

PEW SHEET

Day of Pentecost

8th June 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

OPENING HYMN

- 1. Come down, O Love divine, seek now this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
- 2. There let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming; and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3. Let holy charity my outer garment be, and lowliness become my inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4. And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace till we become the place in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco de Siena d. 1434 tr. Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-90 alt TIS 398 ▼ 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.'

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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

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

Lord, have mercy. 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

et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis. Laudámus te, benedícimus te, Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

here it is customary to make a slight bow

adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

here it is customary to make a slight bow

Jesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis; qui tollis peccáta mundi,

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:

here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'súscipe deprecatiónem nostrum' súscipe deprecatiónem nostram. Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus,

receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High

here it is customary to make a slight bow

Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in ₩ glória Dei Patris. Amen.

Jesus Christ, of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis

[11.1-9]

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, how various are your works: in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

> There is the wide, immeasurable sea: there move living things without number, great and small;

There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.

These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it: when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face, they are troubled: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit they are created: and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his works.

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble: if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him: for my joy shall be in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[2.1-21]

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [14.8-17] *Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

Holy God, we give thanks for the coming of the Spirit to your church. We ask that the gifts of the Spirit may be revealed in all your people: may the church share the gifts that you have given to it; may we go out in the power of the Spirit to proclaim your love and your glory. We praise you and pray for all who have the gifts of ministry, preaching and pastoral care; for gifted musicians and singers; for composers and leaders of our worship.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

May the creative power of the Holy Spirit be worked through the talents of all who enrich and beautify our world: artists, writers, craftspeople and actors; for all who communicate and all who work in education; for those who through their talents provide us with food and clothing. Keep safe all those whose talent is unused through fear or opposition, and nurture all who feel thwarted in their ambitions and talents.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the working of the Spirit in our lives, for the gifts we have and the guidance we have received. We give thanks for those who have been our teachers and educators, for all who have brought us into a fuller and richer life. Bless our homes and our loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

By your Holy Spirit, come to the aid and comfort of all who feel fearful and close themselves in, those who are locked in by anxiety or guilt, all who are afraid to venture and risk. We remember before you all whose lives are restricted by illness or disability, all who are frustrated by being limited by

circumstances. In particular in their need at this time, we pray for: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, Daniel and Anne. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**.

We give thanks that you are the God who breathes new life into us; you are the God who restores and refreshes us. We give thanks that you give us new life in your kingdom. As we remember before you those who have died, we pray that we, with them, may share with your saints in glory: Hilda Jane Boulter, Albert Ernest Hartkopf, Harry Norman Turner, Clementine Eva Rickards, Betty Ferguson Gedye, Dulcie May Harrison, George Papasavvas. 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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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. All my hope on God is founded; all my trust he will renew, through all change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

- 2. Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; all we build with care and labour, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
- 3. God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom, passing thought; splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4. Daily the almighty giver will his bounteous gifts bestow; in his will our souls find pleasure, leading us where'er we go.
 Love will stand at his hand, joy shall wait for his command.
- 5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

If 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:

During the 'Sanctus, Sanctus' it is customary to make a low bow

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...

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

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.

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, 'Pingstsång' by Harald Fryklöf.

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:

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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. O thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.
- 2. There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

4. ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

> Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt TIS 572(i)

The organist plays the Postlude.

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 22 JUNE - ADMISSION TO COMMUNION On Sunday 22 June we shall celebrate the transferred Feast of Corpus Christi –

giving thanks for Jesus gift of himself to us of his Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. At the 9:30am Choral Eucharist William and Bella Ross will be admitted to Communion, before they look toward Confirmation at a later age. Please come and support them for this significant occasion.

'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.

'IN A PERSIAN GARDEN' PERFORMANCE – SAT 28 JUNE AT 2PM

'In a Persian Garden', one of Liza Lehmann's most acclaimed works, is to be presented by the Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan Society at Saint John's Finch Street on Saturday 28 June at 2pm. Written in 1896, it is the musical setting of the renowned 'Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam' in which a philosopher-poet contemplates the beauties of nature, the essence of love, the mysteries of existence, the joys of wines, and the necessity of seizing the day. Bookings at the door or trybooking.com/DCAMM. Details Rachel 0227 275 006.

JOINT PARISH EUCHARIST – ST PETER'S DAY – 29 JUNE AT 9:30AM A special Joint Parish Eucharist will be held at Saint John's Finch Street at 9:30am on St Peter's Day – Sunday 29 June. Please join us for a special celebration, which also marks the anniversary – to the day – of 6 years since Fr Alex's induction as Vicar the Ross Family's being in the parish, as well as 12 years since Fr Alex and Kirsty were both ordained together as deacons at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. There will be no other services in the parish that Sunday – come along and celebrate as one parish family, as we welcome a very special guest preacher: the Reverend Kirsty Ross! Followed by a festive Vicarage Lunch – please come along!

MORNING TEA ROTA ON SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM – CAN YOU HELP? More volunteers are needed to help with Morning Tea after the 9:30am Choral Eucharist on Sunday mornings – please contact the Vicar if you can help.

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!

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 STIDENT 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	8 June 2025	15 June 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Bev Kocsis	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Sue McMahon	Roxane Hislop
Readers	Greg Thompson	Roxane Hislop
	David Arden	TBA
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	John Stuckey Chris Martin	Sue Lockey Robin Richards
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Daniel Morshedi
Crucifer	Anne Kerin	Rick Burman
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	David Reece Sue Lockey	Robert Buckmaster Robin Richards
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	Robert Buckmaster
Organist	David Brennan	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	ТВС	CK Choong Morshedi Family
6.00pm		
Welcomers		Sally Wallis
Readers		David Brennan TBA
Organist		Tim Clarke
Post Service Hospitality		The Vicar
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Ingrid Hogan & Gayle Arden	Lou Robinson
Bins (for the week after	David Richards	David Arden
Sunday)	Garden & Garbage	Recycling & Garbage



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