



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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24th August, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 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.*

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

Parish Eucharist Michael Dudman (1938–94)

Opening Hymn: 449 (all from *Together in Song*)

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book)*

SENTENCE

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth.
Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

Psalms 71:5–6

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

This introduces the Confession and is followed by Gloria in excelsis (p. 121).

COLLECT

O God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Then I said, ‘Ah, LORD God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy.’

But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me,

‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1–6

Response: You are my hope, O LORD God. (8:00 a.m.)

1. In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.
2. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me. **R.**
3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
4. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **R.**
5. For you are my hope, O LORD God, my confidence since I was young.
6. I have been sustained by you since I was born;
from my mother’s womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you. **R.**

At 10:00 a.m. we sing the setting of the psalm at *TiS* 40 vv. 1–5

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18–29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’)

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’

This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 446

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,

‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’

When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight
and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured
on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,

‘There are six days on which work ought to be done;
come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’

But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you
on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger,
and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman,
a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,
be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd
was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Church of the Province of South East Asia; The Diocese of Newcastle; St Paul's, Canterbury;
St John the Evangelist, Epping; All Saints, Lorne; Holy Trinity, Port Melbourne;
and Melbourne Anglican Foundation.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Betty; Chris; Coral; Jackie; John; Josiah; Josie; Leonie; Margaret; Matthew; Muriel;
Murray; Patsy; Peter; Roma; Sam; Simon; Tom; and those we name before you in the silence of our
hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Michael Marius Höcke;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Freda Burnet; Bertram Cowle;
Edna Jean Fyfe; Reginald Hayden; Dawn Hilsberg; Mary Jane Jackson; Ray Pritchard; Elfrida Reeson;
Catriona Elizabeth Scott; and Clifford Smith.

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

Offertory Hymn: 499

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 128) begins using one of the prayers that follow.

During communion at 10 a.m., the choir will sing:

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

Words: John 14:15–17
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–85)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 144)

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

Final Hymn: 687

Postlude: Imperial March by Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Scripture Readings next week:

Jeremiah 2:4–13
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 81:1, 10–16
Luke 14:1–14

The Week Ahead

Wednesday	Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387)
Thursday	Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430)
Friday	9:00 a.m. Eucharist Beheading of John the Baptist

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>

Notices

We welcome The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM as our guest preacher at both morning services this morning. Elizabeth has recently completed ten years as an outstanding Mission Priest in the Goldfields in the Diocese of Perth. It is a privilege to welcome her to St George's this morning, back in the Diocese of her ordination. She will also be preaching at Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. this evening.

There is also an opportunity for lunch with Elizabeth at Giorgio's this Tuesday.

Our regular collection for St Alban's occurs today. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

#EndTheWaiting Vigil 2:00 -3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 at the Brigidine Ministry Centre, 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park. Sign up to show up here: (<https://events.humanitix.com/endthewaiting-vigil-macnamara-electorate>). Thousands of asylum seekers who came to Australia **more than a decade ago** are facing serious hardship and destitution in our community. Most were rejected under the 'Fast Track' procedure, which Labor has acknowledged was unfair and inefficient. They are still waiting for their cases to be decided. The government's re-election this year offers a window of opportunity to address this injustice and put an end to the suffering of so many individuals and families stuck in limbo.

Reasons to join the vigil (<https://www.endthewaiting.com/>):

Demand that the government **immediately provide a pathway to permanency** for all asylum seekers failed by Australia's unjust system, including those processed under Fast Track. Ensure that all asylum seekers have work rights while their claims are processed. Issue one visa that lasts until a claim is resolved, ending the need for repeated applications for renewal.

At the vigil we will hear from asylum seekers and local political and community leaders, sending a simple, quiet and powerful message that it's time for action.

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." (*Matthew 25:35*)

These words should shape our nation's policies.

Leigh Mackay, OAM

Kaye Gooch ‘tested’ two possible electric wheelchairs on Thursday. There is still a chance to assist in contributing to the \$5,000 cost of this for Kaye. If you wish to join others in this act of caring for one of our own, feel free to offer by donating to the Parish’s ADF operating account (BSB 703 122 Account # 0500 9778) but please use the Reference *Gooch Wheelchair*.

Roster for today Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 24 August 2025		Roster for next week Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 31 August 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Clergy	Intercessor	Venetia Patchett
Readers	David Sheppard Betty Renjen	Readers	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Suzie Hill Grant Rowlands	Readers	Gracemary Huntley Vincent Amos
Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Sandra Morgan	Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Robyn Whitehouse
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; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Mary; and Simon.

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples
of the East Kulin nations
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 and living connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*