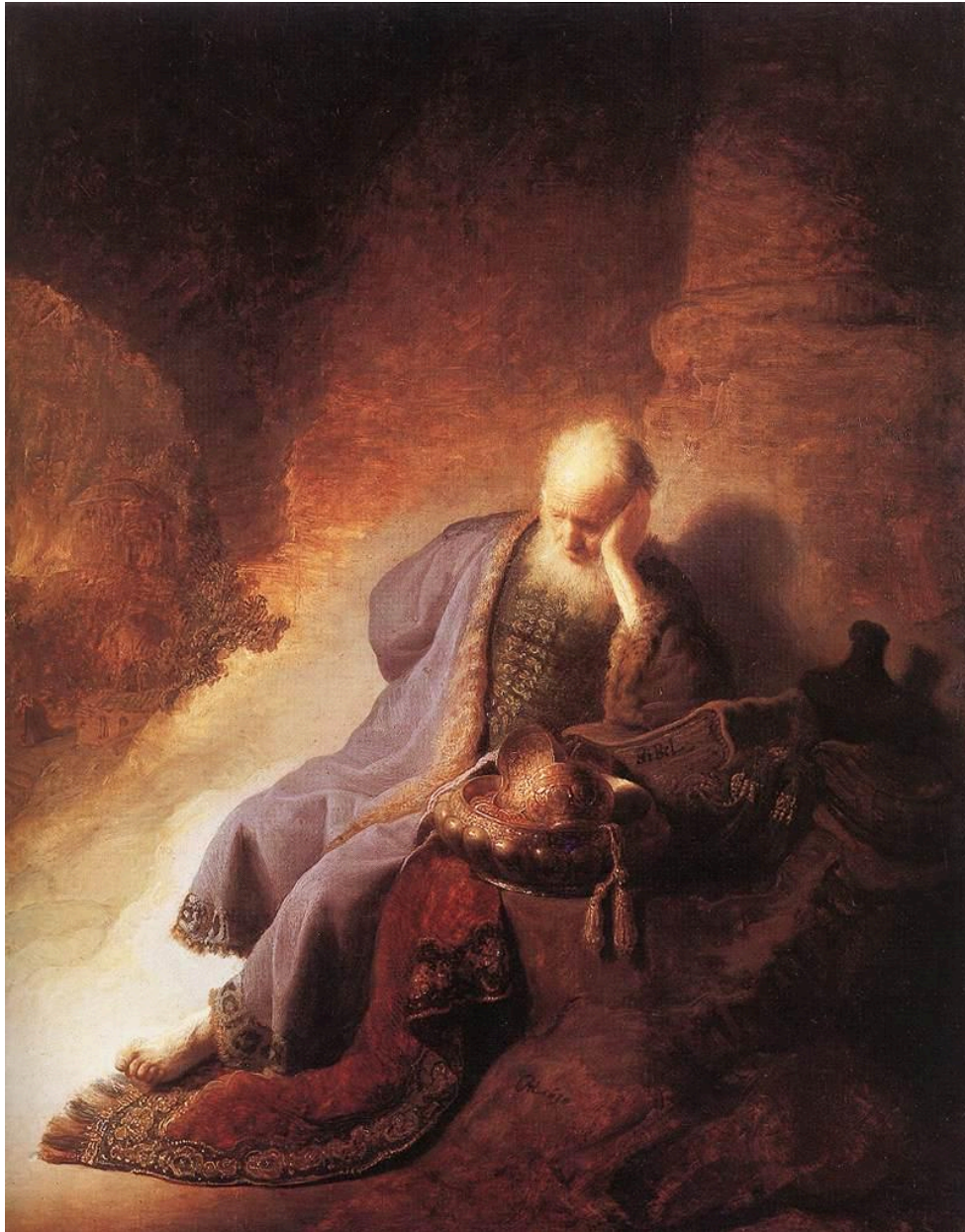




**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
MALVERN**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5 OCTOBER 2025



Jeremiah lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem (1630)

Rembrandt von Rijn (1606 – 69)
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

8:00 a.m., 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: 461

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

SENTENCE

‘Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?
But I am among you,’ says the Lord, ‘as one who serves.’

Luke 22:27

*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

Faithful God,
have mercy on us your unworthy servants,
and increase our faith,
that, trusting in your Spirit’s power to work in us and through us,
we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord
but may obediently serve him all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1–6

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile
with suffering and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting-place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM:

Lamentations 3:19–26

Response: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.
(8:00 a.m.)

19. The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

20. My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

21. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

R.

22. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23. they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

R.

24. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

25. The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26. It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

R.

at 10:00 a.m. the above is sung to an Anglican chant, without response.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1–14

A reading from the second letter to Timothy:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

I am reminded of your sincere faith,

a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now,
I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you
through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner,
but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,
who saved us and called us with a holy calling,

not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus,
who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,
and for this reason I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust,
and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,

with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 360

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

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 said to his disciples, ‘Occasions for stumbling are bound to come,
but woe to anyone by whom they come!’

It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck
and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones
to stumble.

Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender,
and if there is repentance, you must forgive.

And if the same person sins against you seven times a day,
and turns back to you seven times and says, “I repent”, you must forgive.’

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’

The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed,
you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”,
and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing
or tending sheep in the field,

“Come here at once and take your place at the table”?

Would you not rather say to him,

“Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink;
later you may eat and drink”?

Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say,

“We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Willochra; St John's, Benteleigh; St Andrew's, Corio-Norlane; St Oswald's, Glen Iris; Holy Trinity, Hampton Park; St George's, Malvern; St James', Pakenham; and St George's, Travancore.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Angus; Ann; Ann; Ashton; Betty; Coral; Cynthia; Elizabeth; George; Josie; Judith; Kaye; Leonie; Matthew; Max; 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 who have died recently: Darrell Maxwell Taylor; and William Wise; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Jean Gwendolyn Berriman; Alice Davie; Max Elliot; Barbara Leila Fordyce; Cecilia Furlonger; Ian Johnson; Winky Lowry; Hilda Newman; Frederick Sydney Powell; Tessie Christina Rampling; Harold Smith; Vanessa Stevens; Lester Triggs; Doris Wood; and Philip Wood.

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:

*O saving Victim, opening wide,
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

*To Thy great name by endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee. Amen*

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225–74)

Music: Camille Saint-Saëns Mass in g-minor (1835–1921)

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: 420

Postlude: 'Exultemus' from Seven Sketches on verses from the Psalms,
Percy Whitlock (1903–46)

Scripture Readings next week:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7
2 Timothy 2:8–15

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalms 66:1–11
Luke 17:11–19

Roster for today Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 5 October 2025		Roster for next week Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 12 October 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard	Sides-person	Venetia Patchett
Acolyte	Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Jenny Weller-Newton
Eucharistic Assistants	Malcolm Tadgell Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Jenny Weller-Newton
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Jane Baddeley Christopher Miles	Readers	Miriam Cherry Leonie Bird
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny McPherson
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Clergy
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Grant Rowlands Judy Mallinson	Readers	Pam Felgate Judy Wright
Morning Tea	David Powell Geraldine Powell	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Robin Barrett
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	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.

Notices

Pledge Giving: An important message from Parish Council

St George's is reliant on the generous giving of all parishioners to ensure its ongoing financial viability. The Parish is self-funded.

Figures for the month of August reveal the stark reality:

Total income: \$41,110

Total expenses: \$49,309

This is a significant deficit of **\$8,199**. Unfortunately, it is fairly typical of our monthly financial position, ignoring any extraordinary expense items that may occur.

Looking to the future the Parish has substantial repairs and maintenance to undertake on the church building to address damp issues. It is also committed to taking on an Assistant Curate next year after Father Jeremy has departed. These will add extra cost to the Parish.

For this reason, Parish Council is requesting that all current pledge givers consider their current pledge undertakings and look to increase them in a substantive way. We also request that those who have not yet made an annual pledge and are contributing via the open plate to consider seriously committing to our annual pledge programme. (Offerings are then payable weekly/monthly/quarterly or annually in advance). These contributions are critical to the financial management of the Parish. We are forecasting total expenses for next year of **over \$800,000**. Whether you attend weekly or less often Parish expenses remain the same.

We are richly blessed by the foresight and generosity of many who preceded us here. They have provided a beautiful church in which to worship every week, with gardens, grounds and other buildings. We all enjoy a wonderful Parish with outstanding ministry led by the vicar, Father Gregory, and wonderful pastoral care and companionship. Unfortunately we need to recognise that maintaining all of this costs money. Therefore please give this request serious consideration.

Please speak to or email Geraldine Powell, Thanksgiving Co-Ordinator, (dgp3934@icloud.com) to indicate your increased pledge amount or new pledge commitment. Geraldine will be very pleased to discuss all payment options with new and existing pledge givers.

*Ray Lester
Parish Treasurer,
on behalf of Parish Council*

Book club will meet on Monday 13 October in the North room at 2.00 p.m.

We will discuss the book *Australian Gospel* by Lech Blaine. All welcome.

For further information, contact Sandra Morgan on 0448 884 306.

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 or call 9822 3030.

Looking ahead

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will be on November 23, 2025 after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service. Please save the date.

December 20, 2025 marks the **150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St George's Church**. This is a significant date in our parish – marking, not the date of establishment (which was celebrated here some years ago), but the time at which, with all debts paid, the Church could be consecrated by a Bishop (in this instance, the Right Reverend Bishop of Ballarat – as it was still spelled at that time – Bishop Samuel Thornton, acting for the Bishop of Melbourne) and permanently set aside for the worship of Almighty God. Please keep the weekend of December 20 and 21 free and watch for further details of celebrations to mark our Sesquicentenary.

The Week Ahead

Monday	William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d. 1536)
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Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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



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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.*