



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

Welcome to St George's

5th Sunday after Epiphany

7th February 2021

Please note that it is currently mandatory to wear a mask
inside all church buildings.



Festival Sung Eucharist - 9.30am

PRELUDE
New Year Rutter

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The bell rings as we gather together.

Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN
“Dear Father, Lord of humankind”

Dear Father, Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words

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.

We sing together

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

Deacon: Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The President pronounces absolution, and the people respond
Amen.

**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.**

The President says

Let us pray.

The community may pray silently, before the President “collects” the communal prayer in the prayer of the Church for the day.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 ‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
 and my right is disregarded by my God’?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Psalm 147: 1-3, 5-11

♩ = 116-126

Psalm 147: 1-3, 5-11

Refrain G Em C D G Em

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of

C G G Em C D

grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise - dis - cov - er

G Em C G / Fine

that to wor - ship God is good.

God unites his scattered people,
gathers those who wandered far
heals the hurt and broken spirits,
tending every wound and scar.

Such is God's great power and wisdom
none can calculate or tell
keen is God to ground the wicked

God's discernment never favours
strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the church in Corinth

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:29-39

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

HOMILY

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

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 OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); St Philip's Deep Creek (Megan Curlis-Gibson); Church of the Ascension Anglican Church, Burwood East – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Melbourne North – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Redemption Church, Craigieburn – Pastoral 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 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 and Richard Sneddon who passed away recently and for Michael Boyt who passed away in December last year.

We also pray for Peter Howard, Katina Elliott, Marjory Werner, Violet Newton, Elise Marie Moss, Geoffrey Parsons, Catherine Horne, Jessie Willers, Anna Shepherd, Ninette Duncan *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

President: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand.

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.

The presider says:

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

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN “Hallelujah! sing to Jesus”

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'

Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

During the singing of this hymn, the table is laid and our offerings received

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.

The President continues with a prayer recalling God's saving acts, culminating 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 prayer continues recalling the Supper our Lord shared with his disciples, until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with a triumphant song of 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 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 AND THE 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.

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, grant us
your peace.**

The President invites people to the Lord's Table in suitable words.

After all have received the sacrament, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The President offers a prayer, ending with

Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

HYMN "The Voice of God"

The voice of God goes out to all the world:
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said: "Receive my messenger,
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
A lamp to every nation, light from light:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
And prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE
Toccata in 7 Rutter

FROM THE VICAR

In this my first Sunday with you, I want to establish a pattern in which anything I write has, as its focus, the gospel we are all called to live and proclaim - indeed, to proclaim by living. To that end, I didn't really want to begin talking about me! But, as I've reflected since Wednesday evening, I've realised that what I witnessed and received from all of you and all who gathered to welcome me ("at long last"!) was a sense of the great hospitality and welcome God shows to all of us, and that God asks us to offer to all those we encounter. I tried to express my thanks for everything on Wednesday evening, but I'm aware that any words were inadequate. Let me say again, a sincere "thank you" to all for your kindness and generosity.

In the grace of God, it is not at all "coincidental" that, as we begin ministry together here at St George's, today's gospel reading shows another aspect of the way in which Jesus began *his* ministry. Last week, of course, we heard of the very "public" beginning in the synagogue at Capernaum, and the rather noisy consequences of healing the man with the unclean spirit. This morning, it appears that Jesus is taking a more "domestic" approach - entering the house of Simon and Andrew, and healing Simon's mother-in-law. Of course, it doesn't stay "domestic" for long: soon, as we hear, the "whole city" has gathered around the door of the house, with everyone clamouring for healing.

As we'll see often this year of Mark, the disciples' understanding of Jesus' ministry will need some "correction". As this morning's reading goes on, it seems they feel they're onto a "winner" - a "local celebrity", who can bring them some reflected popularity with "everyone searching" for this new teacher. Jesus has a different view: he knows what his ministry and mission is to be. It is to proclaim the message of God's kingdom to the surrounding towns and, indeed, the whole world. He will exercise ministry on his own terms - or rather, in accordance with what he knows is the will of the God he calls "Father".

In this, there seems something of a difference with Paul, as he explains his ministry to the Christians in Corinth: “I became a slave to all,” he says; and “I have become all things to all people.” Yet, when we listen carefully, we can recognise why Paul has this approach: he has an obligation laid on him to exercise his ministry as he feels will best serve that ministry. In other words, like Jesus, Paul has a firm conviction of what he is called to be and do - a conviction that springs from his profound sense of all that he has been given, all that has been done for him, by God through Jesus.

That can sound remarkably daunting: “all things to all people” and being “a slave to all” seems dreadfully tough work - a recipe for “burnout”. And Jesus going throughout all the local towns and cities, even having his own disciples “hunting for him”, seems to be setting a punishing schedule. But, good Jews as they both were, Jesus and Paul would have known the source of all their strength. They would have known the words of Isaiah we heard in the first reading:

those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

That’s why, at the heart of today’s gospel is that episode of Jesus withdrawing by himself and spending time in prayer. He is spending time in the Presence of the One who sustains him, the God he knows loves and upholds him. The “good news” for us is, whatever we discern our ministry to be, however and to whomever that is to be offered, we do not undertake it alone. God goes with us, because it is God’s work we are called to assist and participate in doing. And God calls us to nourishment and sustenance in prayer, and in the sacrament with which he feeds us with the bread of life.

FROM THE CURATE

Friends,

Thank you to all those who have prayed, sent me well wishes and expressed their concern for me during my recent illness ... as well as greeted me with joy and delight on my return to work. My heart sings to be back amongst you again.

Each week as we come to listen to God's Word, receive the Sacrament and share together as God's people, we are called to be, not just loving and compassionate, but welcoming and hospitable, to all who cross the threshold of the church door and all those we meet in our day to day lives, wherever that journey may take us. We take our example from Jesus, we joyfully welcome all of God's people in our midst. On this journey of 'welcoming' we learn to overcome our fears, prejudices, anxieties and need for control. We find great delight in acknowledging the Divine in our midst: God with clothes on!

Today, I imagine, few would have any such a issue as we welcome amongst us our new Vicar, Gregory, as he preaches and presides at his first Choral Eucharist. Some would say that it has been too long in the coming ... but today it is real ... and we celebrate the arrival of God's appointed and commissioned Priest who has arrived to lead and work with us, as we each take our part in God's ministry in Malvern and further afield.

The Induction Service last Wednesday was both a solemn and joyful occasion. Our Bishop, Genieve, reminded us that we not only come with great hope at the start of this new Incumbency, but that we too are also called, each one of us, to re commit ourselves to this ministry that we each share. She suggested we undertake this ministry with gentleness and compassion as we each seek to share and make known the good news of Jesus Christ.

As together we pass through this transition, may we each renew our commitment to our part in this ministry that we are called to.

BIBLE READINGS: 6th Sunday after Epiphany	14 February 2021
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

NOTICES

Church Office Hours

The Church office is open: 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.

Live Streaming of the Induction Service for Reverend Dr Gregory Seach

Should you have been unable to attend the Induction Service, the live streaming of the service remains available to be watched using the link below:

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

The streaming link will remain available for a minimum of 30 days. To watch again click on the link and then select “Watch Again” feature.

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.

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

The pew bulletin will no longer be emailed out to parishioners individually. It can always be accessed on the St George's website each Friday afternoon.

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

Ongoing Covid Requirements

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

- Face masks are now again mandatory in Church, covering nose and mouth, at all times (unless you have an exemption). It is recommended there is no loud singing and masks be worn during singing
- Sanitize your hands-on arrival and immediately prior to leaving the property
- Sign-in at the place you are using (preferably using the QR Code provided or by completing the hard copy provided): 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.
- 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

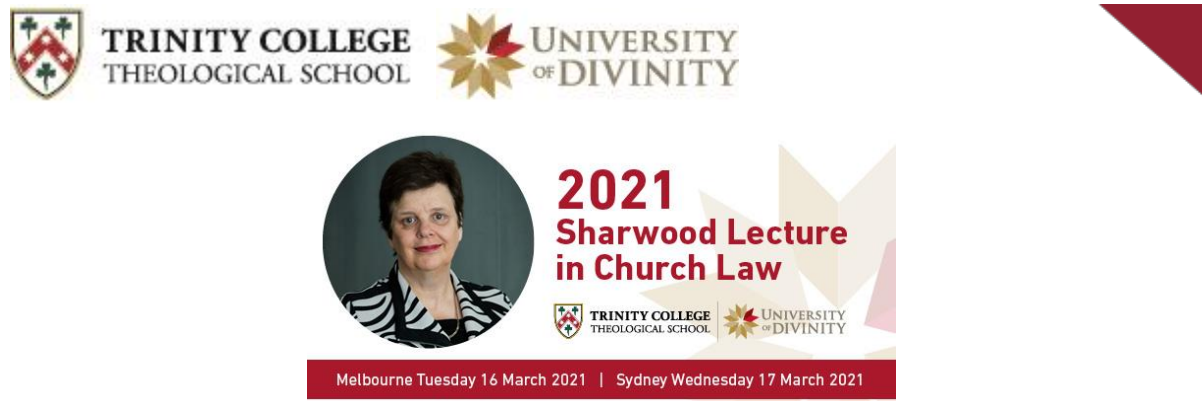
Covid Safe Officers [CSOs] continue to be required at all services to maintain our compliance with both State Government and Diocese regulations. If you, or any one you know, would like to train as a CSO, particularly for Sunday 8.00am or 5.00pm services, please let me or Brenda know.

Many hands make light work

Many in the parish have asked about the recommencement of Morning Tea following the 10.00am service. The matter was discussed by the Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 21st January and concluded that, "yes", Morning Tea is a great idea and should be resumed, but 'how' is the issue. A new coordinator needs to be found and a team of volunteers. The volunteers would be involved

in setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards whilst adhering to all Covid Safe practices. Please speak with one of the wardens if you are willing to volunteer. As soon as we have some idea of numbers of volunteers, a meeting will be called to discuss further details.

Sharwood Lecture in Church Law



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 7527

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Today 7 February	9.30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach Eucharist with Meditation The Reverend Brenda Williams
Monday 8 February	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday 9 February	9.15 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer (Zoom) Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10 February	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday 11 February	9.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer Eucharist
Friday 12 February	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Next Sunday 6th after Epiphany 14 February	8.00am 10.00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist (Sung) Eucharist with Meditation

ZOOM SERVICES AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Tuesday, 9 February 2021

9.15am Morning Prayer: ID: 831 6095 4310, Password: SGM3144 or you can connect by putting into your search browser the following, [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/831 6095 4310](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83160954310)

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