



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

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

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.*

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

*Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (1954–)*

Opening Hymn: 377

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

**SENTENCE**

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another,  
so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

*James 5:16*

*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**

O God,  
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:  
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what you would have us do,  
that in your light we may see light,  
and in your narrow path may not stumble;  
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.**

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD  
in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah,  
which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem,  
and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard  
that was in the palace of the king of Judah,  
where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him....

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me:

Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say,  
'Buy my field that is at Anathoth,  
for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'

Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard,  
in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me,  
'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,  
for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.'  
Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel,  
and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.  
I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.  
Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions,  
and the open copy;  
and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah,  
in the presence of my cousin Hanamel,  
in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase,  
and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.  
In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed,  
and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.  
For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 91:1–6, 91:14–16

**Response: You are my refuge and my stronghold, O LORD.**

(The response is said at 8:00 a.m. only. At 10:00 a.m., the psalm is sung by the choir, to a chant by Thomas Atwood)

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
2. He shall say to the LORD, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold;  
my God in whom I put my trust.'
3. He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence. **R.**
4. He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings;  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
6. Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the sickness that lays waste at midday.... **R.**
14. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
15. He shall call upon me and I will answer him;  
I am with him in trouble, I will protect him and bring him to honour.
16. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Timothy 6:6–19*

A reading from the first letter to Timothy:

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;  
for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;  
but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.  
But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped  
by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.  
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,  
and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith  
and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 438

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who love money:

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.”

But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.”

He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.”

Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.”

He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

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 Sudan; The Diocese of Perth; St Hilary's, Kew; St Paul's, Westmeadows/Bulla; and the Anglican Development Fund.

### **For all in need**

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

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Jean Collier Armstrong; Margaret Bridges; Richard Coles; Barbara Hindell; James Essex Holt; Elaine Jarvie; Mary Lewis; Irene Lowe; David McInnes; Nancy Macindoe; Richard Markillie; Nancy Milne; Robert Llewellyn Moline; Kenneth Moss; Evelyn Pascal; Gertrude Rhoden; Rosa Brenda Righetti; Peter Shepherd; William (Bill) Tickner; Peter Campbell Trumble; John Weigall; James Whitaker; James Elliot Wilkie; and Kathleen Woollacott.

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

Offertory Hymn: 285ii

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

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

O holy Jesus,  
most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.  
Amen.

Words: St Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)  
Music: Len White (1910–73)

*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: 372

**Postlude:** Paraphrase on “Lift up your heads” from Handel’s *Messiah*,  
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>28 September 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>5 October 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Malcolm Tadgell Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Venetia Patchett
Readers	Charles Tegner Helen Baddeley	Readers	Jane Baddeley Christopher Miles
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Philip Jenkins Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Clergy	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ray Lester
Intercessor	Clergy	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Geraldine Powell Ray Lester	Readers	Grant Rowlands Judy Mallinson
Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Sibella Guest	Morning Tea	David Powell Geraldine Powell
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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 <b>9:00 a.m. Eucharist</b> (St Martin's Chapel)
Tuesday	Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d. 420)
Saturday	Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d. 1226)

### **Morning Prayer**

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Evening Prayer**

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Reflections on the Lections**

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

### **Scripture Readings next week:**

### **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Lamentations 1:1–6

Lamentations 3:19–26

2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:5–10

## Notices

**Today, being the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**, is 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.

**New Vicarage Front Door:** Please feel free to inspect the new wire mesh door and framework at the vicarage.

**Please remember next Sunday, October 5, is the start of Daylight-Saving Time.** Please put your clocks forward and hour before bed lest be late for church!

### **Save the date for Spiritual Café, Tuesday 21 October**

Our speaker is The Reverend Dr Robyn Whitaker. Robyn will discuss her book, *Even the Devil quotes Scripture*, in light of contemporary world events and reflect upon the impacts of biblical interpretation for our society. Robyn is the Director of the Wesley Centre (a Christian voice in the public square), an ordained Uniting Church minister and Associate Professor of New Testament at Pilgrim Theological College in the University of Divinity. 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.