

PEW SHEET

Second Sunday of Easter

27th 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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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)

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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 Harold Darke in F.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

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

OPENING HYMN

1. Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

2. In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would wake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

3. Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had laid,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

4. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again -
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

*John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872-1958 alt
TIS 382*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

[5.27-32]

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[118:14-29]

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.

**O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.**

Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.

**The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.

[1.4-8]

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a

kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be.
Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [20.19-31]
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with

them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 'Chorale Prelude on Württemberg (Christ the Lord is risen again)' by J. C. Kittel.

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 our God, we pray that we may see you through faith: in seeing you, we will begin to know you; in knowing you, we will give ourselves in love to you; and in loving you, we will enjoy your presence for ever. We pray for all who seek to proclaim the Good News of the gospel. May all who are involved in ministry reveal your love and your saving power, as we give thanks in particular at this time for the life and ministry of Pope Francis.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, direct in your ways leaders of nations and governments, for all in authority, that they may be wise and gentle in their dealings, that they

may be caring and respectful of others. Give discernment to the people of this nation as they prepare for a Federal Election, and integrity to all who stand for public office.

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

Lord our God, may your presence and power be made known in our lives, our homes and amongst our neighbours. Bring the renewal of hope to homes where there is strain and stress at this time, for families who have lost a loved one, or who have been betrayed in love; that all may know of your love and care for us.

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

Lord our God, remember all who are struggling or who look in fear toward the future. Give rest to those who have been awake all night and are weary and worn, for the over-anxious, the depressed and the dispirited, for those who have watched over the ill and the suffering. In their own particular needs we pray for: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Maree, Peter and Warwick.

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

Lord, grant grace and peace to the departed, may they rejoice in the fulness of life eternal. Grant that we may put our trust in you now and in the hour of our death. Into the hope of your Resurrection we commend: Isabel Maude Hartkopf, Frederick Robert Shearwood, Adam David Klinger, Sarah Isabel Lynas, Craig Michael Bouma, Harold Brearley, Alice Shelton Norton, Dorothy Woodfill Heathcote, Norman Cartnell Heathcote, Lilian Julia Fraser, Francis Harold Besanko.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers of intercession may conclude with a final prayer, after which all stand

GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now:
this is the Father's pleasure
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

3. In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

4. When this same Lord Jesus
shall appear again
in his Father's glory,

there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 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:

♪ **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, 'Quia vidisti me' by Hans Leo Hassler.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here.

The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The priest pronounces this blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia:
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

**1. Jesus lives! your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us.**

Hallelujah!

**2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.**

Hallelujah!

**3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever:**

fame, or hurt, or powers of hell
tear us from his keeping never.

Hallelujah!

4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
not for us a gloomy portal
when we take our final breath,
but the gate to life immortal.

Hallelujah!

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.

Hallelujah!

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715-69
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97 and others
TIS 372

The organist plays the Postlude, 'Fanfare' by C. S. Lang

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

CARITAS MONDAY 5 MAY 8PM

“Tracing a Century of Scots in Madras from 1735” is the theme of our next meeting on Monday 5th May at 8pm, when our own vicar Fr Alex Ross will discuss exploration into his family’s history. Everyone is most welcome to attend this evening at the home of Sandra and Geoffrey Beauchamp. RSVP to Rosemary is necessary for catering and other details. 0417 532 118.

VICARAGE LUNCH TODAY FROM 11:30AM

All are welcome to the Vicarage Lunch today from 11:30am – entrance from the side gate into the garden. Please bring a plate of salad or dessert, main and drinks provided. We aim to say grace and begin eating by 12noon. Bring a friend!

FEDERAL ELECTION ‘DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE’ SAT 3 MAY ALL DAY

The Saint John’s Hall will be a major Polling Place in the newly expanded Electorate of Chisholm for the upcoming Federal Election. The Parish is organising a Sausage Sizzle and other outreach from the Gazebo, with the thousands who are expected to visit us across that day to vote. If you can offer some time during that day please be in touch with Churchwarden Robert Buckmaster (0437 014 090) who is leading the preparations or email the Vicar.

CHORAL SCHOLARS’ SOIREE FRIDAY 9 MAY 7PM

Please save the date for the upcoming Choral Scholars’ Soiree – the major fundraising effort in the year for music, and particularly our wonderful Choral Scholars. It is a wonderful night with drinks and canapes to accompany a selection of musical performances by individual scholars to showcase their talent. There will be opportunities to ‘Sponsor a Scholar’ and make a tax-deductible donation to the Finch Street Cultural Fund. Experience a highlight!

FLOWER GUILD DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP SAT 21 JUNE 10AM

On Saturday 21 June at 10am the Flower Guild Members of St Paul’s Cathedral have invited us to a special demonstration to learn how they do the flower arrangements in the Cathedral. This rare and special opportunity is open to parishioners, particularly those who might be interested in joining the floral guild team at St John’s. The invitation includes morning tea in the Barbara Darling Room at the Cathedral. Please reply to Robin Richards 0412 545 002 if you are interested in participating.



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

DEMOCRACY

Sausage



**WITH OR
WITHOUT
ONIONS**



**TOMATO
SAUCE,
MUSTARD**

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

8 AM UNTIL STOCKS LAST!

VOTE IN THE COMMUNITY HALL THEN GO
TO THE GAZEBO BEHIND THE CHURCH



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Featuring Solo and Group
Performances from our Scholars

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ROSTER	27 April 2025	4 May 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Lorraine Bisdee	Gayle Arden
Server	Sally Wallis	Greg Thompson
Readers	Greg Thompson Joel Ringrose	Joel Ringrose Greg Thompson
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Chris Martin David Reece	Niki Morshedi John Stuckey
Sub-Deacon	Tim Clarke	Anne Kerin
Crucifer	Satoshi Okita	Daniel Morshedi
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Chris Martin Elizabeth Buckmaster	David Reece Robert Buckmaster
Intercessor	Jenny Thomson	Jane Fyfield
Organist	Bruce Fethers	David Brennan
Post-Service Hospitality	Niki Morshedi Robin Richards	Betty Ladbury Marg Garing
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	John Jobling
Readers	--	Roxane Hislop Sally Wallis
Organist	--	Bruce Fethers
Post Service Hospitality	--	Sally Wallis
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Caroline P'Hullier & Jane Fyfield	Gayle Arden & Ingrid Hogan
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Woods <i>Green Waste & Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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