



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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9th November, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

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

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (1954–)

Opening Hymn: 234

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

SENTENCE

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

John 11:25–26

*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

God of all the living
in the resurrection of Christ Jesus
you have given us the promise of life
which death itself cannot destroy:
in the strength of this unshakeable promise,
give us a new heart to live,
even now, as your new creation.
We ask this through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Haggai 1:15b–2:9

A reading from the book of the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month,
on the twenty-first day of the month,
the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying:

Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest,
and to the remnant of the people, and say,
Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory?
How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?
Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord;
take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest;
take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD;
work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts,
according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt.
My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

For thus says the LORD of hosts:

Once again, in a little while,
I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land;
and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come,
and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts.
The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts.
The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former,
says the LORD of hosts;
and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1–5, 18–21

**Response: You open wide your hand, O LORD,
and satisfy our needs.**

1. I will exalt you O God my king:
and bless your name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless you:
and praise your name for ever and ever.

R.

3. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise your works to another:
and shall declare your power.
5. I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty:
and all your marvellous works... **R.**
18. The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
19. The LORD is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20. He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,
he hears their cry and helps them. **R.**
21. The LORD preserves all those that love him,
but destroys all the wicked.
22. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians:

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way;

for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first

and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

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

Gradual Hymn: 18 vv. 1–3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

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.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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 the Province of the West Indies; Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; St Thomas's, Burwood; St Mark's, Leopold and St Paul and St Barnabas's, Newcomb; St James', Pakenham; Christ Church, Tooradin with St John's, Cranbourne; and Camberwell Grammar School.

For all in need

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

We continue to remember all students sitting and preparing for VCE and other examinations.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Ashton Masters; and those anniversary of death occurs at this time: Dorothea Baxter; Léline Angela Burns; Natali Cerini; Ruby Cooke; John Terrell Goodall; Dora Hills; James Morison; Judith (Judi) Anne Morrison; Margaret (Peg) Nelson; Guy Raoul Pascal; Margaret Tenison Philip; Aune Smith; Charles Smith; and Michael Somerville.

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

Offertory Hymn: 440

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

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

*Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Words: BCP Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

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: 286

Postlude: Sonata No 4 in B-flat Major, Op 65, BWV W 59
Allegro con brio, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Scripture Readings next week:

Isaiah 65:17–25
2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Isaiah
Luke 21:5–19

The Week Ahead

Monday	Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher (d. 461)
Tuesday	Martin, bishop of Tours (d. c. 387)
Wednesday	Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist (d. 1836)

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 9 November 2025		Roster for next week Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 16 November 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Coral Gordon	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Judy Mallinson
Eucharistic	Miriam Cherry	Eucharistic	Simon Dickie
Assistants	Leonie Bird	Assistants	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Leonie Bird Charles Tegner	Readers	Leigh Mackay Judy Mallinson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse
Acolytes	Jenny Macpherson Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Meg Winter Alison Canty
Eucharistic	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic	Geraldine Powell
Assistants	Ray Lester	Assistants	Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill	Readers	Riley Brooks Muriel Porter
Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Jenny McPherson
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Miriam Cherry

Notices

The monthly collection for St Alban's will occur on **23rd November**, the fourth Sunday of the month, and the day of the Annual Meeting. 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.

November's Book Club meeting will be on **Monday November 24th at 12:00 noon** ~~not~~ November 10th. We will be discussing *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lia See Book. Discussion will be followed by **Christmas lunch** to which we would like you attend. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

The **Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club** is having their **30th birthday concert** on **Saturday, 29th November, 2–5 p.m. at St John's Camberwell** 522 Burke Road, Camberwell. For more information, head to the booking website at <https://bit.ly/MSFC30>

Annual Meeting 'Season'

According to the *Parish Governance Act, 2013* of the Diocese of Melbourne, the Churchwardens hereby give formal notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following the 10:00 a.m. eucharist on **Sunday, November 23.**

In order for that meeting to be duly constituted, the following notices are also issued:

1. The Parish Electoral Roll will be reviewed in the coming week and, if necessary, amended by Thursday November 6, and published from **Sunday November 9.**
2. Nominations to the office of Church Warden (2 to be elected); for membership of the Parish Council (6 to be elected); and for membership of the Parish Incumbency Committee (2 to be elected) should be made in writing to the Parish Secretary or the Vicar **by Tuesday, November 18.**

Each nomination (collect appropriate forms from the back) must be signed by at least two members on the parish electoral roll, and must also include the written consent of the person nominated.

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 October reveal the stark reality:

Total income: \$22,430 and Total expenses: \$33,736

This is a significant deficit of **\$11,306**. 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. These will add extra costs 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

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?

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.

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.

*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.*