom. We commend to you: Joan Dorothy Berry, Daisey Florence Harrison, Leslie McNabb Harrison Emile Tilleard, Henrietta Pearce, Lydia Pearce, Una Mary Wishart.

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?

3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

4. Return, O holy dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

5. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

6. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper 1731-1800 alt
TIS 576

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, 'Scapulis Suis' by Orlandus Lassus.

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:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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. 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

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

ROSTER	This Week 9 March 2025	Next Week 16 March 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Bev Kocsis	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Sue McMahon	Roxane Hislop
Readers	Greg Thompson David Richards	Roxane Hislop Sally Wallis
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Chris Martin	Sue Lockey Marg Garing
Sub-Deacon	Daniel Morshedi	Anne Kerin
Crucifer	Anne Kerin	Rick Burman
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	David Reece Anne Kerin	Elizabeth Buckmaster Robin Richards
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	Robert Buckmaster
Organist	Tim Clarke	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Chris Martin Rosemary Wickett	Chris Martin Morshedi Family
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	John Jobling
Readers	--	John Jobling TBA
Organist	--	Tim Clarke
Post Service Hospitality	--	A Hatton
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	No Flowers in Lent	No Flowers in Lent
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Richards <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	David Arden <i>Garden & Garbage</i>



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