



**St George's Anglican Church, Malvern**

**LUKE, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR**  
**19 OCTOBER 2025**



**10:00 a.m.**

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

*Please stand as the bell rings.*

*Deacon:* Let us proceed in peace.

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

### **Opening Hymn**

- 1 A brighter dawn is breaking,  
And earth with praise is waking;  
For thou, O King most highest,  
The power of death defiest;
- 2 And thou hast come victorious,  
With risen Body glorious,  
Who now for ever livest,  
And life abundant givest.
- 3 O free the world from blindness,  
And fill the world with kindness,  
Give sinners resurrection,  
Bring striving to perfection;
- 4 In sickness give us healing,  
In doubt thy clear revealing,  
That praise to thee be given  
In earth as in thy heaven.

*Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)*

*Music: Nicolaus Selnecker (1530–92)*

*The Celebrant greets the people:*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **SENTENCE**

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;  
ask therefore the LORD of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

*Luke 10:2*

*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.**

*Please sit.*

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.*

*Please stand.*

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.  
Forgive us when we turn away from you.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.  
Rescue us from slavery to sin.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and one another.  
Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, to which all respond*

**Amen.**

*We sing together, following the choir, the ancient hymn “Gloria in excelsis”:*

**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.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant ‘collects’ the silent prayer:*

**Almighty God,  
who inspired your servant Luke the physician  
to set forth in his gospel  
the love and healing power of your Son:  
Graciously continue in your church  
this love and power to heal,  
to the praise and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.****

*Please sit.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 8:22–9:3*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

O that I had in the desert a traveller's lodging-place,

that I might leave my people and go away from them!

For they are all adulterers, a band of traitors.

They bend their tongues like bows;

they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;

for they proceed from evil to evil,

and they do not know me, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 145:10–18



10. All thy works praise thee O LORD and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power thy glory and mightiness of thy kingdom :  
might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14. The LORD upholdeth all such as fall and lifteth up all those that are down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon thee O LORD:  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17. The LORD is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.
18. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him :  
yea all such as call upon him faithfully

## **SECOND READING**

*2 Timothy 4:9–17a*

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world,  
has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica;

Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

Only Luke is with me.

Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books,  
and above all the parchments.

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;  
the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.

You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me.

May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
    O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
    For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing  
    If our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
    All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
    Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Self denying, death defying,  
    Thou to Calvary didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
    Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
    Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
    Nothing can our peace destroy.

*Words: James Edmeston (1791–1867)*

*Music: Mannheim,*

*Melody in F. Flitz's Choralbuch (1847)*

*Harmony by Lowell Mason (1792–1872)*

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-9



I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last.  
**Alleluia, 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.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs  
to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.  
Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.  
Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person;  
but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide,  
for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.  
Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you,  
eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them,  
"The kingdom of God has come near to you."

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

*The Sermon.*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **For the Anglican Church**

The Episcopal Church of the USA; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; St Augustine's, Mentone; Holy Trinity & Emmanuel, Oakleigh; All Souls', Rowville-Ferntree Gully; St John's, Toorak; St George the Martyr, Queenscliff; Holy Trinity, Mount Macedon; and Spiritual Health Victoria Council; and Isaac Paul David Naughton, to be baptized this morning.

### **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); Peter; Roger (and +Kate and family); Sarah; Tom; Verley; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts; and we give thanks with Betty for healing blessings granted.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Thomas Belcher; Patricia Elizabeth Belshaw; Arthur James Cunningham; Eric Dalton; Keith Emmerson; Lindsay Momber Howell; Nellie Johnson; Eleanor Krome; Elaine Meyer; Frank Nelson; Edith Pearson; Ronald (Ron) John Pritchard; Florence Richards; Leslie Russell; Graham Hartley Grenfell Thomas; and Edna Valentine.

## THE PRESENTATION

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

We welcome Isaac Paul David Naughton who comes to be baptized.  
I invite his sponsors to present him now.

*The respective sponsors answer:*

**We present Isaac Paul David Naughton to be baptized.**

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Isaac for baptism?  
**I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Isaac?  
**I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Isaac in the life and faith of the Christian community?  
**I will.**

## 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 Isaac may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him.

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

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

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

*Isaac and his sponsors and family follow the clergy and move to the font.*

*Please stand.*

# 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 Isaac 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 Isaac:*

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.**

Isaac Paul David, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

Live as a disciple 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 Isaac:*

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

*After the candle has 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 Christian, Isaac.*

# 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. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee 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.
4. Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837–98)

Music: Hyfrydol, Richard Huw Pritchard (1811–87)

# 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 together:*

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

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

*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: S Thomas Aquinas (1225–74)

Music: Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

## 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.*

*All stand to sing:*

1. Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth,  
Who choosest for thine the weak and the poor,  
To frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,  
Entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;
2. Throughout the wide world their message is heard,  
And swift as the wind it circles the earth;  
It echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,  
And brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.
3. Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus is Lord',  
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:  
As when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,  
And one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.
4. O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,  
To rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;  
May lights which thou kindlest in darkness around,  
The dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.
5. All honour and praise, dominion and might,  
To thee, Three in One, eternally be,  
Who pouring around us thy glorious light,  
Dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

Words: J. B. de Santeuil (1630–97),  
tr. Isaac Williams, (1802–65)

Music: *Old 104<sup>th</sup>*,  
melody by Thomas Ravenscroft (1590–1633)

*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 D [3rd Mvt]*  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**Scripture Readings next week:**

Joel 2:23–32

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 4:16–18

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

Psalm 65

Luke 18:15–30

| <b>Roster for today</b><br><b>Luke,</b><br><b>Evangelist and Martyr</b><br><b>19 October 2025</b> |                                | <b>Roster for next week</b><br><b>Twentieth Sunday after</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><b>26 October 2025</b> |                                   |
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| <b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                                                                   |                                | <b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                                                                            |                                   |
| Sides-person                                                                                      | Campell Paine                  | Sides-person                                                                                               | Miriam Cherry                     |
| Acolyte                                                                                           | Malcolm Tadgell                | Acolyte                                                                                                    | Ravi Renjen                       |
| Eucharistic Assistants                                                                            | Helen Baddeley<br>Leonie Bird  | Eucharistic Assistants                                                                                     | Betty Renjen<br>Venetia Patchett  |
| Intercessor                                                                                       | Jenny Robertson                | Intercessor                                                                                                | Malcolm Tadgell                   |
| Readers                                                                                           | Betty Renjen<br>Lorilae Garcia | Readers                                                                                                    | Helen Baddeley<br>Charles Tegner  |
| <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist &amp; Holy Baptism</b>                                               |                                | <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist &amp; Holy Baptism</b>                                                        |                                   |
| Sides-persons                                                                                     | Sandra Morgan<br>Ewan Morgan   | Sides-persons                                                                                              | Tim Lennie<br>Suzanne Lennie      |
| Acolytes                                                                                          | Meg Winter<br>Vincent Amos     | Acolytes                                                                                                   | Jenny McPherson<br>Philip Jenkins |
| Eucharistic Assistants                                                                            | Geraldine Powell<br>Ray Lester | Eucharistic Assistants                                                                                     | Ewan Morgan<br>Sandra Morgan      |
| Intercessor                                                                                       | Meg Winter                     | Intercessor                                                                                                | John Stewart                      |
| Readers                                                                                           | Jenny McPherson<br>Suzie Hill  | Readers                                                                                                    | Gavin Watson<br>Riley Brooks      |
| Morning Tea                                                                                       | Sandra Morgan<br>Ewan Morgan   | Morning Tea                                                                                                | Sandra Morgan<br>David Amos       |
| <b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                                                         |                                | <b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                                                                  |                                   |
| Sides-person                                                                                      | Andrea King                    | Sides-person                                                                                               | Miriam Cherry                     |
| Reader                                                                                            | Andrea King                    | Reader                                                                                                     | Miriam Cherry                     |

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

## The Week Ahead

|          |                                                                                        |
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| Tuesday  | Holy Eucharist at Cabrini Hospital 12 noon. All welcome.                               |
| Thursday | James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr (d. c. 62);<br>eucharist at 10:15 a.m. |

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

### **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>

## Notices

**We warmly welcome** to St George's this morning Isaac Naughton, his family, sponsors and friends on the occasion of his baptism.

Our monthly collection for **St Alban's will occur next Sunday**. 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.

**Spiritual Café, is on Tuesday** 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.

**Next Sunday October 26** there will be a special morning tea following the 10 a.m. service to thank Maestro **John Mallinson** for all his work during the course of this year to maintain the ministry of music at St George's. Contributions of cake, biscuits, other comestibles for the morning tea will be most welcome. Please consult Sandra Morgan.

## **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 September reveal the stark reality:

Total income: \$45,306

Total expenses: \$57,076

This is a significant deficit of **\$11,770**. 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*

## Looking ahead

**All Saints** will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, November 2**. This means, the commemoration of the Faithful Departed (**All Souls**), will occur on the evening of **Monday, November 3** from 6 p.m. If you wish the name(s) of those you have loved remembered at that service, please ensure they are provided to the office by **Thursday, October 30**.

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, and begin to consider if you are willing to stand for office on next year's Parish Council.

On the afternoon of **Sunday, December 14**, **Stonnington Brass** returns to St George's for another offering of Christmas Carols and Music, supported by members of St George's Choir. This was a marvellous occasion last year, with a full church of family and friends of the brass players. Why not come along and enjoy this fun afternoon and show a welcome to those who come to sit and hear in our Church?

**December 20, 2025** marks the **150<sup>th</sup> 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), nor of the Foundation (30 November, 1865 – 160 years ago) but the time at which, with all debts paid, the Church could be consecrated by a Bishop (in this instance, the Bishop of Ballarat – as it was still spelled at that time – the Right Reverend Samuel Thornton, acting for the Bishop of Melbourne) and permanently set aside for the worship of Almighty God.

**On Sunday, December 21**, we will welcome **Bishop Garry Weatherill**, current Bishop of Ballarat, who will preside and preach at a special **Feast of Dedication** in a combined service at **9:30 a.m.** This will be followed by a buffet luncheon in the Hall. Please ensure that you are here, and invite any past members and all friends of the parish who are able to come, to join with us to celebrate this wonderful milestone in true St George's style.

**Chorus Ecclesiae Australia** is performing **Palestrina's Sacred Madrigals on 16 November**, 3:00 p.m. at St. John's East Malvern to honour his 500th birthday.





*St Luke, as Icon Writer*

This icon honours the ancient tradition that St Luke was the first writer/painter of icons. Parishioners who attended the Spiritual Café presentation on icons will recall that all current icon writers believe they must follow the form and style used by St Luke in the earliest Christian icons.

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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.*