



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12th July, 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: Voluntary in G: Largo

William Boyce (1710–79)

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.):

Parish Eucharist, Michael Dudman (1938–94)

Processional Hymn: 137

Sentence

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;
you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63–68

*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

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy,
and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19–34

A reading from the book Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son:
Abraham was the father of Isaac,
and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah,
daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.
Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren;
and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.
The children struggled together within her; and she said,
'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD.
And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.
The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle;
so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out,
with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.
Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field,
while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.
Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field,
and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff,
for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.)
Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die;
of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.'
So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.
Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank,
and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105–112

Response: **O LORD, how I love your law.**
(at 8:00 a.m.).

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
106. I have sworn and am determined,
to keep your righteous judgements. **R.**
107. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD,
according to your word.
108. Accept, O LORD the willing tributes of my lips,
and teach me your judgements. **R.**
109. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
110. The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not stray from your commandments. **R.**
111. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Andrew Gregory Murray (1905–92)



2. Your word, O LORD, is a lantern unto my feet:
and a light unto my path.
I have made a vow and am steadfastly purposed:
to keep your righteous judgments. **R.**
3. Accept, O LORD, the offerings of my lips:
and teach me your precepts.
Deceivers have laid a snare for me:
yet I have not erred from your ways. **R.**
4. Your word is my inheritance for ever:
and the very joy of my heart.
I have set my heart to fulfil your commandments:
even unto the end. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 358

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.

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.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.
Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
And he told them many things in parables, saying:
‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,
some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root,
they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some
a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

Then the disciples came and asked him, ‘Why do you speak to them
in parables?’ He answered, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets
of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
The reason I speak to them in parables is that
“seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen,
nor do they understand.”

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

“You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.
For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;

so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.”

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.
Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what
you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

‘Hear then the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart;

this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble
or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls
away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the
word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it
yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who
hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields,
in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Grafton; Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills; Korowa Grammar School; and the Diocesan Ministry Conference, this week.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Austin; Cecilia; Elizabeth; Greta; Hilary; Imad; Josie; Kenny; Louisa; Marie; Max; Nicolae; Richard; 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: Harold Adcock; William Alfred; Jacquelyn Berry; Kenneth George Cartledge; Patricia Corless; Ethel Giggins; Nancy Cecelia Green; Charlotte Hallam; Valmai Hingston; Elsbeth (Margaret) Jones; Patrick Lannan; Stewart Lannan; Ernestine Lobb; Nancy McGrath; Mavis Nicholas; John Righetti; Margaret Dieudonnee Ringersma; (Robert) Clive Tadgell; Sheila Tait; and Elizabeth Weeks.

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

Offertory Hymn: 295

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthems:

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| 1. Behold a Sower! from afar
Goes onward forth with might;
The rolling years the furrows are,
The seed, the growing light;
For all the just God's word is sown,
It springeth up alway;
The tender blade is hope's young dawn,
The harvest, love's new day. | 3. Shine forth, O Light, that we may see,
With hearts all unafraid,
The meaning and the mystery
Of things that you have made;
Shine forth, and let the long dark past
Beneath the beam grow bright;
Shine forth, and touch the future vast
With your untroubled light. |
| 2. O Lord of life, to you we lift
Our hearts in praise for those,
Your prophets, who have shown
Your gift of grace that ever grows,
Of truth that spreads from shore to shore,
Of wisdom's wid'ning ray,
Of light that shineth more and more
Unto the perfect day. | 4. Light up your word; the ancient page
From all past bondage free,
Light up our way; lead forth this age
In love's large liberty.
Oh, light of light! within us dwell,
Through us Your radiance pour,
That word of life all truth may tell,
And praise You evermore! |

Words: Washington Gladden (1836–1918)
Music: Early American Hymn Tune “Leander,”
arr. Crawford R. Thoburn (b. 1933)

1. Surely, it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the LORD defends and shields me,
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance,
thank the LORD, his mercies sing.
2. Make his deeds known to the peoples;
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the LORD who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell.
In your very midst, the great
and Holy, One of Israel.

Words: Paraphrase of the First Song of Isaiah, Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)
Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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

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

Final Hymn: 408

Postlude: Voluntary in G: Moderato
William Boyce (1710–79)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Sydney James Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society (d. 1935) Book club will meet in the North room at 2.00 p.m.
Thursday	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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:

Genesis 28:10–19a

Romans 8:12–25

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Psalm 139:1–11, 23–24

Matthew 13:24–43

Roster for today Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 12 July 2026		Roster for next Sunday Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 19 July 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Bryan Elmes
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Jane Baddeley David Sheppard	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Simon Dickie
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Meg Winter Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Pam Felgate tbc
Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill	Readers	Ray Lester Gavin Watson
Morning Tea	David Powell Geraldine Powell	Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Joy Brown
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andera 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; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Joan; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

NOTICES

There is a special service of Evensong and Benediction at **St Peter's, Eastern Hill** at **5:00 p.m. this evening** to mark **Oxford Movement Sunday**. All are most welcome.

Book club will meet **tomorrow** in the North room at **2.00 p.m.** We will discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

The Diocesan Ministry Conference will be held at St Paul's Cathedral from 14–16 July. Clergy and authorised lay ministers are invited by the Archbishop to consider the future of the Diocese. Gregory, Callum and Dr Muriel Porter (Authorised Lay Minister) will be attending, so will be unavailable for much of the coming week. (Therefore, please contact the Wardens or, in emergency pastoral need, Fr Matthew). Please join people around the Diocese in praying to discern where God is leading the Anglican Church in this time.

Looking Forward Together: An Evening of Prayer. Churchwardens, office bearers and all parish members are warmly invited to join Archbishop Ric at **St Paul's Cathedral** on **Wednesday 15 July, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**, for an evening of prayer for the life and mission of our Diocese. This evening provides an opportunity for a wider group from across our churches to come together before God: to pray for our churches, parishes and communities, to ask for the renewing work of the Spirit, and to seek God's leading for the future He is calling us into. The evening will include gathered worship and space to pray across the Cathedral. Food trucks will be available from 6:00 p.m., and families are very welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend, but registration is essential. Please click this link [Register](https://events.humanitix.com/looking-forward-together) OR <https://events.humanitix.com/looking-forward-together>.

Next Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m., St George's will host the Annual General Meeting of **Victorian Anglicans Together**. The meeting begins with a eucharist at 10:00 a.m., followed by further conversations about the future of our Diocese. All members of St George's are warmly invited to attend, and to join VAT.

Bookings now open for our next fundraiser concert

"Christmas in July" on Saturday 25 July 2026 via

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNBKH> or the QR Code on the right.

The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. in our hall, followed by light refreshments.

Mulled wine will be available for a donation. If you prefer to pay cash, envelopes are available at the entry desk (correct money please.)

Full price \$40, concession \$35 and donations are most welcome.



To assist with catering, it would be helpful for you to book early. Contact Sibella Guest if you would like to supply Christmas refreshments e.g. shortbread, mince pies, fruit cake. Contact Gavin Watson if you would like to help setup the hall (we would love a few Christmas Trees and trimmings!). There will also be a Silent Auction.

The following day, Sunday July 26, we will celebrate the Feast of St James the Great, Apostle and Martyr. Our guest preacher at the morning services will be **The Right Reverend Lindsay Urwin, OGS**. Bishop Lindsay is known to many in the parish, and is an engaging preacher and a warm presence. It will be good to welcome him back to St George's. As a former Diocesan Missioner (for the Diocese of Chichester), he says he is greatly looking forward to preaching in a Hall – a nice reminder of his earlier ministry.

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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.*