



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 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. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true child,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain human praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (c. 8th century)
tr. Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
Versified: Eleanor Hull (1880–1935)
Music: SLANE, trad. Irish Melody
harmony by Erik Routley (1917–82)

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

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

Luke 18:17

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:

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.**

Please sit.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joel 2:23–32

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 *(to be sung as Gradual Hymn, next page)*

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.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1. Praise waits for you in Zion, Lord:
vows shall be paid to you.
O Lord, the One who hears our prayer,
all flesh shall come to you.
2. The sins I must confess prevail
strong over me each day;
but as for our transgressions, Lord,
you purge them all away.
3. Blessèd are they whom you will choose
and make approach to you,
that they within your courts may come
and always dwell secure.
4. We surely shall be satisfied
with your abundant grace,
and with the goodness of your house,
Lord, of your holy place.
5. O God of our salvation sure,
you, in your righteousness
by awesome deeds to all our prayers
your answer, Lord, express.
6. Therefore the ends of all the earth
and those who dwell abroad
across the sea, their confidence
will place in you, O Lord.

Words: Psalm 65
acc. to Scottish Psalter (1650)
Music: ABRIDGE Isaac Smith (1734–1805)

Alleluia!

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

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.**

Please sit.

The Sermon.

After the sermon, silence is kept.

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 PRESENTATION

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

We welcome Abbie Margaret Rees who comes to be baptized.
I invite her sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer:

We present Abbie Margaret Rees to be baptized.

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

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

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Abbie 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 Abbie may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her.

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

Give to her sponsors and family the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

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

Abbie and her 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 Abbie 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 Abbie:

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.**

Abbie Margaret, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Abbie, 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 Abbie:

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, Abbie.

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. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-wingèd seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Words: Liturgy of St James (c. 4th century)

Tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829–85)

Music: PICARDY, 17th century French Carol

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.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament, which is distributed in both kinds.

Given we are all raised with Christ, we do this standing. If you wish, however, you may kneel.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

If you prefer, please come forward for a blessing, and indicate this to the Celebrant.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Subdue us by thy goodness,
awake us by thy grace;
that men whose hearts are weary
May life anew embrace.
And though earth's woes be near us,
Thy Spirit still shall cheer us
All praise and thanks to thee!

Words: Luke 18, 31 and 34:5
Music: J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamour never waken.
2. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,
Thy blessed hope perceiving.
3. The feet that tread thy holy courts
From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy Body fed
With thy new life replenish.

Words: Syrian (4th Century)
tr. C. W. Humphreys, (1840–1921) and Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)
Music: ACH GOTT UND HERR, J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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: *Postlude in D*
C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Scripture Readings next week:

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

Ephesians 1:11–23

All Saints

Psalm 149

Luke 6:20–31

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Simon & Jude, Apostles & Martyrs – eucharist at 9:00 a.m.
Friday	Martin Luther (d. 1546) and other Continental Reformers

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>

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; Mary; Roma; Sarah; and Simon.

Notices

We warmly welcome to St George's this morning Abbie Margaret Rees, her family, sponsors and friends on the occasion of her baptism.

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 **next 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.*