



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6th September, 2026

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

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

Prelude: Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major

Johan Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book

Setting of the Eucharist (at 10:00 a.m.):

Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (1954–)

Processional Hymn: 351 (NEH)

Sentence

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord,
‘I am there among them.’

Matthew 18:20

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung),
the Confession and Absolution, followed by the ancient hymn, Gloria in excelsis (p. 121).*

COLLECT

Go before us, O Lord, with your most gracious favour
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1–14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;

it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month

they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb,

it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;

the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;

you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;

then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the

lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night;

they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire,

with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the

morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet,

and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the LORD.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,

and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,

both human beings and animals;

on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live:

when I see the blood, I will pass over you,

and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;

throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Response: Sing to the LORD,
(at 8:00 a.m.) **in the congregation of the faithful.**

1. Alleluia! Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his name in the dance,
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. **R.**
4. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.
5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. **R.**
6. Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7. To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; **R.**
8. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
9. To inflict on them the judgement decreed;
this is the glory for all his faithful people.
Alleluia! **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Chant & Response: Christopher Willcock (b. 1947)



1. Sing a new song to the LORD,
praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in its maker,
let Zion's people exult in their King. **R.**
3. Let the people praise God's name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.
4. For the LORD takes delight in the people
and crowns the poor with salvation. **R.**
5. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities;
for there is no authority except from God,
and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.
Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed,
and those who resist will incur judgement.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.
Do you wish to have no fear of the authority?
Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval;
for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong,
you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain!
It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.

Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath
but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes,
for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing.
Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due,
revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due,
honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law.
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: 357

Alleluia, 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 Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus continued speaking to his disciples:

‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you,
in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep,
and one of them has gone astray,
does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains
and go in search of the one that went astray?

And if he finds it, truly I tell you,
he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.
So it is not the will of your Father in heaven
that one of these little ones should be lost.

‘If another member of the church sins against you,
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.
If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.
But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you,
so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;
and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,
let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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

By the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Bendigo; Jumbunna Episcopate, Deanery of Waverley; and Christ Church Grammar School.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Bryan; Dan; Dennis; Emily; Leonie; Max; Murray; Nicole; Peter; Ray; Rebecca; Richard; Ronald; Sarah; Shirley; Ted; the family of Joan Snedden as they grieve; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Joan Simpson Snedden; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Paula Abrahams; Richard Robinson Belshaw; Margaret Ann Findlay-Hughes; Lillie Gillanders; Alan Hain; May Hardy; William Jarvie; Ian William Johnson; Leslie Lyons; John (Jock) Mackenzie; Helen Pepperell; Marjorie Sawyer; Frederick Stanes; Lorna Tickner; and Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor.

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

Offertory Hymn: 280

The Great Thanksgiving (one chosen from p. 128 ff) begins.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Come, sing unto the Lord, sing all ye people.
Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Come before God's presence with thanksgiving and a song.

Words: Psalm 95: 1–2
Music: Henry Purcell (1659–95)
arr. Mark Schweizer (1956–2019)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 143)

Notices are given (followed at 10 a.m. by):

Final Hymn: 265

Postlude: Sonata in G Major
Giovanni Battista Sammartini (1700–75)

Roster for today 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 6 September 2026		Roster for next Sunday 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 13 September 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Chris Miles	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistant	Malcolm Tadgell	Eucharistic Assistant	Simon Dickie TBA
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Coral Gordon Simon Dickie	Readers	Jenny Robertson Campbell Paine
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Phillip Jenkins
Acolytes	Ravi Renjen Pam Felgate	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistant	Betty Renjen Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Ewan Morgan Brian Tobin	Readers	Jenny McPherson Judy Wright
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	David Amos Joy Brown
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

NOTICES

WELCOME BACK to our lovely church! After closing our doors from 4th May, we have at last returned four months later, almost to the day. Many thanks to those who helped with the transition this week, to all members of the Parish Council for their oversight of this project, and to you all for your patience, and the good humour with which you have borne with our temporary relocation. Special thanks to the Church Wardens and Parish Treasurer, who so painstakingly oversaw every aspect of this renewal.

Book Club will next be meeting on Monday 14th September at 2:00 p.m. in the North room. We will discuss the book, *The Dressmakers of Yarrandarrah Prison* by Meredith Jaffe. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

Praying for the sick or dying is a deep and rich dimension of Christian discipleship: it dates from the earliest days of the Church in Jerusalem. For more than thirty years, St George's Church has continued this tradition, and sent a faithful and devoted team of volunteers to pray and care for patients at Cabrini Hospital. This ministry is unique in the Diocese of Melbourne. Every Tuesday morning, we join the full-time pastoral care team, support them in their role, and host a midday prayer service in the beautiful Cabrini chapel.

We are looking for new members to join our team!

If you want to learn more, please contact either Gregory or Callum.

Notice of Special Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern

At its meeting on 18 August 2026, the Parish Council resolved to convene a Special Meeting, being a type of Statutory Parish Meeting.

Therefore, in accordance with Rule 2.2 of the Parish Rules, the Churchwardens hereby give notice that a Special Parish meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following the 10.00am Eucharist on **Sunday, 27 September 2026**.

The sole item of business of this meeting will be to consider a proposal to reduce the size of the Parish Council:

- from 13 members, comprising the Vicar, three churchwardens and 9 other persons, one-third nominated by the Vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners,
- to 10 members, comprising the Vicar, three churchwardens and 6 other persons, one-third nominated by the Vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners.

Please be sure to attend this meeting.

**Faith and the Arts series at St Peter's, Eastern Hill:
There are More Things in Heaven and Earth:
A Renaissance Prince or a Reformation Play?
Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.**

Come hear our very own Fr Gregory speak on this topic;

Tuesday, 22nd September from 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

15 Gisborne Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3022.

Bookings via email: arts@stpeters.org.au or call 0401 826 325.

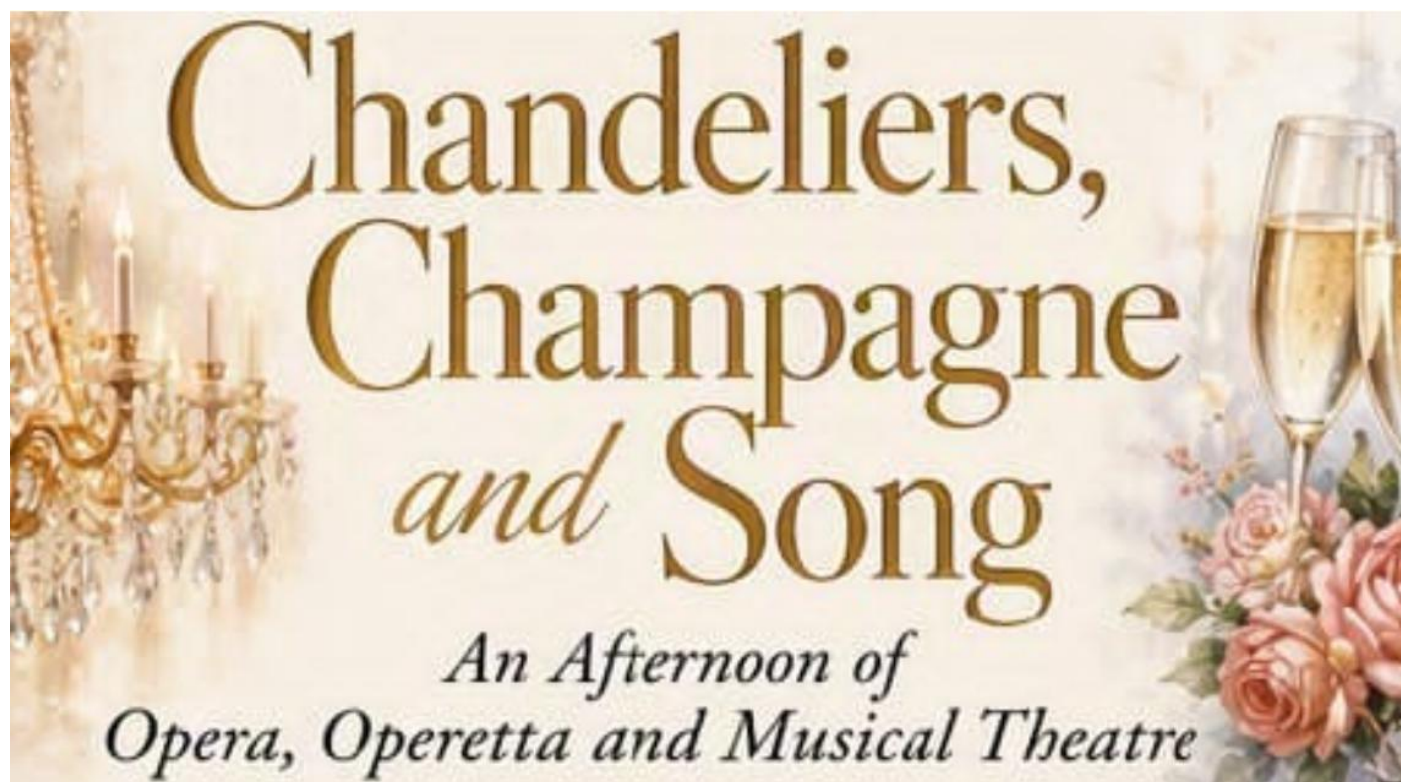
Bookings can also be made, and more information on this event found, by scanning this QR link on the right.

Flyers can also be found at the service counter – invite your friends!



Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 29th September - Our guest speaker is Dr Kathleen McGuire Senior Lecturer in Education (Music), Faculty of Education and Arts, Australian Catholic University, Composer, Music Director, Justice Choir Naarm and many other roles. Her topic is *"Finding a reason: A composer's pathway forged through social justice advocacy."* Based on her chapter in a recent book comprising contributions from 30 women composers from around the world. [*The Composer, Herself – Contemporary Snapshots of the Creative Process* (Linda Kouvaras et al., eds., Palgrave-Macmillan, 2024).] Join us for dinner at 6.30pm at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd). Please booking via email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING CONCERT



Please note a change of date to **Saturday 3rd October 2026** in our church hall, at 2:00 p.m., featuring music from Opera, Operetta & Musical Theatre. Bookings can be made through Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJZR> or scan the QR Code on the right.



We will have a Silent Auction – if you have any goods to donate (check out your re-gifting stash!) or labour to offer (i.e. 2 hours of gardening, knitting, sewing, cooking – purchaser provides the tools, wool, fabric, ingredients etc., and you provide the work), please let Suzie know. Goods can be given to Suzie on a Sunday or left in the office (clearly marked for the "Silent Auction" with your name and RRP if you know what might be). Contact Suzie Hill with any queries 0404 381 401.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d. 1947)
Thursday	Hildegard of Bingen, abbess & spiritual writer (d. 1179) 10:30 a.m. Funeral Service for Joan Simpson Snedden
Friday	John Ramsden Wollaston, priest & missionary of Western Australia (d. 1856)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are online each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, 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>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 14:19–31

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1–14

Matthew 18:21–35



St Peter's Bookroom
Spring Book Fair

As-new and second-hand
Saturday **6th September 2025**
10am-4pm
Sunday **7th September 2025**
10am-2pm

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