



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 August 2024

*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

Jesus said, ‘It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.’

John 6:63

COLLECT

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10–11, 22–30, 41–43

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion....

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim....

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD....

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

Response: Happy are they who dwell in your house!
(at 8:00 a.m.)

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R.**
2. The sparrow has found her house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God. **R.**
3. Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
in whose heart are set in the pilgrim's way. **R.**
5. Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs,
for the early rain have covered it with pools of water.
6. They climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7. LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob! **R.**
8. Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.
9. For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R.**
10. For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
11. No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
12. O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10–20

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

Put on the whole armour of God,

so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh,

but against the rulers, against the authorities,

against the cosmic powers of this present darkness,

against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God,

so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day,

and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist,

and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim

the gospel of peace.

With all of these, take the shield of faith,

with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation,

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak,

a message may be given to me

to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life,
you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd,

‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,
so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven,
not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died.

But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it,
said to them,

‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending
to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But among you there are some who do not believe.’

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe,
and who was the one that would betray him. And he said,

‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me
unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back
and no longer went about with him.

So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’

Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go?’

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Mexico; The Diocese of North Queensland; Christ Church Essendon; Holy Trinity Doncaster; St Stephen's with St Mary's Mount Waverley; St Peter's Craigieburn; St Augustine's Mont Albert North; and Ministries to Youth.

For all in need

Aaron and family; Erica, Keith and family; Hilary; Julie and family; and Mary.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Carrie Ghiloni; Diana Lyon; Gerald O'Collins; and John Ward;

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Gloria Joyce Bell; Freda Burnett; Bertram Cowley; Edna Jean Fyfe; Reginald Hayden; Dawn Hilsberg; June Jackson; Ray Pritchard; Elfrida Reeson; Catriona Elizabeth Scott; Clifford Searby; and Clifford Smith.

Scripture Readings next week

Song of Solomon 2:8–13
James 1:17–27

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9
Mark 7:1–8, 7:14–23

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387)
Wednesday	Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430)
Thursday	<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
Saturday	Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d. 651) John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer (d. 1688)

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

NOTICES

We are pleased to welcome back Aaron this morning. Please continue to keep him and his family in prayer, following the death of his grandmother, Carrie C. Ghiloni.

Spiritual Café: A Muslim and a Christian in Conversation

The next Spiritual Café is this **Tuesday 27 August**. The speakers are a Qur'an scholar (Dr Hakan Çoruh) and a Christian priest (The Reverend Dr Aaron Ghiloni). The theme of their conversation will be "Holy Envy".

Spiritual Café meets at Giorgio's Restaurant. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to have a delicious meal (of your choice), followed by an interesting interfaith conversation between friends. RSVP to the parish office by phone 9822 3030 Option 2 or email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org.

John Mallinson wishes to thank you all for your many good wishes and kindness on reaching his **ninetieth birthday**, and for the lovely celebration with birthday cake in the hall following the 10:00 a.m. service last Sunday. It was all very much appreciated.

The parish office will not be attended except by appointment from Friday, August 30 until Friday, September 13 while the **parish administrator is on annual leave**. Adrian will return on Monday, September 16, 2024. During this time, please contact the Vicar and Curate on clerical matters, or the Wardens for operational matters with Ravi specifically for hires.

Come celebrate the **Richards' family Centenary Association with St George's event** on **Sunday, 22 September 2024** at 10:00 a.m. service, followed by refreshments in the hall.

The Australian Anglican Church Calendar and Lectionary (Year C) for 2025 are available for order. The cost of the calendar and the lectionary are both \$20 each. Order sheets for both can be found at the service counter of the church.

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; Roma; Sarah; Simon; and Stephen.

Roster for Today FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25 August 2024		Roster for Next Sunday FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 September 2024	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Judy Mallinson	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Jenny Robertson Miriam Cherry	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Jane Baddeley
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Melissa Carson Geraldine Powell	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Goodes Meg Winter	Acolytes	Meg Winter Philip Jenkins
Eucharistic Assistants	TBC Pam Goodes	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Judy Mallinson
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Riley Brooks	Readers	Brian Tobin Suzie Hill
Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate	Morning Tea	Jenny McPherson Robyn Whitehouse
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-persons	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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 still advertising 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.



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 your 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.



Holy envy!

Spiritual Café presents
an interfaith conversation
with Dr Hakan Çoruh & Revd Dr Aaron Ghiloni

**A Qur'an scholar and Christian priest discuss
what they value about each other's religion.**

Tuesday 27 August
6:30 pm – Giorgios in Malvern
office@stgeorgesmalvern.com

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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.