



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11th October, 2026

8:00 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**.***

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

Sentence:

This is our God for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

c.f. Isaiah 25:9

*The service continues as we say or sing: Kyrie Eleison, followed by Confession and Absolution,
then all say the ancient hymn, 'Gloria in excelsis' (pp. 120–121)*

Collect of the day:

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful
for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 32.1–14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him,

‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’

Aaron said to them,

‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’

So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it;

and Aaron made proclamation and said,

‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.’

They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go down at once!

Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;

they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said,

“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”’

The LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.

Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said,

‘O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say,

“It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them,
“I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,
and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants,
and they shall inherit it for ever.”

And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster
that he planned to bring on his people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 106.1–6, 20–24

Response: Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD?

1. Alleluia! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever.
2. Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or show forth all his praise? **R.**
3. Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
4. Remember me, O LORD, with the favour you have for your people;
and visit me with your saving help;
5. That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with gladness of your people,
that I may glory in your inheritance.
6. We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.... **R.**
20. Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb, and worshipped a molten image;
21. And so they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
22. They forgot God their Saviour, who had done great things in Egypt,
23. Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea. **R.**
24. So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from consuming them. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 1–9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women,
for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,
together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1–14

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

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.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the elders in parables, saying:
‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?"

And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants,

"Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For many are called, but few are chosen.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon, followed by the Creed on p. 123 of APBA.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Gippsland; Episcopal Area of Nunawading; Archdeaconry of Berwick; and Ivanhoe Grammar School; and Gordon Donato Conserva, to be baptized this morning.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.

We pray for: Adrian; Alison; Ann; Carolyn, David and the Batt family; Dennis; Jenny; Jon; Nicole; Ray; Rebecca; Richard; Sarah and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: John Michael Batt; Maxwell Morbé Lojuran; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Muriel Bennett; Suzanne Davis; John Edington; Barbara Leila Fordyce; Cecilia Furlonger; James Macindoe Guest; Cyril Horsburgh; Edward Hughes; Jessie Jones; John Kingsmill; George Pepperell; April Powell; David Charles Holroyd Sexton; Jenifer St John; Mary Evelyn Street; Philip Wood; and Kathleen Yeo.

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

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

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

Notices are given.

All stand for the final blessing.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

ST LUKE, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR

Jeremiah 8:22–9:3
2 Timothy 4:9–17a

Psalms 145:10–18
Luke 10:1–9

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d. 1845) Book club meeting in the North room at 12.00 p.m. Funeral Eucharist for the Honourable John Batt, AM 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Parish Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Teresa of Avila, teacher (d. 1592) 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops and martyrs (d. 1555)
Saturday	Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (d. c. 115)

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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Roster for today 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11 October 2026		Roster for next Sunday ST LUKE, EVANGELIST & MARTYR 18 October 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	David Sheppard	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Chris Miles	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	David Sheppard Jane Baddeley	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Simon Dickie
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Lyn Beaumont Pam Felgate	Acolytes	Meg Winter Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistant	Betty Renjen
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Suzie Hill Ray Lester	Readers	Judy Mallinson Ewan Morgan
Morning Tea	Jenny Mc Pherson Sandra Morgan	Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate
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; and Liza.

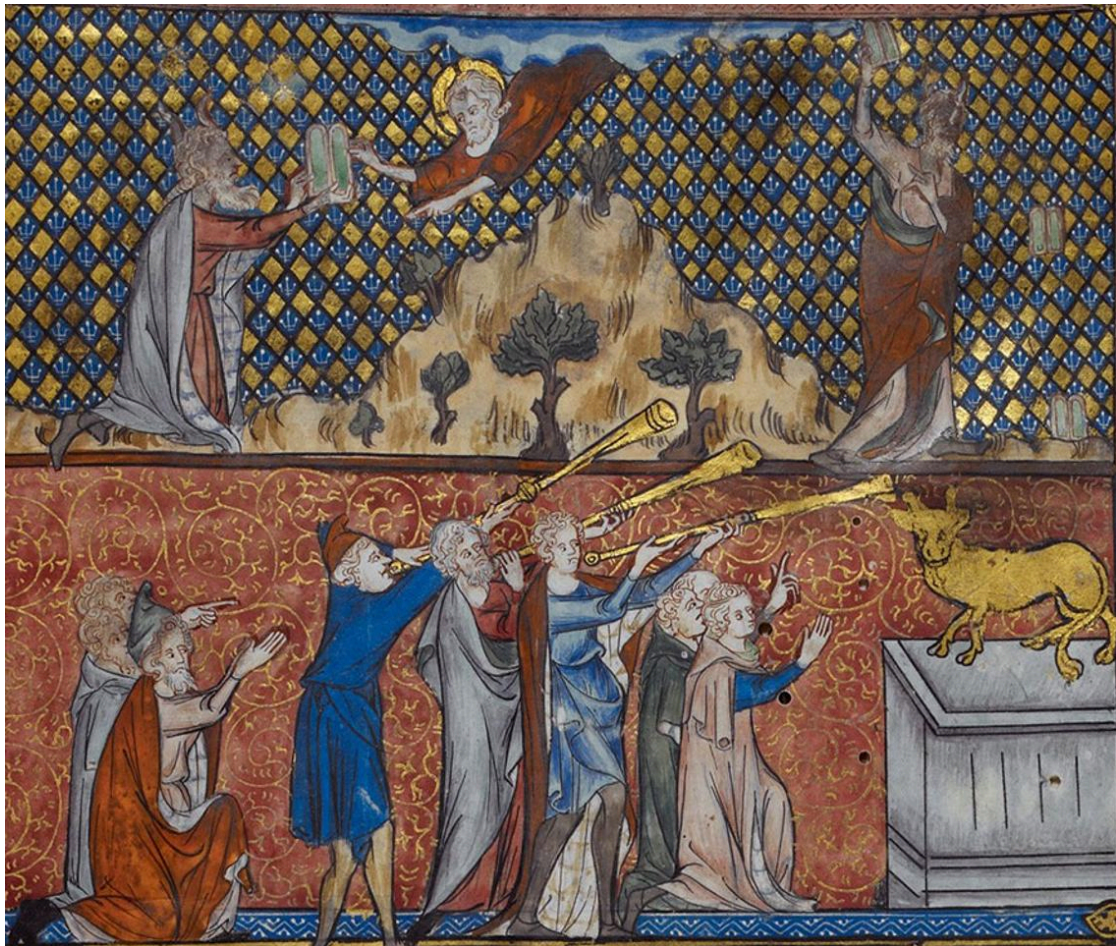
NOTICES

Book club will meet tomorrow in the North room at **12.00 p.m.** We will discuss the book *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree* by Alli Parker. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

The Vicar will be on leave from Wednesday, October 14, returning November 1. Thank you to the Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee who will be with us on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; and to Callum and Fr Matthew provide pastoral support and other liturgical leadership during this time.

Further Ahead

The Victorian Electoral Commission will commandeer the Parish Hall from October 30 to December 6 for this year's state election. During this time, there will be no access to the kitchen, the hall or the storage room opposite the Assistant Priest's office. Thank you for your patience and forbearance during this period.



*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.*