

PEW SHEET

Trinity Sunday

15th 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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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 the 'Short Service' by Charles Wood.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

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

OPENING HYMN

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber 1783-1826
NEH 146 / TIS 132 (Nicea)*

✠ 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.’

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

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.

♪ Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, 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

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all, both near and far: by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **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 Proverbs

[8.1-4, 22-31]

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
‘To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[8]

O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

**Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

You have founded a strong defence
against your adversaries:

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**

What are we, that you should be mindful of us:

what are we, that you should care for us?

**Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.**

You have given us dominion over your handiwork:

and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

All sheep and oxen:

and all the creatures of the field,

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:

and everything that moves

in the pathways of the great waters.

O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

[5.1-5]

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's

love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
‘The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.’ **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [16.12-15]

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to 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

Father, we give you thanks for creation, for the beauty, wonder and order of our universe. We give thanks that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We pray for the work of your church in conservation and preservation, that we may reflect your love for the world. We pray that your church may give strength, encouragement and hope to family life and society.

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

Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we give thanks for your love in redemption. We pray for the emergency services and for relief agencies, for all who risk their lives and give their lives for others. Console in your compassion all those affected by the Air India crash earlier this week and sustain the work of those who will work in recovery and investigation in its aftermath.

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

Holy Spirit of God, we give thanks for the life you breathe into us, for the talents and abilities you give to us. We give you thanks and pray for our homes, our communities and our places of work. Guide and equip all teachers of the faith, pastors and theologians. We ask that you will lead us all into ways of justice and peace.

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

We pray for all who do not know or love you, O God, for all who have not become aware of your mystery and wonder, all who do not feel or trust in your presence. Fill with assurance and confidence all those who doubt or despair, all who suffer through illness, neglect or violence. We remember, in your presence, friends and loved ones in need, sickness or any other adversity, and particularly: Ali, Andrew, Alan, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, Daniel and Anne.

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

We give thanks for the mystery of the Trinity and seek to enjoy the wonder of Three Persons in One God. We rejoice that, as you have made us, you

give us life eternal. We commend into your keeping all who have come closer to the knowledge of your threefold presence and enjoy your heavenly fellowship, although departed this life: Frederick John Daniel Syer, Percy James Black, Linda May Heydon, Clare Jane Louise Nicholson, Fred Hore, George Rowland Bunkin, Eleanor White Bunkin, Edith Tayler.

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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. The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
the Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.**

**2. The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace**

shall guide us all our happy days
in all our ways.

He calls us each a friend,
he calls himself our God;
and he shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.

3. He by himself has sworn,
we on his oath depend:
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'almighty King!'
who was and is the same
and evermore shall be,
the Lord, our Father, great I AM
eternally.

5. Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
all praising his almighty grace,
for ever new.
He shows his wounds of love,
they kindle to a flame
and sound through all the world above
the slaughtered Lamb.

6. The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'
they ever cry.

**Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are yours,
and endless praise.**

*Thomas Olivers 1725-99 alt
based on the Jewish Yigdal c.13th cent. and Revelation 4 and 5
TIS 125*

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, 'Cherubic Hymn' by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here.

The priest prays this post-communion prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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 says this blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace; *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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love.

2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts.
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939 alt
TIS 153

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.

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.

‘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. 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!

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 advised as soon as possible.

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. Come and be renewed in fellowship and faith with other Anglicans in our Diocese as we share in common worship and witness before the Sacrament of our sustaining and strength!

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



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	15 June 2025	22 June 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Lorraine Bisdee	Joel Ringrose
Server	Roxane Hislop	Greg Thompson
Readers	Roxane Hislop TBA	Joel Ringrose Roxane Hislop
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Sue Lockey Robin Richards	Rosemary Wickett Robin Richards
Sub-Deacon	Daniel Morshedi	Tim Clarke
Crucifer	Rick Burman	Satoshi Okita
Acolytes	Manny & William	Manny & William
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	S Mascitti	TBA
Readers	Robert Buckmaster Robin Richards	David Brennan TBA
Intercessor	Robert Buckmaster	Jenny Thomson
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	Bruce Fethers
Post-Service Hospitality	CK Choong Morshedi Family	Chris Martin Rosemary Wickett
6.00pm		
Welcomers	Sally Wallis	8PM MIDWINTER COMPLINE SERVICE
Readers	TBA TBA	
Organist	Tim Clarke	
Post Service Hospitality	The Vicar	
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Lou Robinson	Caroline l’Huillier & Robin Richards
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Arden <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>	Jim Morse <i>Garden & Garbage</i>



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