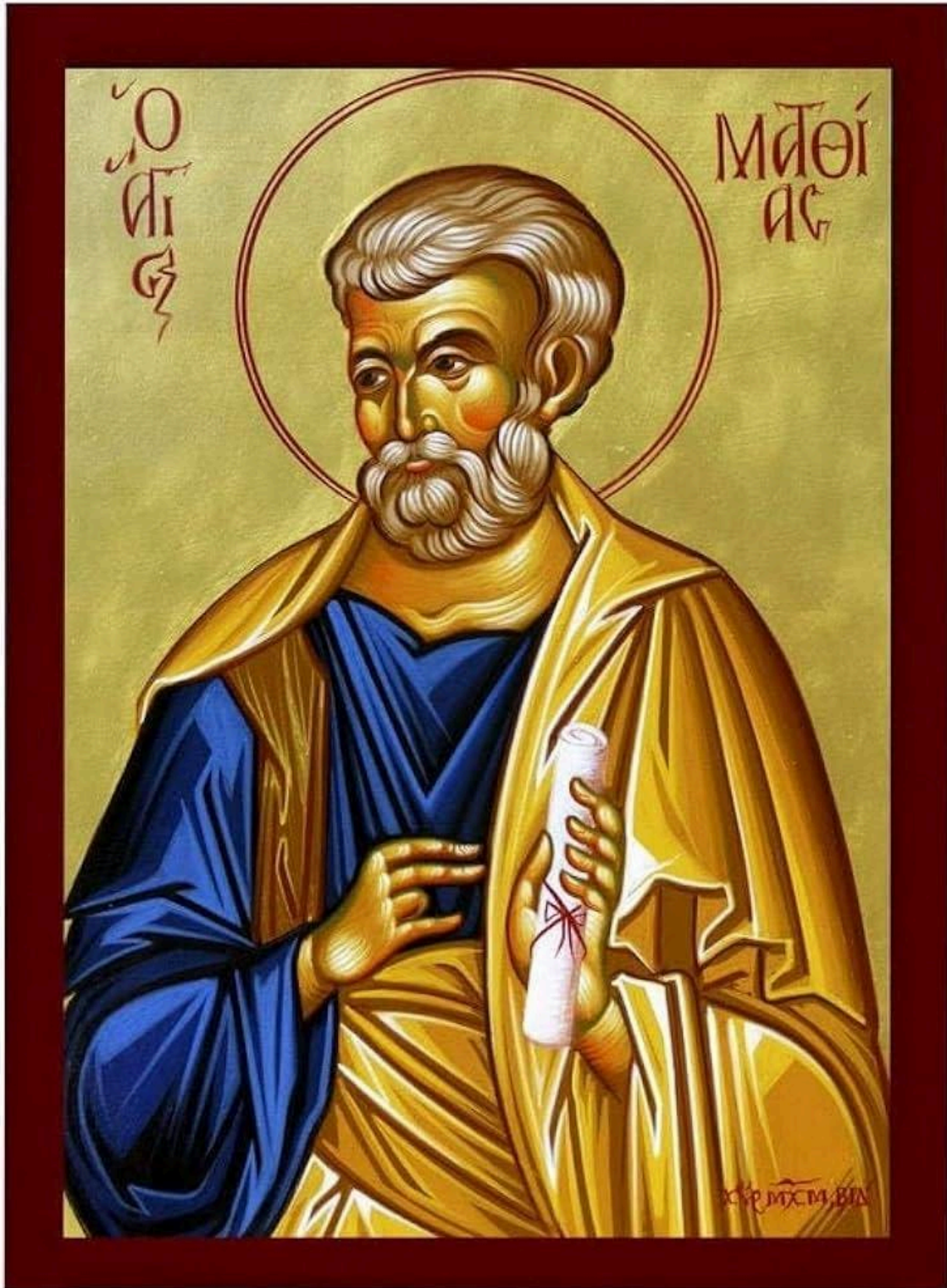




St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE & MARTYR

25 February, 2024



10:00 a.m.

Setting:

The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)

Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

## INTROIT

*Please stand and sing as the choir leads us in the Lent Prose*

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

*The Celebrant greets the people:*

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**Whose mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Sentence:**

Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

*John 15:16*

*The Celebrant offers words of welcome*

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 baptized in response to God's all-embracing love.

Parents and godparents who have responded to that love

come now to bring their children for baptism.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment

to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children

in the faith and practice of the Church.

In due time these children should make their own responses to God,

and be prepared for confirmation.

To prepare ourselves to celebrate these two great sacraments,

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

*A pause for reflection*

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest pronounces Absolution, to which all respond*

**Amen.**

*We say together*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,**

**have mercy on us.**

## Collects of the Day and the Season:

Let us pray.

*The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:*

Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve apostles in the place of Judas: preserve your Church always from false apostles, so that it may be guided by true and faithful pastors; 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Acts 1:14–17, 20–26*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

All the apostles were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'... "So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 84 (sung by the choir)**

*Chant: G. J. Elvey (1816–93)*

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young :  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.
5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well :  
and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength :  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10. For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God :  
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12. For the Lord God is a light and defence :  
the Lord will give grace and worship,  
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13. O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:13–21*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made Christ's righteousness my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***During Lent, we omit the gradual hymn.***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples,

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer,

because the servant does not know what the master is doing;

but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything

that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,

so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

For the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*The priest invites the candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation.*

We welcome Winifred Jennifer Mary Thompson and Charlotte Lillian Mitchell Thompson who come to be baptized.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

*The respective sponsors answer:*

**We present Winifred Jennifer Mary Thompson to be baptized.**

**We present Charlotte Lillian Mitchell Thompson to be baptized.**

*The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves*

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Winnie and Lottie for baptism?

**I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Winnie and Lottie?

**I am.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

## THE DECISION

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.**



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 Celebrant says to the congregation:*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

**We will.**

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Winifred and Charlotte may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors and families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they 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.**

*Winnie, Lottie and their sponsors and family move to the font.*

# 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.**

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.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called Winifred and Charlotte 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 who are baptized 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.**

*The Celebrant now says to the sponsors of Winnie and Lottie:*

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 Celebrant 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.**

Winifred Jennifer Mary, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

Charlotte Lillian Mitchell, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

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

*The congregation responds, saying*

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

*A candle is lit from the Easter candle, and the Celebrant says to each:*

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

*After **both** candles have been presented, the congregation joins in saying*

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

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 GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way, and especially greet and welcome the world's newest Christians, Winnie and Lottie.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.*

### Offertory Hymn

*Please stand*

- 1 We pray thee heavenly Father,  
To hear us in thy love,  
And pour upon thy children  
The unction from above;  
That so in love abiding,  
From all defilement free,  
We may in pureness offer  
Our Eucharist to thee.
- 2 All that we have we offer,  
For it is all thine own,  
All gifts by thine appointment,  
In bread and cup are shown;  
One thing alone we bring not,  
The wilfulness of sin,  
And all we bring is nothing  
Save that which is within.

- 3 Within the pure oblation,  
Beneath the outward sign,  
By that his operation, –  
The Holy Ghost divine, –  
Lies hid the sacred body,  
Lies hid the precious blood,  
Once slain, now ever glorious,  
Of Christ our Lord and God.
- 4 Wherefore, though all unworthy  
To offer sacrifice,  
We pray that this our duty  
Be pleasing in thine eyes;  
For praise, and thanks, and worship,  
For mercy and for aid,  
The catholic oblation  
Of Jesus Christ is made.

Words: V. Stuckey S. Coles (1845–1929)

Music: *Dies Dominica*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Celebrant offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer*

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 Celebrant continues with the prayer, concluding with:*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer until the deacon says:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, which concludes:*

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

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 THE COMMUNION

*As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:*

As this broken bread was once many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one bread,  
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

*We sing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us 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.

*Communion is distributed.*

*We gather around the altar, kneeling if you wish or, given we are all raised with Christ, standing.  
Follow the directions of the sidespeople.*

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament, which is distributed in both kinds.\* If you prefer, please  
come forward for a blessing, and indicate this to the Celebrant.*

*\* 'Intinction' (the 'dipping' of the host into the chalice) has many health risks (as well as undermining the  
sense of 'communion' – "the cup of blessing that we **share**, is it not a **sharing** in the blood of Christ",  
as St Paul writes). It is not practiced here.*

*During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.*

Words: Lidley's Prayers (1566)  
Music: Richard Farrant (1530–80)



# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant offers a prayer, concluding with:*

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.**

*Please sit for notices.*

## Closing Hymn

*All stand.*

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave/
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.
5. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that has no end.

*Words: Charles Everest (1814–77)*

*Music: Breslau, from *As Hymnodus Sacer*, Leipzig, 1625  
arr. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–47)*

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude: Concerto in A minor, Op. 3 No. 8, (1st movement),  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 1741), trans. J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania; Church Missionary Society (Australia); St Stephen's Bayswater; St John's Bentleigh; St Mark's Emerald; Church of the Epiphany, Hoppers Crossing; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens.

### **For all in need**

His Majesty the King; Brian; David; Elizabeth; Erica; Helen; Jenny; Jon; Pam; +Peter; Valerie and Laura; Vilma; and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

Those who have died recently: Michael Feller;  
and those whose anniversary of death occurs today: Mary Jean Emery and Peter Willers;  
and this week: Barbara Edith Anthonisz; Keith Atkins; Mariannus (Mac) Cumming; George Findlay;  
Joyce Granger; John Eric Hoy; Heather Hume-Cook; Joyce Lyster; Jeffrey William McKie;  
Katherine Webster.

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: Angus; Ann; Geoff; George and Linda; Ivan and Liza; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Keith and Erica; Mary Therese; Nicola; Noel and Reva; Roma; Ron; Sarah; Simon and Stephen.

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Exodus 20:1–17, 20–4  
I Corinthians 1:18–25

Psalm 19  
John 2:13–22

## **NOTICES**

**We warmly welcome** to St George's this morning Winnie and Lottie Thompson and their family and friends on the occasion of their baptism. Please join us and share morning tea with all the family, not least grandparents Jeff and Jenny Thompson, in the parish hall.

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to Geraldine Powell for so willingly agreeing to prepare, circulate and coordinate our Lay Ministry rosters for the last three and a bit years. Organising rosters is proverbially a thankless task; so we want to make sure that it is not literally thankless. Given how much else she does for our parish, I approached Geraldine about a 'sabbatical' from these, and she graciously agreed (though with some reservations as she knows how much is required for someone to take this on!). Of course, she has already prepared everything until Holy Week, and the template she pioneered will continue to be invaluable.

Thank you, too, to two generous parishioners from the 8 a.m. congregation who purchased the new 'slimline' Service booklets for the Holy Communion. The blue 'pamphlets' are much lighter to carry than green books (though these are still available for those who specially want them).

Sincere thanks also to members of Parish Council who spent last Saturday reviewing and determining a number of important objectives for the year ahead. You will see more information about these in coming weeks in the expanded notices.

**A Memorial Service for Wendy Stone**, our sometime Parish Councillor and Treasurer will take place at St George's on **Thursday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. All welcome.**

### **Lenten Study Groups**

We continue our Lenten Study groups on:

Wednesday evening (via Zoom) at 7:30 p.m:

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

And Thursday, following the 10:15 a.m. eucharist

Furthermore, as occurred last year, each week we will (from now until the end of Lent) publish the amount received in the last week, as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures for last week are:

Thanksgiving Pledges – \$2460

Offertory Plate – \$1454

Church Expenditure for the week – \$7,800

Contact Geraldine Powell: [dgp3934@icloud.com](mailto:dgp3934@icloud.com) / 0414 831 968 for details.

Also **please note:** the new 'tap and go' facility at the welcomers' desk is **only for free-will offerings: not** for pledges, which should still be offered as you currently do – through envelopes or direct debit.

**Spiritual Cafe on Tuesday 5 March.** Our guest speaker is Judith Buckrich, best known for her histories of Melbourne people, places and institutions. In 2018 she won the Fellowship of Australian Writers (Victoria) Award for “*Acland Street: the Grand Lady of St Kilda*”. She is working on a history of life on the Yarra River and a film about bohemian St Kilda. She has been Chair of the PEN International Women Writers’ Committee and President of the Melbourne PEN Centre. Her topic is “The Spirituality of Place”. Join us for dinner at Giorgio’s, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. For bookings, please email: [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

**The Faithful Departed** are prayed for each Sunday. This is a long-standing practice of the Church, which reflects the statement in the Creed: “We believe... in the communion of saints” – that is, that all the living and departed are held, by God’s grace and mercy, in one *living* communion. At St George’s, with some exceptions, until now this has included by name only those whose mortal remains are within the Garden of Remembrance. From this Lent, we will attempt to remember *all* those known and loved by members of this parish, wherever they may rest.

If you wish to remember the names of friends or relatives (or any others who have inspired you in your journey of faith), please provide their full name and the date on which they were born into eternal life (i.e., date of death) to Adrian. Their names can then be included at their “years’ mind”.

### **Looking further ahead:**

Our **Holy Week preacher** this year will be The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Pickard, sometime Principal of St Mark's Theological College, Canberra, and assistant bishop in the Diocese of Adelaide (amongst many other things). Bishop Stephen's will be presenting "Portraits of Discipleship": he will begin this on Palm Sunday (March 24), continue with an address in the eucharist each night of Holy Week, and also at the Good Friday liturgy and the liturgies of Easter Day.

**In the Easter Season**, we will have a series of Guest Preachers on the theme: "First Witnesses to the Resurrection: Women and the Easter faith". Every Sunday during the Easter season (though see below) will see an engaging woman preacher reflecting with us on the mystery and wonder of Easter. Preachers will include: Dr Meg Warner; Bishop Kate Prowd; Bishop Genieve Blackwell; Archdeacon Colleen O'Reilly, AM and will conclude on the Feast of Pentecost, when the preacher will be The Reverend Canon (Emerita) Professor Dorothy Lee, AM, FAHA

### **Patronal Festival**

The one exception to the above is our Patronal Festival, which we will celebrate on Sunday April 28 (the fourth Sunday of Easter), where our preacher will be The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben, AM. Professor Gribben is an internationally recognised (and awarded) liturgical scholar, and the chief author/compiler of *Uniting in Worship*. (He is frequently referred to as the UCA's Thomas Cranmer!) He is also a significant figure in International Ecumenical Dialogue – not least with the Orthodox Churches (He loves the Anglican church, too.) Given St George is regarded by the Orthodox as "The Great Martyr", Robert's insights will be inspiring, encouraging and helpfully challenging.

### **Book(s) Launch**

On the evening of **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.**, St George's will host the launch of two newly published books by The Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley, AC, sometime Archbishop of Perth and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. The titles of the two new books are: *Arius on Carillon Avenue – More than a Memoir: A Trinitarian Saga* and *The Subordinate Substitute: Another Wrong Turn on Carillon Avenue*. The books will be launched by The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Christiaan Mostert – well-known in this parish – and in the presence of our own Archbishop and Mrs Freier. There will be food and festivities to enjoy. **Save the date.**

*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation  
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,  
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,  
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*

# CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



**St George's Anglican  
Church**

St George's Anglican Church is accepting applications for Choral Scholars of all voice parts to commence immediately.

- Develop your singing and musicianship in a friendly and supportive environment
- Opportunities for solo singing
- Receive an honorarium of up to \$4,500 p.a.
- Flexible arrangements for leave
- Regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service
- Occasional Evensongs and special services for Easter and Christmas

Contact Tom Baldwin (Director of Music) at [music@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesmalvern.org)

In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are advertising again for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO). Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

Please note the following:

Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO;

Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO)', select St George's Malvern – Music Fund.

Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.



As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.  
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me.

*From the letter to the Galatians*

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