



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

15 February, 2026

8:00 a.m., 10 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**;*

Opening Hymn: 233 (tune 244)

SENTENCE

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Psalm 119.11

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your love in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you?
Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him,
to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees
that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.

Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God,
the earth with all that is in it, yet the LORD set his heart in love
on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them,
out of all the peoples, as it is today.

Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart,
and do not be stubborn any longer.

For the LORD your God is God of gods and LORD of Lords,
the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe,
who executes justice for the orphan and the widow,
and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing.
You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship;
to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear.
He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great
and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.
Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons;
and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous
as the stars in heaven.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8

Response: Happy are they who walk in the law of the LORD.

1. Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
2. Happy are they who observe his decrees,
and seek him with all their hearts! **R.**
3. Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.
4. You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. **R.**
5. O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
6. Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments. **R.**
7. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgements.
8. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh.

For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul?

Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each.

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 444

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and taught them, saying: 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement."'

But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,
you will be liable to judgement;
and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council;
and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire.

So when you are offering your gift at the altar,
if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
leave your gift there before the altar and go;
first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court
with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge,
and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.
Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.”

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away;
it is better for you to lose one of your members
than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away;
it is better for you to lose one of your members
than for your whole body to go into hell.

‘It was also said,

“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.”

But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife,
except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery;
and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,

“You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.”

But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
or by the earth, for it is his footstool,
or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”;

anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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 of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Adelaide; St Thomas', Werribee; and Archdeaconry of The Yarra.

For all in need:

We pray for: Ann; Aria (and family); Coral; David; George; Helen; Jenny; Josie; Katherine; Murray; Roger (and +Kate and family); Susan; Sarina; Sophie; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Karen McMurray; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Robert John Bisset; Marguherita Burrell; Ada Emery; Jacqueline Marjorie Harris; Ivan Mercer; Erina Villers Pringle; Gwenthelleyan (Gwen) Richards; John Richards; James Wearing Smith; Adrian Swan; Alexander Wakefield; and Kit Watling.

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

Offertory Hymn: 294

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 148) begins.

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 148)

Notices are then given followed, at 10 a.m. by

Final Hymn: 463 (tune 2)

Postlude: "Fiddle" Fugue in D minor BWV539
by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
Romans 5:12–21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1–11

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Holy Eucharist at Cabrini Hospital 12 noon. All welcome.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday, Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 8:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Listening session with Archbishop in the Hall. 2:00 p.m. -4:30p.m.
Friday	William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d. 1853)

Roster for today Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 15 February 2026		Roster for next Sunday First Sunday in Lent 22 February 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campbell Paine	Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistant	Simon Dickie	Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Venetia Patchett
Readers	Miriam Cherry Charles Tegner	Readers	Judy Mallinson Hamish Tadgell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse
Acolytes	Meg Winter Judy Mallinson	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Alison Canty
Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill	Readers	Muriel Porter Vincent T-Amos
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Judy Wright

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Not on this week, owing to Ash Wednesday liturgy.

7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

NOTICES

Lent is nearly upon us. **This coming Tuesday, February 17 is “Shrove (or ‘Pancake’) Tuesday”**, (*Carnivale* in Italian; *Mardi Gras* in French).

Please come, and share pancakes with us in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting – or the hall if it rains) from 6:00 p.m.

Please also bring with you your palm crosses from last year, which will be burned to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday, on Wednesday February 18 will see Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 8:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Study

The book for our Lenten Studies this year is ***Giver of Life: The Holy Spirit in the Creed and the Christian Life Today***, by Jane Williams. Study groups will occur, as last year, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (via Zoom), and following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist on Thursday mornings.

Originally, Lent was a time to prepare candidates for Baptism. This year’s book, published only last year to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, explores the ‘third’ part of the Creed – that which speaks of “The Lord, the Giver of Life”. It seemed appropriate, therefore, to explore this in Lent, as the creeds were the original proclamations of faith that candidates had to make to be baptized. The books are **\$35 each**.

Please speak with (or email) the Vicar in the coming week if you would like a book, and sign up for one of the groups on the sheet at the back of the church.

Our regular collection for St Alban’s will occur next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of the month. 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.

On Sunday (March 1), there will be a **special Parish Meeting** following the 10:00 a.m. service, to provide information, and explain all the implications and exciting developments of the Restoration Project which has now been approved by Church Wardens and Parish Council.

Spiritual Café returns for 2026! Tuesday 31 March. Save the date; details to follow.

Lenten Quiet Day with Dr Paula Gooder on Saturday, 14 March will be a time for silence, prayer and quiet reflection, along with a series of talks from Dr Gooder at particular intervals during the day. There will be a Eucharist in the Chapel at midday and opportunity for attendees to enjoy the grounds at Trinity College. Dr Paula Gooder is a speaker and writer on the Bible, particularly on the New Testament. Please register for this free event by referring to instructions on flyers located on the service counter.

We will be holding a series of fundraiser concerts in 2026. The first will be on **Saturday 9th May at 2pm** in our Hall. **Featured artists: Shu-Cheen Yu and her Lotus Wind Choir.** Put the date in your diary now and encourage others to attend!

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians and Owners 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 connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*