



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

Welcome to St George's

4th Sunday after Epiphany

31 January 2021



**REGISTRATION FOR THE
INDUCTION SERVICE AND CHORAL EUCHARIST SERVICE
FOR FR GREGORY SEACH**

Please be advised that registration for the Induction Service for the new Vicar on 3 February at 7.30pm is necessary. There are spaces for 70 people at this service.

Please register at: www.trybooking.com/BNTMB

There are more spaces available for the first Eucharist Service for Fr Gregory on Sunday, 7 February at 9.30am. It is possible for up to 120 to attend on the Sunday if all the protocols are followed. Parishioners are also required to register for this service.

Please register at www.trybooking.com/BNTNG

Note: Anyone who does not have internet access should contact Brian Corless on 0408 504 375.

Refreshments will be served after both services.

LIVE STREAMING OF THE INDUCTION SERVICE FOR FR GREGORY SEACH

Please click on the link below to view the INDUCTION OF DR GREGORY SEACH which is scheduled to commence at 7:30 PM on 03/02/2021

<https://livestream.com/accounts/9402209/events/9490709>

ON CLICKING THE LINK A PICTURE WILL APPEAR WITH THE NAME OF THE EVENT. PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON ANY OTHER SCREEN ITEMS AS THE BROADCAST WILL START AUTOMATICALLY usually a few minutes before the scheduled start time provided. NO VIDEO FEED WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL START OF STREAMING.

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Today 31 January	8.00am 10.00am 5:00pm	Eucharist – Fr Ray Cleary Eucharist and Holy Baptism – Fr Ray Cleary Eucharist and Meditation – Fr Ray Cleary
Tuesday 2 February	9:15am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 3 February	7.30pm	Induction of Fr Gregory Seach
Thursday 4 February	9.00am 10.15am	Morning Prayer Eucharist
Friday 5 February	9.00am	Morning prayer
Next Sunday 7 February	9.30am 5:00pm	Eucharist – Fr Gregory Seach Eucharist with Meditation – Rev'd Brenda Williams

ZOOM SERVICES AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Tuesday, 2 February

9.15am Morning Prayer: ID: 878 6767 2578, Password: SGM3144 or you can connect by putting into your search browser the following, [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/878 6767 2578](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/878%206767%202578)



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2021 Sharwood Lecture in Church Law



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Melbourne Tuesday 16 March 2021 | Sydney Wednesday 17 March 2021

The fourth Sharwood Lecture in Church Law will be delivered in Melbourne and Sydney by the Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO

Will the ties that bind break under the strain? The future for the constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.

This topic is relevant in light of the current issues facing the Anglican church after the Commonwealth legislative reforms permitting same-sex marriage and the recent Appellate Tribunal decisions in regard to the blessing of marriages, including same-sex marriages, and clergy discipline. The lecture will not be limited to these issues, but they will be used to highlight the broader issues with the current constitution and explore what the future could be for the constitution and the Anglican Church of Australia.

The fourth Robin Sharwood Lecture will be delivered by the Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO. Justice Mullins is a judge of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Since 2014 she has been the Chancellor of the Diocese of Brisbane, having previously served as Deputy Chancellor since 2004.

Justice Mullins is the Chair of the Church Law Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021

Time: 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments

Location: The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College,
100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

Cost: Free admission, but bookings are essential

RSVP: By COB Friday 12 March 2021 [Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Matilda Sholly | events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au | 03 9348
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FROM THE LOCUM VICAR

This is not an apparition, it is me. I have returned or perhaps more accurately have not left. Brenda, our curate has not yet fully recovered and will hopefully return to work Monday, 1 February in time for the Induction of Fr Gregory on Wednesday, 3 February.

The week past has not been without its discomfort, distress and ambivalence in regard to Australia Day. One media outlet has denounced the recognition of the naming of Australia Day as Invasion Day by indigenous people who have been here for 65,000 years and also criticised our public broadcaster for doing so. Media reports suggest we are divided on both the name and date of the day, a discussion that began in the late 1930's. As I said in my address last Sunday, the European settlers in the 18th century brought to this country their values and beliefs from their country of origin. They sought to establish themselves free of the limitations of an established ruling class and open to creating a life for themselves and families full of hope and optimism. The new life was not without its struggles. Droughts and flooding rains played havoc with expectations and dreams. Perseverance was necessary and the bond of mate ship and supports for one another a key element in the new country.

The indigenous people of this land, here for 65,000 years were exploited, murdered, and discriminated against in ways that still leave pain, suffering, rejection and the destruction of sacred sites and their lifestyles. I went on further to say a renewed vision is urgently needed which acknowledges the failures of our history, values that have been achieved and which sadly have been rejected or ignored in recent time in a range of industries and public service, and that we need to set priorities and an ethical framework which sees all Australian's benefit from the resources and wealth the country has available. The growing disparity between rich and poor needs to be addressed urgently, the attitudes to asylum seekers and refugees must be more generous and less judgmental, our response to the indigenous people more generous and accepting, and key issues like climate change given their proper consideration. This strategic form of leadership appears unlikely to come from the political process in the near future unless there are greater demands from the community including people of faith, for more transparent, honest and open debates on the life and death issues facing our nation. These discussions should reflect the belief that all Australians should be able to share in the bounty of this land with respect and justice and acknowledge our global responsibilities to others. Christians have a responsibility to participate in these debates and a healthy democracy demands this engagement. Australia Day provides an opportunity for this reflection and to address the challenges before us. As Pope Francis recently wrote we need new signposts for the coming days ones that embrace reconciliation and the search for a peaceful common Ground. Do not Christians have such signposts in the life death, resurrection and ministry of Jesus?

Blessings

Ray

THANK YOU FROM FR RAY AND JUDI

Both Judi and I were greatly moved by the gathering which began last Sunday under the Gum trees. What a wonderful gathering place it is for an Australia Day observance and gathering for worship. We, the St George's "Mob" gathered to thank God for the many blessings we have received, the heritage of those who came before us and provided this wonderful resource and to lament and acknowledge the lack of respect treatment and abuse of our indigenous brothers and sisters. Thank you to all those who spoke or wrote to me to express their appreciation for the liturgy for the day.

Thank you also for the gift of appreciation for my time with you as Locum. It was very generous, and Judi and I will no doubt use it in a way that reflects your generosity both for ourselves and for my favourite charity "Mercy Ships".

The warmth and friendliness of the morning I know was enjoyed by all and the food and drink provided of the highest standard. The birthday cake provided for Judi was delicious and one slice equalled one day's calories. Thankfully, I was able to go walking with a friend the next morning along the beach at North Road. To the many people who sent me texts apologizing for being absent, thank you also.

Blessings to all
Ray and Judi

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to Reverend Dr Colleen O'Reilly AM who has been recognised as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Australia Day 2021 Honours.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is now open during the following times:

Monday-Friday - 9:30am-12:30pm

If visiting the office, please observe all protocols relating to Covid 19 including signing in and sanitizing your hands.

EUCCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Today we welcome the family of Harrison Ashley to be baptized. A special welcome to his parents, Tanita and James, God Parents Ashleigh and Luke Toebelman with family and friends.

HYMN

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Priest

There is one Body and one Spirit.

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring this child Harrison Ashley for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up Harrison in the faith and practice of the Church.

So, we welcome you and we give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

**Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.**

[Let us pray]

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **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, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, 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:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

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

Second Reading

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if

others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

1 Corinthians 8.1-13

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

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

The Gospel

ALL Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**
I am the way the truth and the life says the Lord
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL **And also with you**

The reader says

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Mark 1:21-28

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord

ALL **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION

We welcome *Harrison Ashley* who come(s) to be baptised. I invite *his God Parents* to present *him* now.

We present *Harrison Ashley* to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *this child* for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *this child*?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *this child* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

The priest asks the candidates to respond on behalf of Harrison

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The priest says to the parents and God parents

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard *these our brothers and sisters* respond to Christ. Will you support *them* in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

The minister says

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that *Harrison* may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in *him*. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in *him* **Amen.**

Give to *his* God parents and their families the desire to share with *him* what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May *Harrison* know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

[The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

The priest continues

And now we give you thanks that you have called *Harrison* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those he who is to be baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds

**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Harrison, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

AFTER BAPTISM

Harrison, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked
as Christ's own for ever.

The priest addresses all the newly baptised

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

and the congregation responds, saying

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The Priest says

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

The congregation joins the minister saying

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Priest continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins in saying

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

THE PRAYERS at 8am only

For the Anglican Church

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

We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Anglican Early Childhood Services; Redemption Church Craigieburn (Akhil Gardner); St George's Anglican Church, Monbulk – Pastoral Service (Bishop Paul Barker).

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 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

We pray for Val Price who died this week, for his wife, Shirley, family and friends.

We also pray for Roger Harley, Maxwell Glover, Eric Angliss, Constance Francis, Lyndsay Nettlefold, Frank Hansen, Mary Moline, Louise

Willsmore, Grace Martin, Robin Francis Martin Brown, Garry O'Dell
Armstrong, Ruth Were, Harold Braund, Herbert Fowler, Marian Ransome,
Audrey Henry *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

GREETINGS OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.

You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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, 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.]

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The memorial acclamation is used here or below.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

[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 says

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

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,

one in the sharing of his body and his blood,

one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another

and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

All say together

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.

HYMN

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage.
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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.

BIBLE READINGS: 5th Sunday after Epiphany	7 February 2021
Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11	1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

NOTICES

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]
- 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.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Many in the parish have asked about the recommencement of Morning tea following the 10am service. The matter was discussed by the Parish Council on Thursday and concluded that yes Morning tea is a great idea and should be resumed but how is the issue. We need many volunteers and at this stage have few and therefore with the Covid restrictions cannot resume until we have many more volunteers. A new coordinator needs to be found and a team of volunteers. The volunteers are involved in setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards. Please speak with one of the wardens if you are willing to volunteer. As soon as we have some ideas of numbers of volunteers a meeting will be called to discuss.

A GOOD NEWS CHURCH STORY SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

Measured against the towering marble columns of Salisbury Cathedral - an 800-year-old architectural wonder in England's south - the 1000 elderly locals who have been asked to gather inside look alarmingly small and vulnerable.

But after their visit they are, at least, a little more hopeful. In a rare fusion of church and clinic, the cathedral has been turned into a mass vaccination centre under Britain's war-like effort to crush its disastrous coronavirus outbreak.

"This building has been here for eight centuries to give glory to God and serve God's people," says the Dean of Salisbury, Nicholas Papadopoulos. "Right now, the best way we can serve God's people is by getting jabs into their arms."



Twelve vaccination booths have been set up in the cathedral's transept. CREDIT:GETTY IMAGES

Of all the town halls, stadiums, conference centres and other venues commandeered for the rollout, Salisbury Cathedral is unique. Its two organists, David Halls and John Challenger, play soothing hymns for 12 hours a day as residents aged 70 years and older shuffle in and roll up their sleeves.

"You want to get the tone right," says Challenger, the cathedral's assistant director of music. "We're aiming for music which is calming, recognisable and going to put people at ease. Many of the people here are vulnerable and haven't left their home for a long time."

“This is an amazing thing to see and it’s an absolute privilege to be part of it.”

Salisbury Cathedral boasts the UK’s tallest spire and best preserved original version of the Magna Carta but is perhaps best known for being dragged into the 2018 nerve agent attack against ex-Russian military officer-turned British spy Sergei Skripal. In a Monty Python-esque television interview, the two Russians accused of carrying out the attempted assassination - Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov - claimed they were only in Salisbury to admire the cathedral’s splendid architecture.



Patients receive doses of the Pfizer vaccine. CREDIT:AP

A little over two years later, pews have been replaced by a demonstration of conveyor belt-like efficiency. The Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel has been cleared out to make room for refrigerators and trestle tables where medicos carefully prepare the vials. The magnificent Gothic cloisters are the perfect space for people to queue before entering. And in the cavernous nave, people sit and wait for 15 minutes to be monitored for any serious adverse side effects.

“I just feel very relieved,” says Lilian Jackson, 88, who with husband David, 90, was vaccinated over the weekend.

“We have been isolated for a year. We won’t rush back to normal any time soon but it is nice to know we might be a little more protected.”

In the nine weeks since, 6.6 million people in the United Kingdom have been given their first dose - the third highest rate per capita in the world. That's more than one in 9 of the adult population, or 79 per cent of all people aged over 80. The medical miracle couldn't come soon enough, though: Britain's official death toll is expected to top 100,000 on Tuesday and the virus is still raging out of control.

"There is no shrink-wrapped, safe, clinically-tested way of being a human being," says Papadopoulos. "We are constantly exposed to danger and peril.

"Here, we proclaim a faith which is grounded in the experience of real life and in real life plagues happen, earthquakes happen and people do terrible things to one another.



Along with cathedrals in Blackburn, in northwest England, and the central city of Lichfield, Salisbury Cathedral has opened its doors as a vaccination centre.

"I have been praying that we might learn from this experience about what really matters. What really matters is each other - how we relate to each other, how we look after each other, and what unites us."

After getting a call, letter or text from a GP advising they are eligible for the vaccine, people arrive at the cathedral with a form and are assigned one of 12 booths in the transept.

They hand over the form and an administrative assistant assigned to each booth enters the patient's details into a central database which also

registers whether they will be given the Pfizer vaccine or another developed by the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca. The vaccinator talks about the jab, obtains various verbal consents and then puts the syringe in an arm.

A few steps away, NHS staff take the vaccines out of a fridge and dilute the concentrated solution with 1.8 millilitres of sodium chloride. The vial is then gently inverted 10 times and handed to the vaccinators, who are able to draw up to six doses from one vial.

Patients wait in the cathedral's historic nave for 15 minutes before they are allowed to leave.

"It's all just incredible, I'm in awe," says 81-year-old Roger Leary, who got the jab. "It's such a huge enterprise to vaccinate the whole country. Like others, I've been a bit worried about falling behind but you've just got to trust it.

"Thankfully, the system is working. It might not be perfect but it has never been done before and I think they have done a fantastic job so far.

"And there could not be a more suitable environment to calm people's nerves. This is England at its best."



People queue for the vaccine in the cathedral's 13th century cloisters. CREDIT:AP

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