



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

## **ADVENT SUNDAY**



*The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.*

*Matthew 24:44*

**30 November 2025**

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

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia**;  
seasonal material for Advent is to be found on p. 147*

**Opening Hymn:**     11 vv. 1 & 2

*At the end of the first verse, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit. We then say:*

*At 8:00 a.m., once the clergy enter, we say:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

**All:            God of our ancestors:  
                  to you be praise and glory for ever!**

Celebrant: You call all people to live by the light of faith,  
              and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
              May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful  
              To receive your Christ,  
              a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,  
              For you are our light and salvation.

**All:            Blessed be God for ever.**

*At 10:00 a.m., we then sing the second verse.*

## **Sentence**

Come let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Isaiah 2:3a*

*The service continues on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia***

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung).*

*This introduces the Confession and Absolution.*

*During Advent, instead of the Gloria, we say together:*

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

## **Collect of the Day and of the Season:**

Faithful God,  
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:  
renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert  
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,  
our Judge and Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:  
that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 2: 1–5*

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

### **PSALM 122 (at 8:00 a.m.)**

**Response: I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to God's house'.**

1. I was glad when they said to me,  
    'Let us go to the house of the LORD'.
2. Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
3. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity within itself.
4. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
    the assembly of Israel to praise the name of the LORD.
5. For there are the thrones of judgement,
6. the thrones of the house of David. **R.**
7. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
8. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
9. For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
10. Because of the house of the LORD our God,
11. I will seek to do you good.' **R.**

**(at 10.00 a.m.): Response: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem**

1. I was glad when they said to me,  
    'Let us go to the house of the LORD'.
2. Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

3. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity within itself.
4. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
5. the assembly of Israel to praise the name of the LORD. **R.**
6. For there are the thrones of judgement,
- the thrones of the house of David. **R.**
7. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
8. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
9. For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
10. Because of the house of the LORD our God,
11. I will seek to do you good.' **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Romans 13: 9–14*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Rome:

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery;  
You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet';  
and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,  
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Love does no wrong to a neighbour;  
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;  
the night is far gone, the day is near.  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light;  
let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and licentiousness,  
not in quarrelling and jealousy.  
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh,  
to gratify its desires.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 5

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 24:36–44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding meal together;

one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore,

for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this:

if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night

the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake

and would not have let his house be broken into.

Therefore you also must be ready,

for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **For the Anglican Church**

The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of North West Australia; St Faith's, Burwood; St Wilfrid's, Mount Duneed; those elected and appointed as Wardens, Members of the Parish Nomination Committee and to our Parish Council last week: Malcolm Tadgell, Robyn Whitehouse (*Wardens*); David Amos, Jane Baddeley, Leonie Bird, Riley Brooks, Ray Lester, Sandra Morgan, Gavin Watson, Meg Winter and Judy Wright (*Parish Councillors*); Judy Mallinson, Ewan Morgan (*Parish Nominators*); and Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School.

## **For all in need**

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Ann; Coral; George; Josie; Joy; Katherine; Murray; Neil (and Cynthia and family); Roger (and +Kate and family); the Elmes family and Gooch family as they mourn; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

## **For the Faithful Departed**

Those who have died recently: Tricia Elmes; Kaye Gooch; Joan Shewin; and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Nicholas Andrew; Charles Atkins; Christopher Boniface; Cathleen Ann Balla; Michael Hargreaves Gregory; Florence Richards; and Jessie Southcott.

## Offertory Hymn:

1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring,  
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King:  
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night watch seemed so long,  
but his triumph day is breaking and we hail it with a song.
2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air  
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer;  
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,  
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way;  
he is calling for His angels to build up the gates of day:  
but His angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;  
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell –  
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:  
Zion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring  
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Words: Henry Burton (1840–1930) *alt.*  
Music: Maurice Lawton Wostenholm (1887–1959)

Anthem: (at 10am only)

1. *Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.*
2. *He comes the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.*
3. *He comes from thickest films of vice  
To clear the mental ray,  
And on the eyeballs of the blind  
To pour celestial day.*
4. *He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace,  
To enrich the humble poor.*
5. *Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And Heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With your beloved name.*

Words: Phillip Doddridge (1702–51)

Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Final Hymn: 7

Postlude: Dir Jehova will ich singen  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

**Scripture Readings next week:**

Isaiah 11:1–10

Romans 15:4–13

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Psalms 72:1–7, 18–21

Matthew 3:1–12



<b>Roster for today</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> <b>30 November 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>7 December 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Venetia Patchett Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Campell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Brian Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Leonie Bird Malcolm Tadgell	Eucharistic Assistants	Helen Baddeley Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	David Sheppard Coral Gordon	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Jane Baddeley
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Alison Canty	Acolytes	Meg Winter Pam Felgate
Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Brian Tobin Geraldine Powell	Readers	Muriel Porter Grant Rowlands
Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Jenny McPherson
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Pam Felgate	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Pam Felgate	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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.

## The Week Ahead

Monday	<b>Andrew, Apostle &amp; Martyr 9:00 a.m. Eucharist</b>
Tuesday	Frances Perry, founder, Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)
Wednesday	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)
Thursday	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d. 1637)
Saturday	Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)

### **Morning Prayer**

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

In St Martin's Chapel, or by Zoom: Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283  
<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Evening Prayer**

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

In St Martin's Chapel, or by Zoom: Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283  
<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **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

The collection for **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** is today **30 November**. As well as the goods described in the flyer (available last week and this), BASP now accepts direct debit donations (those over \$2 are tax deductible):

Account name: BASP Trust

BSB: 083 004

Account Number: 56 924 6603

On Monday, **eight bags of food and other items** were donated by generous people from this parish, and delivered to St. Mark's Fitzroy for the **Anglicare Victoria's Homeless Support Services Christmas Appeal**. The Anglicare staff there were overwhelmed by our generosity and were insistent that we let our parishioners know just how grateful they are.

**Tudor Choristers** present *Sing Nowell! 2025* on **Tuesday 2 December 2025** at 7:00 p.m. in **St John's Camberwell**, 552 Burke Rd Camberwell and on **Tuesday 9 December 2025** at 7:00 p.m. **Wesley Uniting Church City** 130 Lonsdale Street at 7:00 p.m. <https://www.tudorchoristers.org.au>

## 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?

**A Working Bee** to clean the Church in preparation for **Dedication Festival** and Christmas will take place on **Saturday December 20 from 9:00 a.m.** Why not come for Morning Prayer before we start the polishing, sweeping and other cleaning? Morning tea will obviously occur!

**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.

**Sunday December 28** will be Fr Jeremy's final Sunday with us. We will have one service that morning (at **9:30 a.m.**) followed by a Festive Morning Tea at which we will have the opportunity to thank him most sincerely for his faithful and sterling ministry among us.



## **The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO)**

MACO is an organisation to which tax deductible donations can be made to support the 'Cultural' activities and areas at St George's. Parishioners will know that we have a continuing account with MACO to support the work of the choir, and we established another one to facilitate donations for the Restoration of the stained glass windows, classified as "of great cultural significance, in their depiction of the gospel's spread 'From Nazareth to the Pacific'."

Owing to the breadth of definition associated with this second account, it is completely acceptable to use funds donated there for the restoration work of the walls in the North and South Transept: after all, if the walls supporting the windows fall down, the restoration of the windows will have served little purpose.

It was always envisaged that donations through MACO for restoration works would be the preferred option for parishioners, with the National Trust appeal (which has a better 'name') for the wider community. The chief reason for this is that MACO offers donors the same tax deduction status, but the 'cut' it takes to run the fund-raising is considerably below that taken by National Trust – more money goes directly to the church.

As discussed at last week's Annual Meeting, therefore, parishioners are warmly encouraged to donate to MACO to assist with the costs of restoration, if you have not already done so (or even if you have!). Such donations will be most warmly welcomed.

To donate please go to St George's website. Select the "Prayer and Worship" tab which will lead you to the "Support & Donations" page:

<https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations>

The red **Donate Now** button takes you to the MACO Donation page.

**For donating to St George's restoration:**

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO',  
scroll down and select St George's Malvern – Windows Restoration  
complete the details required  
then click on "**Go to Payment**" Button

Of course, it is still possible to donate to the Music Fund also, especially significant with the arrival of our new Director of Music, Christopher Lo, in January next year. The history of music in our church goes back to the late 1800s, when the the choir started in 1869 and the organ was built in 1885. The Music Fund seeks to support all aspects of the music programme in the worship at our church.

The value of maintaining this great tradition is an important tenet of St George's.

Donations to the music programme assist with improvements to the historic George Fincham pipe organ, the ongoing viability of our RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) choir, the continuation of choral scholarships, vocal training, purchase of music, and piano tuning. It also supports the maintenance of a high standard of music in worship including special services for Advent, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas.

**For donating to St George's music:**

Follow the instructions above, with the following changes:

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO',  
scroll down and select St George's Malvern - Music Fund  
complete the details required  
then click on "**Go to Payment**" Button

## **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: \$35,244

**This is a significant deficit of \$12,914.**

**You will note that since publishing these figures we have had a negative trend in each month.**

**This reinforces the need for the pledge request that the Parish Council is making.**

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](mailto:dgp3934@icloud.com)) to indicate your increased 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*





# **CHRISTMAS SERVICES ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
WITH STONNINGTON CITY BRASS  
Sunday 14 December at 2pm**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5pm **Children's Service**  
10:30pm **Carols in the Church**  
11pm **First Communion of Christmas  
("Midnight Mass")**

**CHRISTMAS**  
9:30am **Traditional Christmas Service**



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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.*