

PEW SHEET

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th 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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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

The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made

Text marked with 🎵 is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this morning is by Philip Matthias. Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;
let angels prostrate fall:
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your treasures at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet 1726-92 alt
TIS 224(i)*

✠ 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives 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

[16.9-15]

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[67]

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

**That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:

and God, our God, will bless us.

God shall bless us:

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.

[21.10-14, 21.22-22.5]

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp

or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,’ says the Lord. ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’ **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [14.23-29]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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 ✠ 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 put our trust in you, and in you is our rest. We pray for all pilgrim peoples as they journey through this world, for all seekers, for those who search for truth and integrity. May we and your whole church live as those travelling into your love and deeper into your presence.

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

We remember before you all who are homeless, all who have been made refugees by war and oppression. We pray shelter for those who live rough and who sleep out in our cities.

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

We give thanks for our homes and places of security, where we find love, rest and refreshment. May your Spirit be at home in our homes, may your ways be known to us and may we walk in them. We pray for guidance in our journey through life, for ourselves, our families and our loved ones.

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

Lord of peace, give rest to the weary, the worn and the fearful; give peace to the anxious, the troubled and the distressed. We pray for all who have lost courage or hope in their journey, all whose way seems dark and threatening. In their need at this time we hold before you in prayer: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, Daniel and Anne.

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

We give thanks for all who have come to their journey's end on this earth: may they find rest and peace and life in you. Bring about that day when we

might be one with them in your eternal Kingdom. Hold in your merciful embrace those who have died recently, Nancy Staley, and those whose anniversary occurs this week: Lachlan Walter Galbraith, Edith May Armstrong, David Frederick Ladbury, Mr & Mrs Kynaston Lathrop Murray, Walter Green.

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. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod

crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!

for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and
Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 alt
TIS 228*

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

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer 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, 'If Ye Love Me' by Thomas Tallis.

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. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;**

let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-91
tr. Peter Williams 1722-96 and William Williams alt
TIS 569

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

VICARAGE LUNCH TODAY IN PARISH HALL

Please join us as usual on the Last Sunday of the Month for the 'Vicarage' Lunch – which today will decamp to the Parish Hall, because there is currently no heating in the Vicarage. Please – if you can – bring a plate of a salad or a dessert, hot main and drinks will be provided. Come over from about 11:30am, we will aim to start eating by 12noon. All are welcome – bring a friend!

CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG WITH BENEDICTION 15 JUNE

An exciting new addition to our life of worship from June 15th, the introduction of a time of prayer and blessing before the Blessed Sacrament (commonly called 'Benediction') to be incorporated into Congregational Evensong on the Third Sunday of the Month. In keeping with that service it will be simple and participatory, but a further opportunity to receive the benefit of Christ's presence amongst us. And, of course, followed by wine and cheese All are welcome!

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.

'MIDWINTER COMPLINE' SUNDAY 22 JUNE AT 8PM

After the popularity and success of this service last year, please do come again this 'Midwinter' on Sunday 22 June at 8PM for 'Compline', led by our wonderful Parish Choir: sung prayers at the close of the day in the atmospheric and intimate setting of our Chapel lit by candlelight. Not a long service, it is filled with soulful music to mark the 'completion' of the day and week on the shortest day of the year. Please join us for what promises to be a beautiful and reflective service.

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!



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

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM



**A SERVICE OF SONG AND SCRIPTURE, PRAYER AND
BLESSING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

MIDWINTER COOPLINE

Sunday 22 June 2025 - 8PM

A monastic and ethereal service
of 'completion' at the end of the
day, sung by the Parish Choir
to mark the Midwinter

Featuring

Phos Hilaron by Owain Park

In Manus Tuas by Thomas Tallis

Te Lucis Ante Terminum by Thomas Tallis

Salve Regina by Franz Liszt

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ROSTER	25 May 2025	1 June 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Lorraine Bisdee	Jim Morse
Server	Sally Wallis	Sally Wallis
Readers	TBA Roxane Hislop	John Jobling David Richards
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Robin Richards	John Stuckey Niki Morshedi
Sub-Deacon	Daniel Morshedi	Anne Kerin
Crucifer	Tim Clarke	Sebastian Harvey
Acolytes	Manny & TBA	Manny & William
Gospel Bearer	TBA	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Bron Williams Anne Kerin	Bron Williams Daniel Morshedi
Intercessor	Jenny Thomson	Anne Kerin
Organist	Bruce Fethers	Tim Clarke
Post-Service Hospitality	Niki Morshedi Chris Martin	Betty Ladbury Sue Lockey
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	Chris Martin
Readers	--	Tim Clarke Roxane Hislop
Organist	--	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post Service Hospitality	--	Amery
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Caroline l'Huillier & Jane Fyfield	Robin Richards
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Woods <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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