



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
MALVERN**

**ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE,
EVANGELIST AND MARTYR**

21st September, 2025



The Calling of St Matthew, (1599–1600)
(Michelangelo Merisi da) Caravaggio, (1571–1610)
(San Luigi dei Franceschi, Rome)

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

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

Prelude: Interlude

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

Parish Eucharist Michael Dudman (1938–94)

Opening Hymn: 214

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book)*

SENTENCE

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners

Matthew 9:13

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung).*

This introduces the Confession and is followed by Gloria in excelsis (p. 121).

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your Son Jesus Christ
called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain
to become an apostle and evangelist:
free us from all greed and love of riches
so that we may follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ
in the way of self-giving love;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1–6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:1–6

Response: The heavens declare the glory of God
(8:00 a.m.)

1. The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
2. One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R.**
3. Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard;
4. Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the end of the world. **R.**
5. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun,
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6. It goes forth from the utmost edge of the heavens,
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**

at 10:00 a.m.

Howard Hughes (1930–)



1. The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night,
2. without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim.
3. There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run a race.
4. It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escaped its heat.

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1–14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 341

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9–13

Alleluia, alleluia!

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you as Lord;
the glorious company of apostles extols you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,

‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’

But when he heard this, he said,

‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Go and learn what this means,

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”

For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon.

*After the sermon, silence is kept before the liturgy continues with the Creed on p. 123 of **APBA**.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Grafton; Christ Church, Berwick; St Alfred's, Blackburn North; St Peter's, Craigieburn; St Matthew's, Glenroy, with St Linus's, Merlynston; and the Working Group on Aboriginal Matters.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Angus; Ann; Ann; Ashton; Coral; Cynthia; George; Jackie; Josie; Judith; Kaye; Matthew; Murray; Neil (and Cynthia and family); Nevan, Rachel and family; Nigel; Roger (and +Kate and family); Sarah; Tess; Verley; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who died recently: Arthur Toussaint; and whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Margaret Bauer; Verna Coles; Esther Monica van den Driesen; Amy Embling; Nancy Ruth Howell; Wilf Jennings; Annie Logan; Beryl Sadleir; Monica Sheppherd; Arnold Williams.

The Peace (p. 127) is shared, followed by

Offertory Hymn: 280

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 128) begins using one of the prayers that follow.

During communion at 10 a.m., the choir will sing:

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them;
alleluia, alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.*

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Music: Harold Friedell (1905–58)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 144)

Notices are then given followed, at 10 a.m. by

Final Hymn: 443

Postlude: Placare Christe Servulis Op 38 No 16,
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

Scripture Readings next week:

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
1 Timothy 6:6–19

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16
Luke 16:19–31

Roster for today St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr 21 September 2025		Roster for next week Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 28 September 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Venetia Patchett	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Bryan Elmes	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leonie Bird
Readers	Betty Renjen Hamish Tadgell	Readers	Charles Tegner Helen Baddeley
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Philip Jenkins Jenny McPherson
Eucharistic Assistants	Sandra Morgan Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Clergy
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Clergy
Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Gracemary Huntley	Readers	Geraldine Powell Ray Lester
Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate	Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Sibella Guest
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Judy Wright

Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Mary; and Simon.

The Week Ahead

Monday	Michael & All Angels
Thursday	Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d. 1392)
Friday	Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)
Saturday	Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d. 1660)

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

Notices

Following this morning's 10 a.m. eucharist, there will be a refresher or **training session** for **all servers**. If any wish to volunteer to join the group of servers, today would be an excellent time to do so, and to learn alongside others all that is done to assist in our worship as the people of God here.

Next Sunday, September 28, being the 4th Sunday of the month, will see our regular collection for **St Alban's**. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Albans in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

Following the 10 a.m. eucharist there will be a refresher session for all **readers**. If you would like to contribute to the ministry of the parish in this way, please come to that session.



*The Inspiration of Saint Matthew, (1602),
(Michelangelo Merisi da) Caravaggio,
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples
of the East Kulin nations
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet:
land which was taken, not ceded.*

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

