



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

Welcome to St George's

1st Sunday after Christmas, Holy Innocents

27 December 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

3 January 2021



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| Today 27 December | 9.30am 5:00pm | Eucharist with Hymns – Rev'd Brenda Williams Eucharist with Meditation – Fr Ray Cleary |
| Tuesday 29 December | 9:15am | Morning Prayer (Zoom) |
| Thursday 31 December | 9.00am 10.15am | Morning Prayer Eucharist |
| Next Sunday 3 January | 8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm | Eucharist – Fr Ray Cleary Eucharist with Hymns – Fr Ray Cleary Eucharist with Meditation – Fr Ray Cleary |
| Tuesday 5 January | 9:15am | Morning Prayer (Zoom) |

ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Tuesday, 29 December 2020

9.15am Morning Prayer, ID: 812 5306 5742, Password: SGM3144, or you can connect by putting into your search browser the following, [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812 5306 5742](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812%205306%205742)

Tuesday, 5 January 2020

9.15am Morning Prayer, ID: 896 7042 2239, Password: 872710, or you can connect by putting into your search browser the following, [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/896 7042 2239](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/896%207042%202239)

CHURCH OPENING AND CLOSING DURING JANUARY

The Church office will be closed from 24 December at 12noon and will reopen on 21 January. Brenda Williams will be on leave from 31 December till 11 January. Fr. Ray will be in the office and if you need to make contact with him, please email or ring him, details as follows:

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Emails sent via the office will only be responded every third or fourth day.

FROM THE LOCUM VICAR

Today we are observing the Holy Innocents. Feast is probably the wrong word for it as it is the account of Herod's action in having murdered all the male children 2 years and under at the time of the birth of Jesus to protect his own authority and power. This has focused my thoughts this week on the plight of children in many parts of the world.

One often hears at this time of year that Christmas is for children. A time where children are the centre of attention and provide a focal point for the gathering of many families across the world embracing the many dimensions of religious, cultural and consumer elements.

For a number of years, I was a Board member of the International Forum for Child welfare, a UN sponsored organization that promoted the needs of children across the world.

Throughout my term of nine years the message was loud and clear that, in spite of the rhetoric worldwide on the rights and needs of children as paramount, the words are not matched by a political will and the necessary resources in others. The recent abduction of school children in Nigeria, an event that occurred also a few years earlier is a stark example of how the lives of children are abused by those with power and apparently no moral compass. In some country's children are seen as expendable, abused, exploited and sold into slavery for the profit of others.

With the increase in family violence and the regular reports of abuse against children we continue to fail those whose lives are scarred. Jesus calls us to care for all and at this time of the year let us focus on ensuring that we protect the lives of the innocent.

Shalom
Ray

**The bell rings as we gather together. Text printed in bold is said by all.*

WELCOME

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.

Sentence: '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.

Hymns will be sung at 10.00am

HYMN – see separate sheet

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.**

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence is kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.**

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.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.

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Saving God,
whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light of the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Eternal God,
in whose sight a thousand years are like a watch in the night:
guide us now and always, as you have led us in times past,
that our hearts may learn to choose your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Readers:

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9.30am – John Batt

5.00pm – Rev'd Brenda Williams

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8.00am – Judy Mallinson

10.00am – Greta Brooks

5.00pm – Betty Renjen

First Reading:

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Jeremiah 31:15-20

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Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader For the Word of the Lord
ALL **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

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Psalm 124

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Psalm 147:12-20

Second Reading

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1 John 1:5-2.2

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Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader For the Word of the Lord

ALL **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**
You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you.
The white robed army of martyrs praise you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL **And also with you**

Reader Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.... (see below)

ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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Matthew 2:13-18

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John 1:1-18

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE HOMILY

Silence is kept

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and together 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,
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, 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 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.**

THE PRAYERS

Led by:

27 December 2020

9.30am – Simon Dickie

5.00pm – Fr Ray Cleary

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8.00am – Jenny Robertson

10.00am – Judy Wright

5.00pm – Fr Ray Cleary

*Prayers are offered for the world and for the church. Please join in the response, led by the
Intercessor.*

Let us pray to the Father through the risen Christ who is close to us now and always.

Silence is kept

For the Anglican Church

We give thanks for Fr Gregory Seach as he prepares to come among us.

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We pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches; The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Christ Church Grammar School (Neil Andary, Principal; Linda Fiske, Chaplain); St Andrew's Brighton (Ian Morrison, Michelle Wang).

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

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We pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; St Peter's Bundoora (Jobby John); Yarraville Anglican Parish – Confirmation Service (Bishop Kate Prowd).

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

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for John, Georgia, Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Ann, Leon, Erica, Josh, Eric, and members of the Parish in hospital facing surgery or recovering from an illness.

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

For the Faithful Departed

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We also pray for Simonette Guest, Archelaus Richards, Ellen (Nellie) Richards, Augusta Lesh, Margaret Stokes, Mildred Budds, Norman Eastaugh, Alexandra McLaughlan *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

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We also pray for Geoffrey Mogg, John Richard Sylva, Joyce Whitaker, Gwenneth Cunningham, Colin Cave, John Gregory, Nola Watson, Stanley Owen *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

Intercessor: Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers.

All Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We greet one another with a sign of peace. The table is laid and our offerings received.

We are the body of Christ

His spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN – see separate sheet

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

The sacrament of the Eucharist is given with these words
The body of Christ. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
God for whom we wait
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

HYMN – see separate sheet

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

| BIBLE READINGS:3 January | 2nd Sunday after Christmas |
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| Jeremiah 31:7-14 | Ephesians 1:3-14 |
| Psalm 147:12-20 | John 1:1-18 |

NOTICES

TMA

The December TMA is now available in the church. Please take your copy and pass it on to a friend. Also, there are posters to be distributed for the Christmas services to friendly shop keepers, friends and family.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Parish Memorial garden is in regular use by many in our community. It is place of rest, solace and prayer for departed loved ones. It is also a space for reflection and contemplation. If you are using the gardens during the pandemic, please maintain social distancing and wear a mask.

PEW BULLETIN

With Coved restrictions being eased, St George's is now able to accommodate up to 50 people in Church on any day. The number is 50 due to the fact that there are still protocols we need to observe. It will not be necessary to register your intention to attend any of the services unless advised otherwise.

Copies of the pew bulletin will be available in hard copy at each service.

ONGOING COVID REQUIREMENTS

As we continue to follow both State Government and Diocese regulations regarding easing of Covid 19 restrictions, we are unable to enjoy refreshments yet, have sides persons, full choir or a full complement in each sanctuary party.

We will observe minimal singing in Church for the present.

Covid Safe Officers [CSOs] continue to be required at all services to maintain our compliance. If you, or any one you know, would like to train as a CSO, particularly for Sunday 8.00am or 5.00pm services, please let me or Brenda know.

The following restrictions are still being enforced, whilst in the church or on the property:

- Face masks in Church should continue to be worn, covering nose and mouth, at all times [unless you have an exemption and unless otherwise advised by the Presider.
- Sanitize your hands-on arrival and immediately prior to leaving the property
- Sign-in in the place you are using: Vestry, Office, or at the Parish Centre entrance for those on site generally eg in the garden, or in the South Transept if using the church.
- When on the property, but not attending a service, sign-in using the red headed sheet
- Please note the requirement to clean all areas and items you have personally touched or used whilst on site. Disinfectant wipes, of the stipulated grade, are provided for your use
- Those using the Vestry ... please be mindful that the space only allows a maximum of two people at any one time.

DONATION

On Sunday, 24 January 2021, Fr Ray will be presiding at his last service at St George's. This will be followed by the traditional Parish Barbeque during which we would like to acknowledge the tremendous service that Fr Ray has provided to our congregation during a very difficult and challenging 2020. We would like to take the opportunity to thank and farewell him and provide him with a lasting memento from St George's.

If you would like to make a donation towards a presentation to him, please place your cash donation into a **firmly sealed envelope** marked clearly as 'DONATION FOR Fr RAY' and place either:

1. In the collection plate
2. Hand to Nisha in the office (Her hours are: Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm and Thursday 9.30am-3.00pm)
3. Hand to a Warden
4. Hand to the Sides person (if there is one)

If you have any difficulties, please contact any of the Wardens. (Numbers are in the pew Bulletin)

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(Note: For the present time, the office will only be open on Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. However, you can call the office number and leave a message or alternatively, you can send an email)

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