



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25th October, 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**.*

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: 440 vv 1-3, 6

Sentence

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.
And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22.37–40

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

O God,
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy’...

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself.
You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Response: Happy are they who trust in the LORD.
(at 8:00 a.m.)

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seat of scornful!

2. Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

R.

3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither.
everything they do shall prosper.

R.

4. It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff that the wind blows away;

5. Therefore the wicked will not stand upright when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the council of the righteous;

6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

R.

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

Chant: Edward Elgar (1857–1934)



1. Blessèd is the man that walketh not in the counsel
of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4. The ungodly are not so:
But they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.

As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 374

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34–46

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’

They said to him, ‘The son of David.’

He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the World

We pray for the Caribbean.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Wangaratta; Archbishop in Council and diocesan governance; and The Melbourne Anglican Schools Commission.

For all in need

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

We pray for: His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV; Adrian; Alison; Ann; Carolyn, David;

David and the Batt family; Dennis; Jenny; Jon; Nicole; Ray; Rebecca; Richard; Sarah; Venetia and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Jennifer Gilmour Hearn;

and whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Susan Charles Berry; Elsie Casey; Ella Cornish;

Hazel Dean; Arthur Dickens; Thomas Mitchel Felgate; Keith Garden; Myrtle Glasson; John Glover;

Peter Hooper; Frederick King; Joan Elizabeth McLaren; Mary Newton; Edith Pearson;

Brian Meredith Porter; Phyllis Reynolds-Gill; Harold Robinson; Erina Bedford Standish;

and Dorothy Wedlake.

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

Offertory Hymn: 263

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

God be in my head

And in my understanding

God be in mine eyes

And in my looking

God be in my mouth

And in my speaking

God be in my heart

And in my thinking

God be at mine end

And at my departing

Words: Sarum Primer (1558)

Music: Walford Davies (1869–1941)

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

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

Final Hymn: 408

Postlude

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday	Simon & Jude, Apostles & Martyrs
Thursday	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Saturday	Martin Luther (d. 1546) and other Continental Reformers

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>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

ALL SAINTS DAY

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

Psalm 90:1–6; 90:13–17
Matthew 22:34–46

NOTICES

The Victorian Electoral Commission will commandeer the Parish Hall from **this Friday, 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. Morning Tea on Sundays will be held in the Vicarage during this time

All Saints will be celebrated next Sunday, November 1.

This means the commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls), will occur on the evening of Monday, November 2 from 6:00 p.m. If you wish the name(s) of those you have loved remembered at that service, please ensure they are provided the Parish Administrator on 9822 3030 Option 2 or email office@stgeorgesmalvern.org office by Thursday, October 29.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will be on November 29, 2026 after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service. Please save the date, and begin to consider if you are willing to stand for office on next year's Parish Council.

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN for our next concert. Saturday 7 November 2026 at 2pm in St George's Church. **Peter Cox** will perform Vaughan Williams "Songs of Travel" and a selection of other songs. Accompanied by William Schmidt. Please scan the QR Code on the right or go to the Trybookings website <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1647361>



Next Spiritual Café - SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday 24 November at Giorgios.

Roster for today 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25 October 2026		Roster for next Sunday ALL SAINTS DAY 1 November 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Chris Miles
Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry	Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Leigh Mackay Campbell Paine	Readers	Leigh Mackay Coral Gordon
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent T Amos	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Mark Haynes Ravi Renjen TH
Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Judy Wright Brian Tobin	Readers	Gavin Watson Meg Winter
Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Morning Tea	<i>In The Vicarage until December 13</i>
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Jenny Robertson
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Jenny Robertson
Roster for All Souls Day 2 November 2026 6:30 p.m.			
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse and Robyn Whitehouse		
Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell TH, Pam Felgate, and Mark Haynes		
Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry		
Intercessor	TBA		
Readers	Judy Wright, and Ewan Morgan		

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.