



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20th 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 (at 10:00 a.m.): Air in F Major

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

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: 452 (NEH)

Sentence

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8–9

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds
all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2–15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them,
‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day.

In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,

‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD.

For what are we, that you complain against us?’

And Moses said,

‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we?

Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness,

and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them,

“At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp;

and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’

For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them,

‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

PSALM 145: 1-8

(at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. [Sung by the choir])

Response: The LORD is Gracious and Full of Compassion

The _____ LORD is _____ gra - cious and full of com - pas - sion.

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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. **R.**
5. I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvellous works.
6. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness. **R.**
7. They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
8. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21–30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me;

and I do not know which I prefer.

I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain

and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus

when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that,

whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you,

I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,

striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,

and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ,

but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle

that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 66 (Tune 63)

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

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 said to his disciples:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner

who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,

he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock,

he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them,

“You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.”

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock,

he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?”

They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.”

He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

“Call the labourers and give them their pay,

beginning with the last and then going to the first.”

When those hired about five o’clock came,

each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more;

but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

“These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”

But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go;

I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?

Or are you envious because I am generous?”

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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

We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Rockhampton; Archbishop Ric Thorpe; Episcopal Areas of Nunawading, Dandenong, Geelong, and Merri; archdeacons, deanery leaders, clergy, lay ministers and people as the new structure begins; and Shelford Girls' Grammar School.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Bryan; Dennis; Emily; Leonie; Max; Nicole; Rebecca; Richard; 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: Ian Agnew; Margaret Bauer; Verna Coles; Amy Embling; David Stanley Horsburgh; Nancy Ruth Howell; Wilf Jennings; Annie Logan; Beryl Sadleir; Monica Sheppherd; Arnold Williams; and Esther Monica vanden Driesen.

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

Offertory Hymn: 296

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Words: Anonymous, based on James 1:2
Music: 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: 420

Postlude: Hornpipe in D Major
Samuel Wesley (1766 – 1837)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d. 1392)
Saturday	Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)

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

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 17:1–7

Psalms 78:1–4; 11–16

Philippians 2:1–13

Matthew 21:23–32

Roster for today 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 20 September 2026		Roster for next Sunday 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 27 September 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Jenny Weller Newton	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistants	Helen Baddeley Muriel Porter	Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry
Intercessor	Simon Dickie	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Jenny Weller Newton Lorilae Garcia	Readers	David Sheppard Hamish Tadgell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie
Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Lyn Beaumont	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny McPherson
Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Grant Rowlands Robyn Whitehouse	Readers	Muriel Porter Charles Tegner
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse
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

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

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;

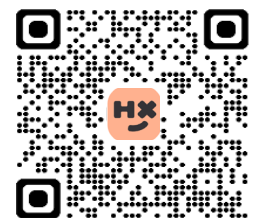
Tuesday, 22nd September from 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

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

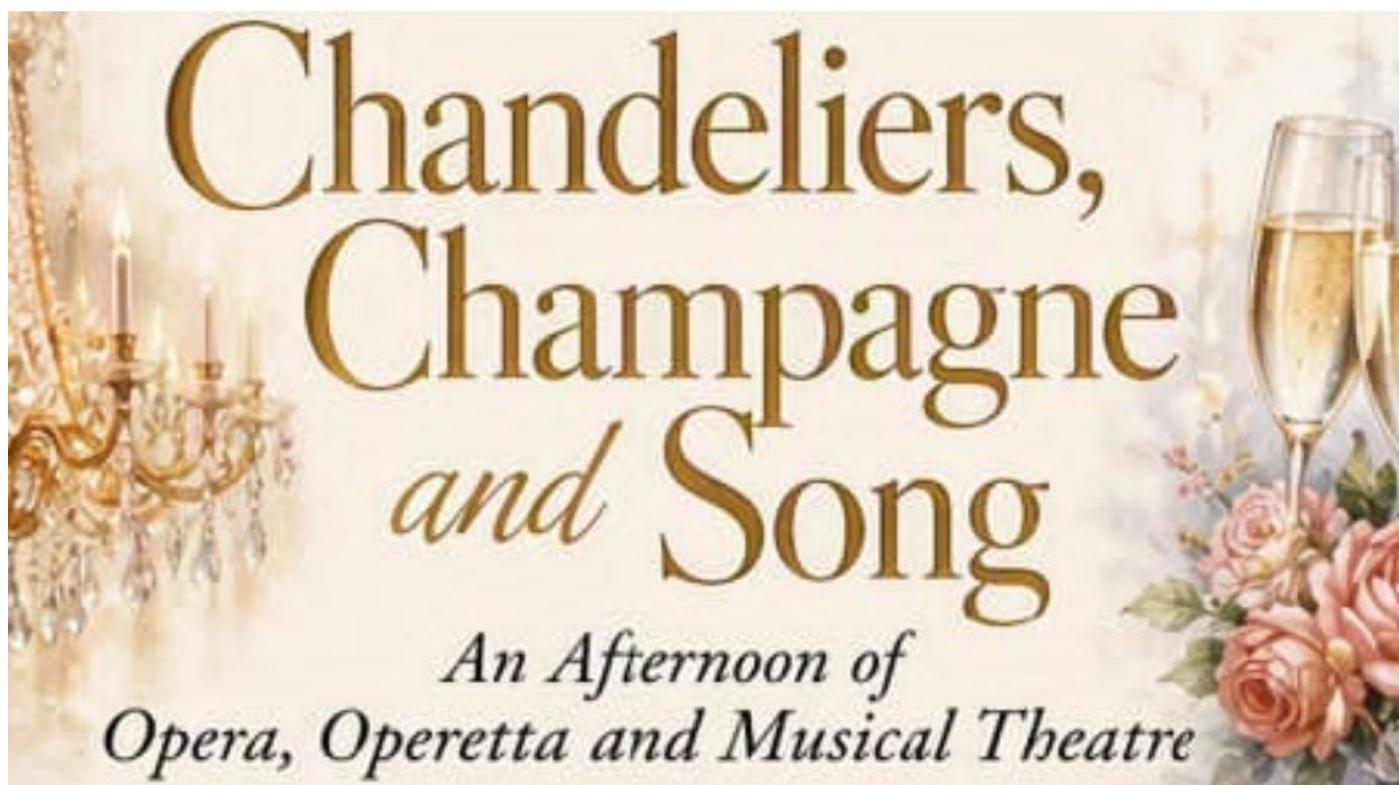
McGuire Senior Lecturer in Education (Music), Faculty of Education and Arts, Australian Catholic University, Composer, Music Director, Justice Choir Naarm and many other roles. Her topic is "*Finding a reason: A composer's pathway forged through social justice advocacy.*"

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.

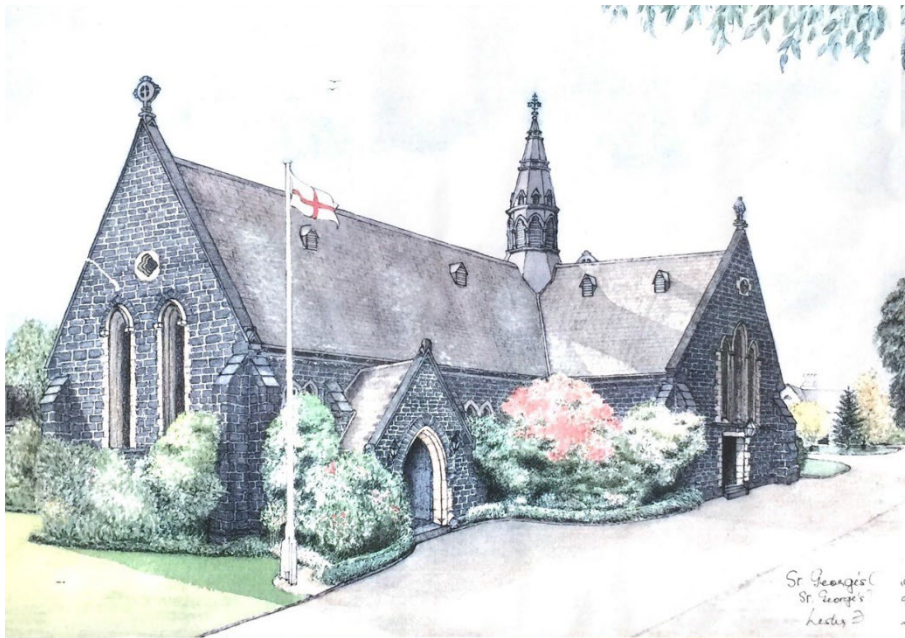
OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING CONCERT



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.*