

PEW SHEET

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

6th July 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

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 Philip Mathias.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

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

OPENING HYMN

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'

and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

Samuel John Stone 1839-1900 alt
TIS 457

✠ 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.

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.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

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

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Prophet Isaiah

[66.10-14]

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice greatly with her,

all you who mourn over her.

For you will nurse and be satisfied

at her comforting breasts;

you will drink deeply

and delight in her overflowing abundance.”

For this is what the Lord says:

“I will extend peace to her like a river,

and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;

you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you;
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”
When you see this, your heart will rejoice
and you will flourish like grass;
the hand of the Lord will be made known to his servants,
but his fury will be shown to his foes.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[66:1-8]

O shout with joy to God, all the earth:
sing to the honour of his name,
and give him glory as his praise.

**Say to God ‘How fearful are your works:
because of your great might
your enemies shall cower before you.’**

All the earth shall worship you:
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.

Come then and see what God has done:

how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they crossed the river on foot:
then were we joyful because of him.

**By his power he rules for ever,
his eyes keep watch on the nations:
and rebels shall never rise against him.**

O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,

**Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

[6.1-18]

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.
Amen.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. [10.1-24]

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to

you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.

“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

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 God of all creation, guide us as we strive to serve you, give us joy in our work and hope for a good outcome. We pray for all who work as labourers in your harvest: may they draw others to you rather than themselves; give them grace to speak out against wrong and to support what is right and good. Give to all who work in mission and ministry the gift of discernment.

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

We give thanks for the wealth and the harvest of the world. We pray that none may hunger or be deprived, that the produce and goods of the world may be shared with justice. Remember in your mercy areas where crops have failed, where people have been driven out of their homeland.

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

We give thanks for all that you have given to us; teach us to be generous and to share with others. Let us never tire of doing good works. We pray for our places of work and where we fulfill ourselves. We remember all who are unemployed and live in poverty.

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

We pray for all who have never been able to work or who have lost their employment through illness. We remember all who suffer through any physical disease or disfigurement, all who are restricted in their movement and ability. We ask your blessing on friends and loved ones who are in need: Ali, Andrew, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, Daniel and Anne.

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

We pray for all who mourn, all who are bereaved, all who are grieving. We remember especially any left on their own and finding it hard to cope. We ask your blessing on our loved ones who are renewed in your kingdom: those who have died recently, Alan Dilnot, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Edward John Dammery, Edward Collier Scott, Fred Hore, Amy Marie Rigg, Reginald Fenwick Brown.

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

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. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice;

3. people and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest;
and all who suffer want are blessed.

5. Where he displays his healing power
death and the curse are known no more;
in him the tribes of Adam boast
more blessings than their father lost.

6. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt
TIS 207

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, 'Herrscher über Tod und Leben' from J.S Bach cantata Liebster Gott, wenn wird ich sterben?

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 peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art:
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt
TIS 217(i)

The organist plays the Postlude.

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

CARITAS DINNER MONDAY 7 JULY 6:15PM

Monday 7th July 6.15pm, a dinner out at Ross Town Hotel. 1084 Dandenong Rd Carnegie. Parking behind hotel from Dandenong Rd service lane or Koornang Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend, please RSVP to Rosemary (0417 532 118) by Friday 4th July.

VICAR ON LEAVE 30 JUNE UNTIL 8 JULY

The Vicar will be away on leave from Monday 30 June until Tuesday 8 July. During this time please contact Fr Marc for urgent pastoral needs or the Churchwardens for any other parish matters.

PASTORAL CARE AND VISITING – PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR

The Vicar is always pleased to offer pastoral care or to visit at home or in hospital parishioners or any others who may wish. This may be with Holy Communion, prayers and anointing with oil for healing, or just for a chat! A number of parishioners are also always ready to reach out for fellowship or friendship, as well as practical assistance through our Casserole Bank or any other helping hand. Please contact the Vicar (0431 308 703 or vicar@saintjohns.org.au) if you – or someone you know – would like a visit or may be in need of any care.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL EVENSONG – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the scheduled invitation for our Parish Choir to sing at St Paul's Cathedral for Choral Evensong on Sunday 13 July has had to be rescheduled. The new date will be Sunday 12 October at 4pm.

INVITATION TO SPECIAL SERVICE AT ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

On Sunday 13 July at 5pm we are invited to form a parish contingent led by the Vicar to attend a special service of Evensong and Benediction at St Peter's Eastern Hill in celebration of the founding of the 'Oxford Movement' almost 200 years ago and the renewal of the Catholic heart of Anglicanism of which we are inheritors today in the Diocese of Melbourne.

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. Please contact the Vicar if you would be interested.

CHORAL EVENSONG

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 6PM



SAINT JOHN'S



FINCH STREET

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday March 5, 6pm*

TENEBRAE *Tuesday April 15, 7:30pm*

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday April 17, 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION *Friday April 18, 10am*

EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday April 20, 9:30am*

SCHOLARS' SOIREE *Friday May 9, 7pm*

MIDWINTER COMPLINE *Sunday June 22, 8pm*

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT *Friday September 19, 7pm*

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG *Sunday October 12, 4pm*

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	6 July 2025	13 July 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Bev Kocsis	TBA
Server	Sally Wallis	TBA
Readers	Greg Thompson David Arden	TBA
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Robin Richards Sue Lockey	TBA
Sub-Deacon	Sebastian Harvey	TBA
Crucifer	Rick Burman	TBA
Acolytes	NA	NA
Gospel Bearer	NA	NA
Thurifer	NA	NA
Readers	TBA Rosemary Wickett	TBA
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	TBA
Organist	David Brennan	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Rosemary Wickett Betty Ladbury	TBA
6.00pm		
Welcomers	Chris Martin	--
Readers	John Jobling Marigold Draper	--
Organist	Bruce Fethers	--
Post Service Hospitality	Chris Martin Anne Kerin	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	TBA	TBA
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Woods <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	TBA <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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