

PEW SHEET

Fifth Sunday of Easter

18th May 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 so is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this the 'Short Service' by Charles Wood.

The symbol

indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made

Please stand when the bells are rung.

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

OPENING HYMN

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, thy child let me be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise, thou my inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only the first in my heart; high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5. High King of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Gaelic c. 8th cent. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931 versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860-1935 alt TIS 547 ▼ 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, here it is customary to make a slight bow we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, here it is customary to make a slight bow 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: Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer' receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, here it is customary to make a slight bow with the Holy Spirit, in the # glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and 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

[11.1-18]

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens:

old folk and children together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven:

and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.

[5.6-14]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.' **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [13.31-35] Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection

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, here it is customary to make a slight bow
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,

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until '...became truly human' 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 here it is customary to make a slight bow 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 A 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 rejoice that we abide in you and in your great love; you accept us when we find it hard to accept ourselves or each other. Strengthen the fellowship of your people, and sustain us in our unity and help us to know we are one in you. Help those who are striving to realize the unity that you give to your church, those who work for ecumenism and all who help to break down barriers.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord, we remember before you all areas of ethnic violence and racial hatred, bring healing and peace to all places where there is division, strife and animosity. Prosper all who work for peace and unity, and all people who work for the building up of community and fellowship. Vindicate all those who are scorned, rejected or belittled by others.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We give thanks for our own homes and their love. Bring safety and peace to all homes of strife and discord, homes where there is neglect, abuse or violence. Reconcile homes where there is no love or where love is betrayed. Bring love to families suffering from a breakdown in their relationships. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in mental anguish, those whose lives are torn apart by memories or fears. We pray for all who have suffered from any form of breakdown – in body, mind or spirit. We ask your blessing, Lord, on loved ones and friends who are suffering at this time, especially: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, and Daniel.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We look forward to the day when we will share fully in the communion of saints, when we will be one in the Spirit and one in the Lord. Raise up loved ones departed, and all who have gone before us in the faith, that we with them may share in your Kingdom. In this week we pray for: Enid Kezia Heriot, Sarah Alice Nelson, Ian Robeson, Lillian May Storey, Mrs Kingsmill. 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

- All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia;
 O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfold rich blessings on our way,
 O praise him, alleluia!All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show;
 O praise him...
- 5. And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
 O praise him, alleluia!All who long pain and sorrow bear praise God and on him cast your care;
 O praise him...
- 7. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness;
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
 O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Based on Laudato sia Dio mio Signore' the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi 1182-1226 by William Henry Draper 1855-1933 alt TIS 100

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, here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist 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...

It is customary when the bells ring at the elevation of the Sacrament to make the * Sign of the Cross

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, 'A New Commandment' by William Mundy

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; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* 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. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, hallelujah, praise the everlasting king!
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour to his people in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: praise him, praise him, hallelujah, glorious in his faithfulness!

5. Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: praise him, praise him, hallelujah, praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 alt TIS 134

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG TONIGHT

Please join us at 6pm tonight for our monthly service of Congregational Evensong. Sung in the chapel, it is a simple service of song, Scripture and prayer, followed by wine and cheese. All are welcome – please come along!

SCHOLARS' SOIREE THANK YOU & FUNDRAISING RESULT

Thank you to all those who came along to and helped prepare for the recent Choral Scholars' Soiree. It is the major fundraising effort in the year for music, and particularly our wonderful Choral Scholars. It was a wonderful night with drinks and canapes to accompany a selection of musical performances by individual scholars to showcase their talent. It is most heartening to announce that it was also a wonderful fundraising success with a total of \$8,814 raised! Thank you for all your support!

WELCOME TO FR MARC BILLIMORIA

This Sunday at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly the Vicar is introducing Fr Marc Billimoria. Fr Marc joins us from Sri Lanka, now studying a PhD full-time in Melbourne at Trinity College. Resident at Saint Agnes' from August, he will be involved in the mission and ministry of parish. He will be at Saint John's on Sunday 1 June to preach for the 8am and 9:30am services. Please welcome him!

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 RSVP to Robin Richards 0412 545 002.

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!



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

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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ROSTER	18 May 2025	25 May 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Jim Morse	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Roxane Hislop	Sally Wallis
Readers	David Richards	TBA
	John Jobling	Roxane Hislop
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Marg Garing	John Stuckey
	Chris Martin	Robin Richards
Sub-Deacon	Sebastian Harvey	Daniel Morshedi
Crucifer	Rick Burman	Tim Clarke
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & TBA
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	TBA
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Robin Richards	Bron Williams
	Jenny Thomson	Anne Kerin
Intercessor	Anne Kerin	Jenny Thomson
Organist	Tim Clarke	Bruce Fethers
Post-Service Hospitality	CK Choong	Niki Morshedi
	Marg Garing	Chris Martin
6.00pm		_
Welcomers	Marigold Draper	
Readers	Marigold Draper	
	John Jobling	
Organist	David Brennan	
Post Service Hospitality	Daniel Morshedi	
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Robin Richards &	Caroline l'Huillier &
	Gayle Arden	Jane Fyfield
Bins (for the week after	David Richards	David Woods
Sunday)	Recycling & Garbage	Garden & Garbage



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