

PEW SHEET

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) - Transferred

1st February 2026

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: 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 Philip Matthias.

Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

1. At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now:
this is the Father's pleasure
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.
3. In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

**4. When this same Lord Jesus
shall appear again
in his Father's glory,
there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.**

*Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 alt
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✠ 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.’

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations. Let us
bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

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

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

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ 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 and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through 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 Prophet Malachi.

[3.1-4]

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[84]

How lovely is your dwelling-place:

O Lord God of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing

to enter the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a home,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you:

in whose heart are the highways to Zion;

**Who, going through the valley of dryness,
find there a spring from which to drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**

They go from strength to strength:
they appear, every one of them,
before the God of gods in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:
and look upon the face of your anointed.

**One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
I would rather stand at the threshold
of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

For the Lord God is a light and a shield,
the Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold
from those who walk in innocence.

**O Lord God of hosts:
blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

[2.14-18]

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. [2:22-40]

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the

daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as the organist plays 'Dearest Jesus, we are here' 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

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light. Encourage and nurture the mission and ministry of this parish at both Saint John's Finch Street and Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly, and of all churches in our Diocese of Melbourne.

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

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world. Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice. Bring peace and justice to places of war and violence, as we continue to pray for the peace of the Holy Land and peace in Ukraine, and peace to the peoples of Iran.

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

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected. Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion. Lift up and restore all those who are rejected in our society, those made outcasts, the forgotten and neglected as we pray for our ministries of outreach: Saint Jack's community lunch at Saint John's and the Weekend Pantry at Saint Agnes'.

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

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor. Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. Particularly we hold before you those who have asked for our prayers: Ali, Andrew, Warwick, Harriet, Diane, Geoffrey.

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

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace. Look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation. We commend to you this morning all who have recently died and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Thomas Peter John King, Merlyn Joan Johnson, Alice Louise Cherry.

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. Where high the heavenly temple stands,
the house of God not made with hands,
a great High Priest our nature wears,
the Saviour of the world appears.

2. He who for us as surety stood,
and poured on earth his precious blood,
pursues in heaven his plan of grace,
the Saviour of the human race.

3. Though now ascended up on high,
he bends on earth a brother's eye;
partaker of the human name,
he knows the frailty of our frame.

4. Our fellow-sufferer yet retains
a fellow-feeling of our pains,
and still remembers in the skies
his tears, his agonies and cries.

5. In every pain that rends the heart
the Man of Sorrows has a part;
he sympathizes with our grief,
and to the sufferer sends relief.

6. With boldness, therefore, at God's throne
let us make all our sorrows known,
and ask the aid of heavenly power
to help us in the evil hour.

Paraphrase by Michael Bruce 1746-67

or possibly by John Logan 1748-88

based on Hebrews 4:14-16, in Scottish Paraphrases 1781 alt

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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, 'Nunc Dimittis' by Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand.

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; *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. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

William Kethe (d. 1594)
NEH 334

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

CARITAS MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 8PM

Home Eucharist and Planning meeting to be held at the home of Margaret Joseph. Anyone interested in joining Caritas this year is welcome to attend. For any enquiries please ring Rosemary on 0417 532 118.

CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 6PM

Join us tonight at 6pm for the return of Choral Evensong, sung by our wonderful Parish Choir. Music includes Responses according to the Durham Use, Canticles by Walmisley in D, the Introit 'O Lord Who by the Leading of a Star' by Thomas Attwood, Lord's Prayer by our own Director of Music Rowan Swarbrick, the Anthem 'Like as the Hart' by Herbert Howells and the Organ Postlude 'Toccata' by Joseph Callaerts, all followed by wine and cheese – all welcome, bring a friend!

EVENSONG CHEESE ROSTER

Please consider putting your name down to donate and serve cheese after one of our services of Evensong in 2026 – either Choral Evensong on the first Sunday of the month or the smaller service of Evensong & Benediction on the third Sunday of each month. Wine is provided by the parish – and with enough volunteers we aim for nobody to need to put their name down more than once or twice in the year. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Thank you!

LOWER HALL GARDEN WORKING BEE SATURDAY 14 FEB 9:30AM

A significant challenge for the parish has been the effort over the last 12 months to lease the Lower Hall – a major stream of revenue which enables our mission and ministry. We are renewing our efforts at the beginning of this year and the first step is to organise a Working Bee with the Garden Group on Saturday 14 February at 9:30am to do some much-needed maintenance and approve the property's attractiveness to potential new tenants. This follows the extensive work which was done by parishioners at our last Working Bee in April 2025 – it is not envisaged there will be as much work to be done this time – but if you could spare some time to help out please come along on Saturday 14 February at 9:30am and, if possible, bring gloves, brooms, rakes and cutting implements.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6PM WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

There will be two Ash Wednesday services offered on 18 February to begin the Lenten season – a simple service with Imposition of Ashes at 9:30am at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly, and a choral service also with Ashes at 6pm at Saint John's Finch Street which is followed by a simple meal and the first session of our Lenten Study. All are encouraged to observe this important day in the calendar.

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 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 6pm*

TENEBRAE *Tuesday March 31, 7:30pm*

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday April 2, 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION *Friday April 3, 10am*

EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday April 5, 9:30am*

BACH CANTATA EVENSONG *Sunday May 3, 6pm*

SCHOLARS' SOIREE *Friday May 22, 7pm*

MIDWINTER COMPLINE *Sunday June 28, 8pm*

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT *Friday July 31, 7pm*

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG *Sunday August 30, 4pm*

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM *Sunday November 1, 7pm*

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS *Sunday December 20, 7:30pm*

MIDNIGHT MASS *Thursday December 24, 11pm*

CHRISTMAS MORNING *Friday December 25, 9:30am*

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

featuring Byrd's Mass for Three Voices and the
Motet "Remember not, Lord, our offences" by
Henry Purcell

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
6PM

followed by a simple
Lenten meal and the
first of our Lenten
Studies

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ANGLICAN CHURCH



Worship & Event Highlights 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 9:30am*

SRI LANKAN LUNCH *Sunday March 22, 12noon*

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK *TBA*

LENTEN TAIZE EVENING *TBA*

GOOD FRIDAY *Friday April 3, 12noon*

EASTER DAY VIGIL *Sunday April 5, 6am*

SWINGBAND AFTERNOON TEA *Sunday June 14, 1:30pm*

HOPPER & CURRY NIGHT *Wednesday August 5, 6pm*

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK *Wednesday December 9, 6pm*

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING *Friday December 18, 6pm*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS *Thursday December 24, 9pm*

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ROSTER	1 February 2026	8 February 2026
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	Jim Morse	Bev Kocsis
Server	Pat Syer	Sue McMahon
Readers	Joel Ringrose David Richards	John Jobling David Arden
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Rosemary Wickett Niki Morshedi	David Reece Sue Lockey
Sub-Deacon	Tim Clarke	Jane Fisher
Crucifer	Sebastian Harvey	Satoshi Okita
Acolytes	William and Manny	William and Manny
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	David Reece Daniel Morshedi	Bron Williams Robert Buckmaster
Intercessor	Robin Richards	Jenny Thomson
Organist	David Brennan	Tim Clarke
Post-Service Hospitality	Don & Glenis Heath	Caroline l'Huillier Chris Martin
6.00pm		
Welcomers	Chris Martin	--
Readers	Roxane Hislop John Jobling	--
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	--
Post Service Hospitality	David & Gayle Arden	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	Robin Richards & Niki Morshedi	Gayle Arden & Glenis Heath
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	Jim Morse <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	David Woods <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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