

PEW SHEET

Easter Sunday

20th April 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

BLESSING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Text marked with 🎵 is sung at 9:30am. Please stand and turn to face the Paschal Candle when the bells are rung.

At the 8am Eucharist the Paschal Candle is blessed and lit for the first time. At 9:30am the following is said around the lit Paschal Candle

✠ 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!

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him, and all ages:
**to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

At 8am the Paschal candle is lit for the first time

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

🎵 The light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

At 9:30am the Paschal Candle is proclaimed by the minister in the words of the Exultet, the traditional Hymn of Proclamation usually sung at the Easter Vigil

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

My dear friends, standing with me in this holy light,
join me in asking God for mercy,
that he may give his unworthy minister
grace to sing his Easter praises.

♪ The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right
that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father,
and his only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin
to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the time when first you saved our fathers:
you freed the people of Israel from their slavery
and led them dry-shod through the sea.
This is the time when the pillar of fire
destroyed the darkness of sin!

This is the time when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin
and freed from all defilement,
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the time when Jesus Christ
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.
What good would life have been to us,
had Christ not come as our Redeemer?

Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave
you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!
Most blessed of all times, chosen by God
to see Christ rising from the dead!

Of this time scripture says:
"The night will be as clear as day:
it will become my light, my joy."
The power of this holy time
dispels all evil, washes guilt away,
restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy;
it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Time truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth
and man is reconciled with God!
Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this time,
receive our sacrifice of praise,
your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle,
a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.

Let it mingle with the lights of heaven
and continue bravely burning
to dispel the darkness of this age!

May the morning Star which never sets
find this flame still burning:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Ministers and Choir process to the sanctuary as the Opening Hymn is sung. The Mass Setting sung by the choir this morning is 'Missa Brevis' by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

OPENING HYMN

1. At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.

2. He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.

3. For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

Jock Curle 1919-?
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Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, so let us keep the Feast
and 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

♪ Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus
bonae voluntátis.
Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
adorámus te, glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi
propter magnam glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis,
Deus Pater omnípotens.
Dómine Fili unigénite,
Jesu Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
miserére nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
súscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserére nobis.
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dóminus, tu solus
Altíssimus, Jesu Christe, cum
Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.

**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

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and 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

[10.34-43]

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[118.1-2, 14-24]

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim:

that his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

The sounds of joy and deliverance:

are in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

I shall not die but live:

and proclaim the works of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

Open me the gates of righteousness:

and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

I will praise you, for you answered me:

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

[15.19-26]

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia,**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[20.1-18]

Glory ✠ to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him

in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 'Dear Christians one and all rejoice' by Hieronymus Quehl.

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

The priest calls forward those to be baptised, with their parents and godparents

We welcome Malo, Artur and Awen who come to be baptised. I invite their parents and godparents to present them now.

We present Malo Fergus to be baptised.

We present Artur Pierre to be baptised.

We present Awen Joseph to be baptised.

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Malo and Artur, and Awen in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil: Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver ☩ you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

The priest prays these prayers

Grant, merciful God, that Malo and Artur and Awen may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their parents and godparents the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The organ plays while the baptismal party, as well as any other members of the congregation who might wish, gather around the font.

All stand and turn to face them

THE BAPTISM

At the place where the water for baptism is, the priest begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. Through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. And now we give you thanks that you have called Malo and Artur and Awen to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this ✠ water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The priest baptises the candidates by pouring water over each one, saying

Malo Fergus, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Artur Pierre, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Awen Joseph, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

AFTER BAPTISM

The priest makes a cross with oil on the forehead of the candidate, saying

Malo, Artur and Awen, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as disciples of Christ:

fight the good fight,

finish the race,

keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The priest lights the baptismal candle, saying

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The priest welcomes the newly baptised, saying

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

The newly baptised is welcomed with applause

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.

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 wild 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.

7. He showed to them his hands, his side,

where yet the glorious wounds abide:

the tokens true which made it plain

their Lord indeed was risen again.

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. 7th century.

tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt

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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:

♪ Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

♪ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis

**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
be 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.

**♪ Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.**

**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.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During the communion the choir will sing the Motet, 'Christ rising again from the dead' by John Sheppard

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here. The priest prays a 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 says 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. Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who so lately on the cross, *alleluia!*
suffered to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly king,
who endured the cross and grave
sinners to redeem and save.

3. But the pain that he endured
our salvation has procured;
now exalted he is king,
and the angels ever sing:
alleluia!

Anon., Lyra Davidica 1708 alt
Based on a 14th-century manuscript
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The organist plays the POSTLUDE, "This day has God's Son triumphed" by J. S. Bach

Please join us for a festive Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Welcome to St John's Finch Street for this joyful celebration of the new life and hope we have in Jesus' conquering of death and resurrection to a new and transformed humanity, the first fruit of what all who are baptised into his death may confidently look forward to in a resurrection like his. If you are visiting us this morning, please stay for a celebratory morning tea after the 9:30am Choral Eucharist and if you would be happy for us to keep in touch please complete one of the 'Welcome Cards' and return to a welcomer or the Vicar.

BAPTISMS THIS MORNING

Easter is the traditional and most appropriate time to celebrate baptisms – and this morning we welcome Malo, Artur and Awen who come to be baptised, together with their parents Marine and Fraser and godparents, friends and family. Please encourage and welcome them as we celebrate our new life in Christ

VICARAGE GARDEN EGG HUNT

The young – and young-at-heart – are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt in the Vicarage Garden following the 9:30am Choral Eucharist. Entrance through the side gate (it will open when all is ready). Good luck!

CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG TONIGHT

There will be a service of Evensong at 6pm tonight – sung by the whole congregation in the chapel. Please join us to complete the celebrations of the day with this simple and reflective service of song, Scripture and prayer. It will be followed by cheese and wine.

EASTER CLEAN UP THANK YOU

Thanks to all who volunteered on Holy Saturday to clean up the church, garden and grounds in readiness for Easter Sunday – and to all who have contributed in various ways to our observance of Holy Week and Easter. It has been a wonderful time of devotion and celebration only made possible by the efforts and gifts of our wonderful parishioners. Thank you all again!

SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

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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CHORAL EVENSONG

A service of music, prayer and Scripture led
by our outstanding Parish Choir, followed by
wine and cheese

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 6PM





Vicarage Lunch

Bring a plate of salad or
dessert if you can

Main and Drinks Provided

No cost - bring a friend!

LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH

SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

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**





CASSEROLE BANK



A range of ready-meals
always available for
anyone who might be
in want of them -
contact the Vicar on
0431 308 703.
Donations also
welcome!

A Ministry of Saint John's Finch Street
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SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET

Choral Scholarships



Starting February 2025 - \$4500 pa

All voice parts available for immediate start

Apply to Director of Music, Rowan Swarbrick

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The Parish Choir of Saint John's Finch Street is one of the finest Anglican church choirs in Melbourne. Up to 8 Choral Scholars and an approximately equal number of volunteers give it a distinctive dynamic: having both a commitment to excellence while supporting a strong ethos of inclusion and development where each member, whether volunteer or scholar, builds up each other musically, socially and pastorally.

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ROSTER	EASTER DAY 20 April 2025	EASTER 2 27 April 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Jim Morse	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Sue McMahon	Sally Wallis
Readers	John Jobling Bev Kocsis	Greg Thompson Joel Ringrose
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Chris Martin Rosemary Wickett	Chris Martin David Reece
Sub-Deacon	Daniel Morshedi	Tim Clarke
Crucifer	Rick Burman	Satoshi Okita
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Paola Sherwill & Malo Sue Lockey	David Brennan Elizabeth Buckmaster
Intercessor	NA	Jenny Thomson
Organist	David Brennan	Bruce Fethers
Post-Service Hospitality	Sue Lockey CK Choong	Niki Morshedi Robin Richards
6.00pm		
Welcomers	TBA	--
Readers	TBA	--
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	--
Post Service Hospitality	Sue McMahon	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	All Flower Guild	Caroline l'Hullier & Jane Fyfield
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Richards <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	David Woods <i>Green Waste & Garbage</i>

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