

### PEW SHEET

### Third Sunday in Lent

### 23rd 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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### 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 Eucharists

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

#### Vicar

Fr. Alex Ross 0431 308 703 vicar@saintjohns.org.au (Day-Off: Monday)

#### **Associate Clergy**

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Adn. Colleen O'Reilly Fr Luke Hopkins

#### Churchwardens

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#### **Director of Music**

Rowan Swarbrick 0401 268 269

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 so is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this morning is by Harold Darke in E.

At 9:30am the Lent Prose is sung.

#### LENT PROSE

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

3. God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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. As pants the hart for cooling streams in parched and barren ways so longs my soul for you, O God, and your refreshing grace.
- 2. For you my God, the living God, my thirsting soul will pine:

  O when shall I behold your face, your majesty divine?
- 3. God of my strength, my tears have been by day and night my food; the mockers taunt continually and say: 'Where is your God?'

4. Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and you shall sing the praise of him who is your God, your health's eternal spring.

Nahum Tate 1652-1715 and Nicholas Brady 1659-1726 alt TIS 25

⚠ 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



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.
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 COLLECTS

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin

and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Prophet Isaiah

[55.1-9]

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

[63:1-9]

O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.

So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory.

For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.

And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.

When I remember you upon my bed:

when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,

Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

#### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

[10.1-13]

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

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.

[13.1-9]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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 'Chant Elegiaque' by Jean Langlais

#### **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

Lord, we look for you, we long for you, our whole being thirsts for you and your love. Lord, rouse us from complacency, awaken us to what is around us and make us aware of your coming. We pray for all who tend and nurture

the young in the faith, for all who are growing in awareness of you and your world. May the church be an instrument of justice and peace in our world. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, as you have given us this world to live in, help us to use its riches and resources with sensitivity. Bless and guide all who are working on the land. We pray for all who supply our food and our daily needs, all who are involved in research with crops and cultivation.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We give thanks for our homes and our loved ones. We pray for our places of work. May we be faithful and honest in our dealings: make us sensitive to each other's needs and hopes, especially in our dealings with young children. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of love and salvation, we pray for all who are suffering or who have been taken ill. Particularly we pray from our own community for: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Alison, Maree and Peter.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord, you are our helper and you protects us from all evil. We pray for all who will face death today; for our loved ones departed, that you will bring them into the fullness of joy in your kingdom. We commend to you especially at this time: Ralph Laurence Rowe, Marjorie Alice Mary Green, Valda Ellen Bisdee, Mardie Fyfield.

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. I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
- 4. I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.
- 5. Against all Satan's spells and wiles, against false words of heresy, against the knowledge that defiles, against the heart's idolatry, against the wizard's evil craft, against the death wound and the burning, the choking wave, the poisoned shaft, protect me, Christ, till your returning.
- 6. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

7. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.

Praise to the Lord of my salvation: salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

From 'St Patrick's Breastplate' Gaelic 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century, attrib. St Patrick c.389-461 version by Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 TIS 478

#### 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, 'Media vita in morte sumus' by Josef Rheinberger

#### **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. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt TIS 585

The organist plays the Postlude, 'Prelude and Fugue' in G Minor by Dietrich Buxtehude.

Please join us for Morning Tea.

#### **NEWS & NOTICES**

#### VICARAGE LUNCH NEXT WEEK

Please remember to come along to the Vicarage Lunch which will be held on the last Sunday of the month next Sunday – 30 April. Please bring a plate of salad or dessert and come over to the Vicarage through the garden side-gate anytime from 11:30am. We aim to say grace and eat at 12noon. All are welcome!

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BUBUP PLAYGROUP

We're currently calling for volunteers who may be able to commit to a weekly or regular involvement with our 'Bubup' Playgroup which meets on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall. Time commitment would be over three and a half hours in the morning to help with set-up and pack-down as well as assisting during the programme which meets from 10am-11:30am. Please contact the Vicar if you would be interested in being involved!

#### PALM SUNDAY – 13 APRIL

Looking ahead to the beginning of Holy Week - please do make a particular effort to join with us for worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. There will be a service at 8am as usual, but please do consider joining instead from about 9:15am at the Gazebo for the blessing of Palm Crosses and Procession into the Church for our Choral Palm Sunday service as a parish. Children are particularly invited to be involved.

#### LOWER HALL CLEAN UP WORKING 'B' - SATURDAY 12 APRIL

Churchwarden John Hooper, together with Carole Hooper, will be leading an effort to clean up the grounds around the Lower Hall (particularly the walkway entrance which is covered in vines) and also give the inside kitchen area a clean in preparation for it to be leased out by new tenants. If you could spare some time to join in and be involved it would be most appreciated – please contact John Hooper (0416 185 005) to let him know or email secretary@saintjohns.org.au

#### DAILY OFFICES DURING LENT

This Lent you can commit – as best you are able – to joining a group of parishioners, together with the Vicar, in praying the 'Daily Office' – Morning and Evening Prayer – each day from Monday to Friday at 9:15am and 4:45pm. Come along and join us for as many days as you are able.



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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

13 April	Palm 8am Sunday 9.15am	Eucharist Choral Eucharist with Palms	
15 April	Holy 7.30pm Tuesday	Choral Tenebrae	
17 April	Maundy 7pm Thursday	Choral Eucharist & Vigil	
18 April	Good 10am Friday 3pm	Liturgy of the Day Children & Families' Service	

20 April Easter 8am Eucharist
Sunday 9.30am Choral Eucharist



## 'LIVING IN HOPE' LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday 6pm Wednesday 5th March 2025

Begin the holy season of Lent with this special Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in the intimate setting of the High Altar Chapel, featuring Byrd's Mass for 4 Voices and the Motet 'God So Loved the World' by John Stainer. Followed by a simple Lenten supper and the first session of our Lenten Study exploring Christian Hope.

Study
'Christian Hope'

Thursdays at 2pm at the Vicarage, Saint John's Finch Street Following the first session on Ash Wednesday at 6pm, this series of Lenten Studies will continue on Thursdays at 2pm throughout Lent exploring Christian Hope with materials prepared from across the Anglican Church of Australia.

Daily Office Challenge 9:15am and 4:45pm Monday to Friday

Sign up to commit to one or more weekly offerings of the short and simple service of Morning and Evening Prayer at Saint John's in Lent.



# PALM CROSSES LENT 2025

An act of tactile Prayer and Devotion through Lent

Each year parishioners of Saint John's Finch Street fold up to 5,000 palm crosses which are supplied to churches across Melbourne and beyond. Folding workshops are held throughout Lent and all are encouraged to participate in this simple act of Lenten dedication.

Something tangible - prayer that we may touch and hold onto.

Something devotional - an act of piety and prayerfulness.

Something simple - recalling us to the simple straightforwardness of our hope in the Cross.

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# The Long Day Closes

Music of evening, rest, and farewell.

Repertoire to span various works including Sheppard to Saint-Saëns to contemporary composers Lily Flynn and Lachlan McDonald

**7pm April 5th** St John's East Malvern

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# SAINT JOHN'S



### MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday March 5, 6pm

TENEBRAE Tuesday April 15, 7:30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday April 17, 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION Friday April 18, 10am

EASTER SUNDAY Sunday April 20, 9:30am

SCHOLARS' SOIREE Friday May 9, 7pm

'SONGS OF SCRIPTURE' Sunday June 1, 6pm

MIDWINTER COMPLINE Sunday June 22, 8pm

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG Sunday July 13, 4pm

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT Friday September 19, 7pm

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM Sunday November 2, 7pm

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS Sunday December 21, 7:30pm

MIDNIGHT MASS Wednesday December 24, 11pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING Thursday December 25, 9:30am

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THE PARISH CHOIR OF SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET IS SEEKING TO INTRODUCE A

# TREBLE CHORUS

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGED Between 8 and 12

Free of charge including tuition and rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:15pm and attendance at rehearsals and the Choral Eucharist on Sundays from 8:30am.

To sign up or enquire contact the Director of Music Rowan Swarbrick: music@saintjohns.org.au or 0401 268 269



### SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET

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St John's

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ROSTER	This Week	Next Week		
	23 March 2025	30 March 2025		
8.00am Eucharist				
Welcomer	Joel Ringrose	Gayle Arden		
Server	Greg Thompson	Sally Wallis		
Readers	John Jobling	Bev Kocsis		
	Greg Thompson	Joel Ringrose		
9:30am Eucharist				
Welcomers	Lesley Stonehouse Rosemary Wickett	John Stuckey David Reece		
Sub-Deacon	Tim Clarke	Robin Richards		
Crucifer	Sebastian Harvey	Sebastian Harvey		
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William		
Thurifer	Robert Buckmaster	TBA		
Readers	Bron Williams	Sebastian Harvey		
Readers	David Brennan	Sue Lockey		
Intercessor	Jenny Thomson	Tim Clarke		
Organist	Bruce Fethers	Yi-Shuen Chan		
Post-Service Hospitality	Robin Richards	CK Choong		
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6.00pm				
Welcomers				
Readers				
Organist				
Post Service Hospitality				
Weekly Duties				
Flowers (for the Sunday)	No Flowers in Lent	No Flowers in Lent		
Bins (for the week after	Jim Morse	David Woods		
Sunday)	Recycling & Garbage	Garden & Garbage		



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