



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 OCTOBER 2025



8:00 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.*

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

SENTENCE

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child
shall not enter it.

Luke 18:17

*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,
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,
we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely upon your saving grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire
and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved;
for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape,
as the LORD has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

Response: To you, O God, shall all flesh come.

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.
3. Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out. **R.**
4. Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there:
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
5. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away. **R.**
6. You make fast the mountains by your power:
they are girded about with might.
7. You stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs:
you make the dawn and the dusk sing for joy. **R.**
9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water:
10. You prepared the grain,
for so you provide for the earth,
11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges:
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase. **R.**
12. You crown the year with your goodness:
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14. The meadows cover themselves with flocks:
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain,
let them shout for joy and sing.

R.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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.

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them;
and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it.

But Jesus called for them and said,

‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;

for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child
will never enter it.’

A certain ruler asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: “You shall not commit adultery;

You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

Honour your father and mother.”’

He replied, ‘I have kept all these since my youth.’

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘There is still one thing lacking.

Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor,

and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.

Jesus looked at him and said,

‘How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

Those who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’

He replied, ‘What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.’

Then Peter said, ‘Look, we have left our homes and followed you.’ And he said to

them, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or
parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back

very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.’

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 Church in Wales; The Diocese of Melbourne; St Alban's, and St Augustine's, Merri-bek; St Stephen's Anglican Congregation, Karen Community; Christ Church, South Yarra; All Saints', Greensborough; and Abbie Margaret Rees, to be baptized this morning.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Angus; Ann; Ann; Ashton; Coral; George; Murray; Neil (and Cynthia and family); Peter; Roger (and +Kate and family); and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Phyllis Tribble; and those anniversary of death occurs at this time: Susan Charles Berry; Elsie Casey; Ella Cornish; Hazel Dean; Arthur Dickens; Thomas Mitchel Felgate; Keith Garden; Myrtle Glasson; John Glover; Peter Hooper; Frederick King; Joan Elizabeth McLaren; Mary Newton; Brian Meredith Porter; Phyllis Reynolds-Gill; Harold Robinson; Erina Bedford Standish; and Dorothy Wedlake.

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

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

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

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Simon & Jude, Apostles & Martyrs
Friday	Martin Luther (d. 1546) and other Continental Reformers

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>

Scripture Readings next week:

Daniel 7:1–3, 7:15–18

Ephesians 1:11–23

All Saints

Psalm 149

Luke 6:20–31

Roster for today Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 26 October 2025		Roster for next week All Saints 2 November 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Venetia Patchett	Eucharistic Assistants	Judy Mallinson Bryan Elmes
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Helen Baddeley Charles Tegner	Readers	Betty Renjen Hamish Tadgell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Philip Jenkins Malcolm Tadgell(TH)
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Sandra Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Malcolm Tadgell Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Gavin Watson Riley Brooks	Readers	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan David Amos	Morning Tea	Robyn Whitehouse Suzanne Lennie
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Pam Felgate
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Pam Felgate

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.

Notices

Our monthly collection for **St Alban's occurs today**. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

There is a special morning tea following the 10 a.m. service to thank **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.

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 entirely self-funded.**

Figures for the month of September reveal the stark reality:

Total income: \$45,306 and 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 **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), 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 Palestrina's 500th birthday.



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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.*

