

## PEW SHEET

# Feast of the Transfiguration (transferred)

10<sup>th</sup> August 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)

### Vicar

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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. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph over shades of night;  
dayspring from on high, be near;  
day-star, in my heart appear.**

**2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
if you seem not close to me;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till your mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more yourself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt  
TIS 212*

✠ 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.’

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

**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.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

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

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus 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 Daniel

[7.9-10, 13-14]

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[97]

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of islands be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him:  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**His lightnings light the world:  
the earth sees it and quakes.**

The mountains melt like wax before his face:  
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:  
and all peoples have seen his glory.**

They are ashamed, all those who serve idols  
and glory in mere nothings:  
all gods bow down before him.

**Zion heard and was glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

[1:16-21]

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia,**

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!’ **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[9.2-10]

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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 of glory, it is good that we are here. In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm our faith in you and pray for all those exploring the Good News of Christ or coming to know Jesus. Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go and guide those who are seeking. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church, proclaiming your beloved Son to the world and listening to the promptings of his Spirit. We pray for unity amongst Christians, perseverance for those churches which meet under persecution, and refreshment for churches lacking in vision or energy. Renew your whole church in holiness that she may reflect your glory.

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

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war. Bring lasting peace to places and peoples divided by ancient enmity and an end to wars of aggression for resources and land. May the nations be healed by the touch of your hand.

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

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress, suffering as your Son has suffered and waiting for the salvation you promise. We pray this day for Ali, Andrew, Liz, Cam, Christopher, Warwick, and Sue. May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.

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

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you so that we shall be glorified with you. According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers and sisters to see him with their own eyes in majesty and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory. Into this hope we commend at this time: Nicholas Frederick Owen Lunn, Ada Florence Waterman, Linda Ruth Durance, Anne Oakley, Edith May Storey, Jeremy Cawse.

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**

Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

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. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart -  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

## 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*

**♪ O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
**O 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, 'O Nata Lux' by Thomas Tallis.*

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Notices may be given here.*

*The priest prays this post-communion prayer*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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:*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

*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, you are clothed with light,  
as with a garment fair,  
and in your holy sight  
the saints your beauty wear;  
the heavens and all therein express  
the glory of your holiness.

2. Give me a robe of light  
that I may walk with you:  
bright as the stars are bright,  
pure as their light is pure;  
whose texture sin shall never stain,  
but ever undefiled remain.

3. But can a sinner dare,  
in rags, and sore ashamed,  
lift up to God the prayer  
which now my lips have framed,  
while glowing seraphs fold their wings,  
and pour their sinless offerings?

4. O Christ, I lift my eyes;  
your love for me I own;  
in your great sacrifice  
remains my hope alone;  
the robe is mine, my soul to dress,  
of everlasting righteousness.

*Hymn from the Russian Church*  
*tr. John Brownlie 1857-1925 alt*  
*TIS 193*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### MEMORIAL GARDEN UPGRADE – PROGRESS REPORT

Have you noticed how close we are to completing the Memorial Garden upgrade? Thanks to Chris Prior for polishing the plinth base and for laying the very important plaque, ably assisted by John Jobling. This was a huge undertaking and is now looking splendid. The next step is installation of the water feature in the centre of the spiral and reconnection of the electricity to light the garden. These steps are very close. Our improved sacred space is a delight and will continue to hold memories from the past and into the future.

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### PLANNED GIVING – ENVELOPES OR DIRECT DEBIT

As we approach the church's new financial year (beginning 1 October) now is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider your stewardship to support the parish's mission and ministry. A convenient way to do this is through a regular Direct Debit which can be set up through the parish's dedicated and confidential giving account with the Anglican Development Fund. For more details about how to set this up please speak to Treasurer Sebastian Harvey or Parish Recorder Jane Fyfield who are the only people in the parish who know the details of individual giving. If you have been in the habit of using the old 'envelope' system and would like to continue, please also speak to Jane Fyfield.

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### CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT – FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

Save the date for the upcoming 'Showcase Concert' performed by our wonderful Parish Choir on Friday 19 September at 7pm in the church at Saint John's Finch Street. The theme this year is 'Folk Songs from the British Isles' including works by Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams and a selection of songs by Robert Burns set to music and translated into German by Robert Schumann. Tickets are \$30.

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### CARITAS THEATRE NIGHT – THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 8PM

All are invited to the Caritas Theatre Night at the Malvern Theatre Company 29 Burke Road East Malvern, on Thursday 21 August at 8pm. Tickets are \$20pp. "The Humans" a poignant, award-winning drama that, with humour and compassion explores the tensions and bonds in family life today. Set in New York when a family comes together for Thanksgiving. It is a warm, funny, uplifting and unsettling play. Everyone is welcome to join us, seats are limited so please get your order in soon to Rosemary on 0417 532 118 or [rosemarywickett@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarywickett@gmail.com)

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## 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	10 August 2025	17 August 2025
<b>8.00am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	Bev Kocsis	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Pat Syer	Greg Thompson
Readers	Greg Thompson David Richards	David Richards John Jobling
<b>9:30am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomers	Rosemary Wickett Chris Martin	Don Heath John Stuckey
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Daniel Morshedi
Crucifer	Anne Kerin	Rick Burman
Acolytes	William and Manny	William and Manny
Gospel Bearer	NA	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Rosemary Wickett David Brennan	Robert Buckmaster Robin Richards
Intercessor	Anne Kerin	Sebastian Harvey
Organist	Tim Clarke	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Rosemary Wickett TBA	CK Choong TBA
<b>6.00pm</b>		
Welcomers	--	Sally Wallis
Readers	--	Elizabeth Woods Sally Wallis
Organist	--	David Brennan
Post Service Hospitality	--	Roxane Hislop
<b>Weekly Duties</b>		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Ingrid Hogan & Robin Richards	Lou Robinson
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Woods <i>Recycling &amp; Garbage</i>	Chris Martin <i>Garden &amp; Garbage</i>



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