



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13th 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: Veroneser Allegro KV 72a

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91)

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: 377 (NEH)

Sentence

If you, O LORD, should note what we do wrong, LORD, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

c.f. Psalm 130:3–4

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19–31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty.

The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers,

the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea;

not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians;

and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians.

So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD
and in his servant Moses.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

(at 8:00 a.m.)

Response: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD.

1. Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion. **R.**
3. The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep. **R.**
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skip like rams?
you little hills, like young sheep? **R.**
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m., sung by the choir)

1. Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord.

Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?

Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?

For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 394

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

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.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus,

‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’

Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was
brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,
together with his wife and children and all his possessions,
and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

“Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him,
the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who
owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said,

“Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him,
“Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and
threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed,
and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave!

I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his
entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive
your brother or sister from your heart.’

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
The Diocese of Birmingham; The Diocese of Grafton; Jumbunna Episcopate,
Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills; and Korowa Anglican Girls' 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; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Elsie Alfred; Violet Atkins; Georgina Alice Bray; Rita Campbell; Dorothy Corden; Frank Cuttriss; Eva Davis; Edith Augusta Elliott; Emma Giggins; Margaret Hansen; John Hetherington; Margaret Johnston; Lilian St John; and John Taylor.

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

Offertory Hymn: 288

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done;
For I have more.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sins their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done;
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Son
Shall shine as He shines now and heretofore:
And having done that, Thou hast done;
I fear no more.

Words: John Donne (1571–1631)
Music: John Hilton (1565–1609)
arr. Arlen Clarke (1954–)

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

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

Final Hymn: 439 (vs. 1–4, 7)

Postlude: Prelude in G minor
Girolamo Alessandro (1583–1643)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Holy Cross 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d. 1947)
Wednesday	Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d. 432)
Thursday	Hildegard of Bingen, abbess & spiritual writer (d. 1179)
Friday	John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and 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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 16:2–15

Psalm 105:1–6; 105:37–45

Romans 14:1–14

Matthew 18:21–35

Roster for today 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 13 September 2026		Roster for next Sunday 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 20 September 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campbell Paine	Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Jenny Weller Newton
Eucharistic Assistant	Simon Dickie	Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Simon Dickie
Readers	Jenny Robertson Campbell Paine	Readers	Leigh Mackay Lorilae Garcia
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Phillip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter	Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Lyn Beaumont
Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Betty Renjen Muriel Porter
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Jenny McPherson Judy Wright	Readers	Grant Rowlands Robyn Whitehouse
Morning Tea	David Amos Joy Brown	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Andrea King

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

Book club will meet tomorrow in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss the book *The Personal Librarian*. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

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.

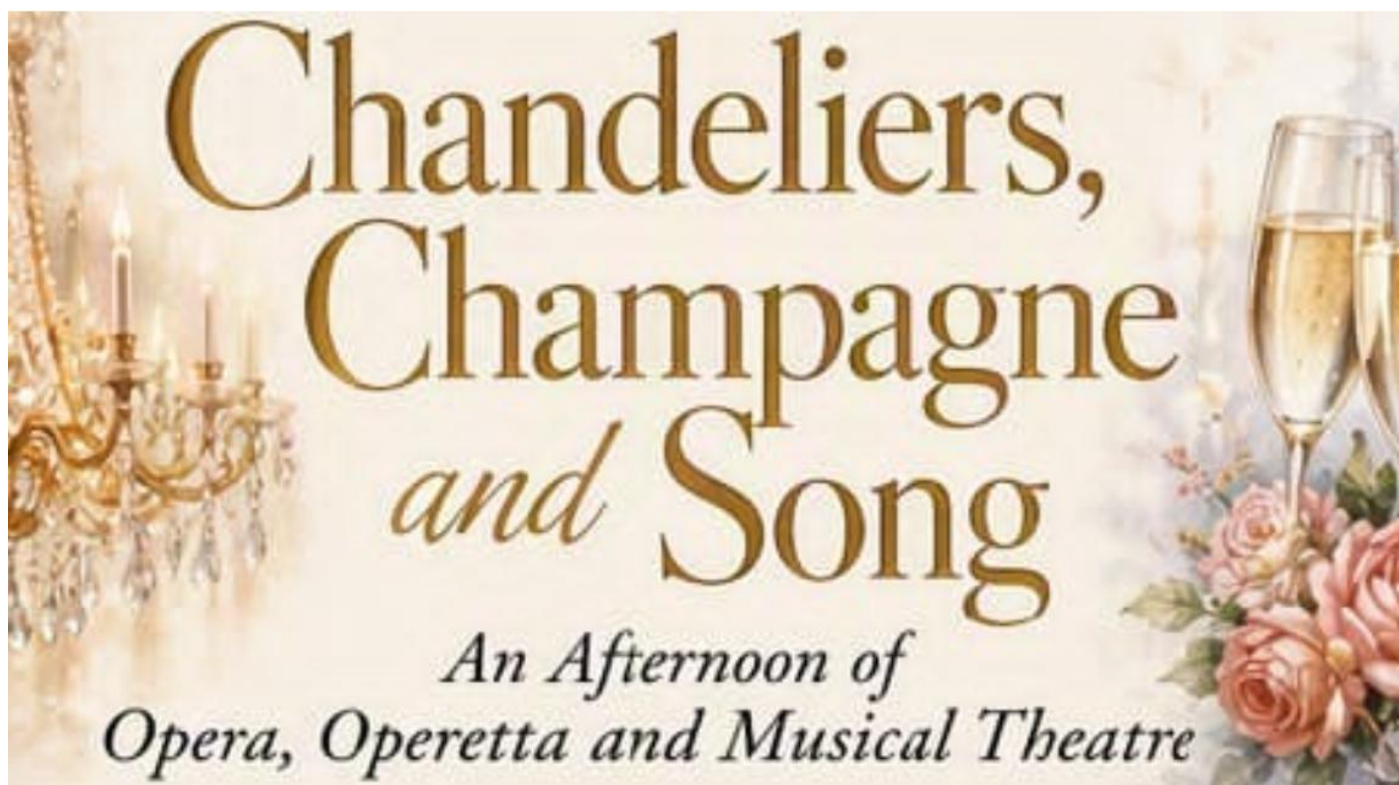
Bookings can also be made, and more information on this event found, by scanning this QR link on the right.

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). We've already been offered at double pass to Melbourne Opera's Parsifal (Feb 2027) - how exciting! There may be some businesses that would provide a voucher - do you have a favourite trader on Glenferrie Road whom you could approach? Before you do - please let Suzie know so we don't have potential multiple requests to the same trader. Contact Suzie Hilll with any queries 0404 381 401.



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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.*