

PEW SHEET

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

14th September 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: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Text marked with 🎵 is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am. The Mass Setting this morning is by Harold Darke in F. Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.
2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread:
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.
3. And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.
4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail,
that if the tempter cross my way
yet he may not prevail.

*Isaac Williams 1802-65
AHB 498*

✠ 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

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Exodus

[32.7-14]

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the

land of Egypt!” The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[51:1-10]

Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fulness of your compassion
blot out my offences.

**Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence
and blameless in your judging.**

Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.

**You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness:

let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins:

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Timothy

[1]

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, fornicators, sodomites, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[15.1-10]

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as Paul Annable plays on piano ‘Prelude no. 8’ by J. S. Bach.

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, you come and seek us out, you call us and empower us to live to your glory, you are our Shepherd and guide, you are our God. Seek and bring home all who have strayed from the faith, all who have got lost in various ways, especially any whose lives are in danger. Inspire by your example all who are shepherds of your flock, all ministers, bishops, priests and deacons. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God our protector, we remember before you all who work or live in dangerous places or a hostile environment, all who are suffering at this time from storms and disasters, all who are caught up in strife and warfare. Bring peace and well-being to the world and prosper the efforts of those who seek to keep peace and to bring peace.

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

Lord, we give thanks for all who have sought us out in times of troubles, who have been a strength and a joy to us. Guide all who teach and influence others and let us know your presence in our homes and with our loved ones.

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

We ask you to be with all who walk in darkness: may your love and light protect the depressed and despairing, may your strength and hope be known to the discouraged. We ask your blessing upon all who are in any need at this time, and particularly: Ali, Andrew, Liz, Cam, Warwick, and Harriet.

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

We pray for all who are entering the valley of the shadow of death and for their loved ones in their time of anxiety. Bless all who are in a hospice and all who have the care of the terminally ill. Hold in your embrace all who have died, as we remember: Vivian John Jonas, John Andrew Swindon, John Robert Cowan, William Frederick Dancer, Alfred Sydney Boulter.

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. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

3. Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but his love has pardoned all.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

4. Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

5. He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
where the loved ones I shall meet.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

*Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952
TIS 233*

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 sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us 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, 'Almighty and Merciful God by John Goss.

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; *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. The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The Great King's herald cries from star to star:
'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'
2. The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light':
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
3. The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
4. Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
5. His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Luke Connaughton 1917-79
TIS 282

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

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 and can be purchased at the door or book online at www.trybooking.com/DFEEJ

CHORAL SCHOLAR SASKIA MASCITTI OPERA PRINCIPAL PART!

Saint John's Finch Street Alto Choral Scholar, Saskia Mascitti has a Principal Part in an upcoming production with Melbourne Opera on 18 September at 7:30pm and 20 September at 1:30pm at the Athenaeum Theatre: 'The Old Maid and the Thief', "Gian Carlo Menotti's wittily satirical and sharp comedy of suburban manners and forbidden desire!" Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster!

SRI LANKAN HOPPER & CURRY NIGHT – WED 8 OCTOBER 6:30PM

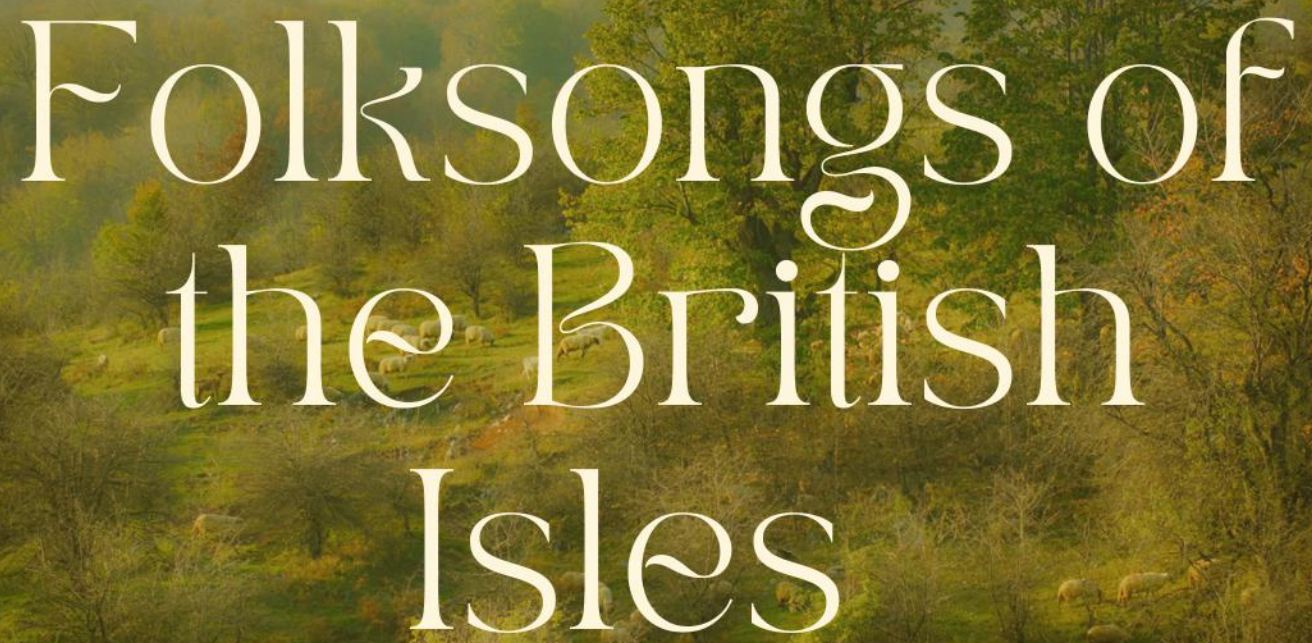
Join us at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly on Wednesday 8 October at 6:30pm for a special 'Hopper Night' (Sri Lankan rice flour cakes) and curry dinner fundraiser for our Weekend Pantry outreach together with Glen Eira CIS. Cost \$40 per head, including dinner, drinks and dessert. To book call Carole: 0416 971 309.

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.

PASTORAL CARE – CASSEROLE BANK

There are lots of delicious casseroles which have been generously prepared for any in need amongst us – or those whom we know – ready for distribution. If you or someone you know might benefit from a free delicious, nutritious and easy meal – please contact the Vicar! They are there for any who would like them.



Folksongs of the British Isles

A Showcase Concert of the Parish
Choir of Saint John's Finch Street
Friday 19 Sept 2025 7PM

Tickets: \$30 including cheese & wine

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and Ralph Vaughan Williams and a
setting in German of poems by
Robert Burns by Robert Schumann.

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ROSTER	14 September 2025	21 September 2025
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Sally Wallis	Lorraine Bisdee
Server	Greg Thompson	Roxane Hislop
Readers	Gayle Arden Joel Ringrose	Greg Thompson David Richards
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Don Heath Rosemary Wickett	John Stuckey Robin Richards
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Anne Kerin
Crucifer	Rick Burman	Daniel Morshedi
Acolytes	William and Manny	William and Manny
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Bella Ross Jenny Thomson	Sue Lockey Rick Burman
Intercessor	Anne Kerin	Jenny Thomson
Organist	Tim Clarke	David Brennan
Post-Service Hospitality	Glenis Heath Chris Martin	Rosemary Wickett Betty Ladbury
6.00pm		
Welcomers	--	Anne Kerin
Readers	--	Chris Martin Anne Kerin
Organist	--	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post Service Hospitality	--	Martin Family
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Glenis Heath & Caroline l'Huillier	Gayle Arden & Lou Robinson
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	John Jobling <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	David Richards <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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