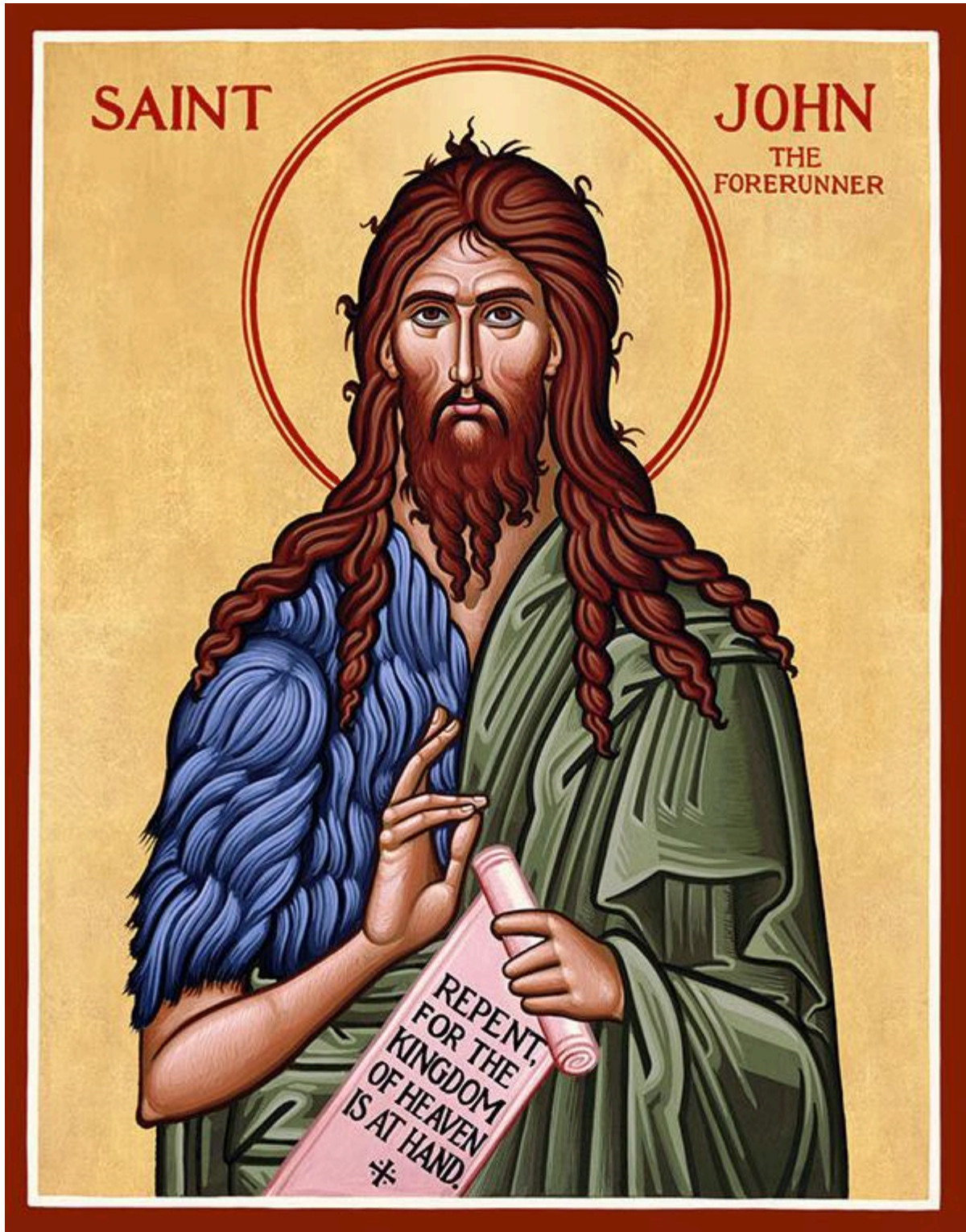




ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



23 June, 2024

8:00 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.*

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

SENTENCE

You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:76–77

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
make us so to follow his teaching and holy life,
that we may truly repent,
and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 1–6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 7–13

**Response: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

7. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
8. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him. **R.**
9. Truly his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R.**
12. The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

After the reading of the law and the prophets,

the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying,

‘Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.’

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

‘You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen.

The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan,

he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years.

After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel.

Then they asked for a king;

and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin,

who reigned for forty years.

When he had removed him, he made David their king.

In his testimony about him he said,

“I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart,

who will carry out all my wishes.”

Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he

promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance

to all the people of Israel.

And as John was finishing his work, he said, “What do you suppose that I am?

I am not he. No, but one is coming after me;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.”

‘My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 57–66, 80

Alleluia, alleluia!

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You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

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.

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord
had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child,
and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father.
But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.'
They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.'
Then they began motioning to his father
to find out what name he wanted to give him.
He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.'
And all of them were amazed.
Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak,
praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours,
and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea.
All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?'
For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him....

The child grew and became strong in spirit,
and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of England; The Diocese of North West Australia; Holy Trinity, Williamstown; St Alfred's, Blackburn North and Mentone Grammar School.

For all in need

Christopher; +Garry; Jenny; Jenny and Jeff; Kim; Mary and Roma.

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Diana Wheatley; and those anniversary of death occurs this week: Edward Butler; Iain Courcoux; Michael Duffield; Harry Hewett; Lillian Lobb; Patrick Owen Lannan; Judith McMullen; Brenda Holyoake Palfery; Nicholas Sanderson; Kristina Smith; Colin Wilkinson and Noel Wilkinson.

NOTICES

We warmly welcome to St George's this morning Maya and Noah Shepherd and their family and friends on the occasion of their baptism. We especially welcome their parents, Christopher and Olga, and brother Hugo. Christopher was baptized here, and Olga and he were married at St George's.

Please join us and share morning tea with all the family in the parish hall.

We also welcome our preacher **The Reverend Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker**, Dean of Trinity College Theological School. Please make him welcome.

The Vicar will be away leading a retreat for TCTS staff from tomorrow until Wednesday afternoon.

The **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** does wonderful work in assisting those in need and the continue despite many difficulties. They always appreciate our collections of money, vouchers and food. Please refer to the flyers on the entrance counter for items of particular need, which will be collected **next Sunday**.

Brass Cleaning Group – New members required! For various reasons, in the last twelve months the group has lost six members. In order to maintain the church brass bright and shining, we need additional members. The duties involve about an hour's work generally on a Friday morning. We work in pairs, and depending on the numbers in the group, are rostered for duty every four to six weeks. Please contact the Convenor, John Mallinson on Mb: 0414 682 036, or Email: johnmall3@iinet.net.au

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined 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

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Roster for Today BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 23 June 2024		Roster for Next Sunday PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS 30 June 2024	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Coral Gordon	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Judy Mallinson
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Helen Baddeley Judy Mallinson
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Bryan Elmes Charles Tegner	Readers	Malcolm Tadgell John Mallinson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Goodes Meg Winter	Acolytes	Pam Goodes Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Pam Goodes
<i>No Intercessions</i>	<i>owing to Baptism</i>	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Andrew Murray	Readers	Ewan Morgan Suzie Hill
Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	Pam Felgate David Amos
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	Pam Felgate

The Week Ahead

Thursday	Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher (d. 444)
Friday	Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop and teacher (d. c. 200)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Ss. PETER AND PAUL

Zechariah 4:1–6a, 10b–14
Acts 12:1–11

Psalm 125
John 21:15–22

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: His Majesty the King; HRH The Princess of Wales; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan and Liza; Jane; Joan; Keith and Erica; Sarah; Simon; and Stephen.



CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



St George's Anglican Church

St George's Anglican Church is accepting applications for Choral Scholars of all voice parts to commence immediately.

- Develop your singing and musicianship in a friendly and supportive environment
 - Opportunities for solo singing
 - Receive an honorarium of up to \$4,500 p.a.
 - Flexible arrangements for leave
 - Regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service
 - Occasional Evensongs and special services for Easter and Christmas
- Contact Tom Baldwin (Director of Music) at music@stgeorgesmalvern.org

In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are advertising again for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO).

Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

Please note the following:

Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO;

Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO)', select St George's Malvern – Music Fund.

Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.

If you have a Facebook account, please "friend" our page and "like" the scholarship post. Your friends will then be able to see this great opportunity and respond!"



Work on the drainage system of the church has reached the end of the first phase – as new pipes have been laid and a new pump installed on the south side of the church. Thus, there is **new cement** along the east-west trajectory between church and hall.

We still need help, however, to continue to meet the cost of this vital restoration and replacement work:



Donations to the St. George's external appeal through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for tax purposes.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website <https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations> or going directly to <http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof>

Your full donation will fund this important work as administration and platform costs have been absorbed by the church.

Publicity is vital for the success of this appeal and volunteers are still needed for “Flyer-Drops” in local letterboxes.

Please contact Ravi on 0412 399 897 for how you can assist.

Please **do not** make cheques payable to St George's but to the **National Trust of Australia (Victoria)** and include a note of your name and the address/email to which you wish the receipt sent.



Virgin and Child with Saints John the Baptist and Elizabeth (c. 1520–5)
Bernardino Luini, (1480–c. 1531)
Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

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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.

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.