



**ST OSWALD'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
GLEN IRIS**

Sunday 16 August, 2026



Mary, Mother of God

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

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Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Meine Seele erhebt den Herren* BWV 648 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 155 verses 1, 2 and 4

The Greeting: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence for the Day:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,
so that we might receive adoption as God's children. *Galatians 4: 4—5*

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Confession APBA page 120

Absolution APBA page 120

Kyrie

The Hymn of Praise APBA page 121 please refer to screen for music.

Prayer of the Day:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3]

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.



Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians

[Galatians 4: 4 – 7]

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

[Luke 2: 2 – 7]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to

the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

NICENE CREED Refer to APBA page 123 or screen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn TIS 172

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING with special preface— *please refer to the screen*

Music during Communion
Es ist ein Ros Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Please refer to or Screen.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Recessional Hymn

Together in Song 161

Postlude: *Hymnus 'A solis ortus' - Point d'orgue*
Nicholas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Learning Lantern

Church of Ceylon

The diocese of Colombo was founded in 1845 as the diocese of the Church of England in Ceylon with its own bishop. Earlier, it had been part of the diocese of Calcutta and later Madras. In 1930 the Anglican Church in India separated from the Church of England and became the Province of India, Burma and Ceylon, still within the worldwide fellowship of the Anglican Communion. In 1947, churches of South India united to form the new Church of South India. The churches in North India and Pakistan followed thereafter. Burma and Bangladesh formed their own church and Sri Lanka therefore became extra-provincial within the Anglican Communion under the metropolitical authority of the archbishop of Canterbury. In 1950 the diocese of Kurunegala was carved out of the diocese of Colombo to include parts of the North-Western, North-Central and Central Provinces of Sri Lanka.

In spite of the fact that Sri Lanka is close to India, it is very conscious of having a history and a culture of its own. It was evident from the beginning that, if Sri Lanka as a whole was to have a united church, it must work in its own way and produce its own independent scheme. The first step towards union was taken in 1934. In 1941, an official committee, representing all the churches that were members of the National Christian Council of Ceylon, was formed. The Anglican diocese of Colombo did not join the Church of South India. The mission of the American Board of Foreign Missions (now UCC, USA) in the north of Ceylon was part of the old South India United Church and therefore joined the Church of South India as the diocese of Jaffna.

The movement towards church union in Sri Lanka - involving the Anglican dioceses of Colombo and Kurunagala, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Jaffna diocese of the Church of South India, and the churches of the Presbytery of Lanka - is still active in spite of decades of delays resulting from various legal disputes. Church union proposals hitherto pursued remain. A wider dimension of ecumenical participation has grown. Conversations are being held between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Sri Lanka for closer fellowship and participation at all possible levels.

With the inauguration of two new archdeaconries in the diocese of Colombo - one for the hill country and the East, in Nuwara Eliya, and the other for the South and South-West, in Galle, there are now four archdeaconries. The other two are Colombo, covering the city, the north-west coast and Sabaragamuwa; and Jaffna covering the Northern Province. This step ensures intensification of mission and more integrated participation in all departments of work. The diocese of Kurunegala has one archdeaconry.

In September 2006 the first three women priests were ordained in the Church of Ceylon.

My Dear Family,

Faith is not something we receive once and then leave unchanged. It is a journey—a daily walk with Christ. As St. Oswald’s family, God calls us not only to mark the church register on Sunday , but to grow deeper in our relationship with Him.

Let us grow in faith through prayer, reading God’s Word, worship, receiving Holy Sacrament, and caring for one another. Let us also be willing to step beyond our comfort zones and allow God to use us to reach those who are searching for hope.

A growing church is not simply a church with more people; it is a church where people are growing closer to Christ, loving one another, and becoming a blessing to the community. This rings a bell and takes me back to the year 2004 where the Bishop of Colombo enriched and strengthened us, the newly ordained by saying.....

“Its not quantity we need, but quality”

(Rt. Rev’d. Duleep de Chickera, 14th Bishop of Colombo)

May we, as the family of St. Oswald’s, grow together in faith, hope and love, trusting that God has wonderful things still in store for us.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Mal

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger;
The Anglican Communion: The Church in Wales;
The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of North Queensland;
St James' Cathedral;
The Diocese of Melbourne: Marningatha Episcopate; Archdeaconry of Kew;
Deanery of Whitehorse; St John's Blackburn; St Alfred's Blackburn North;
Emmanuel Anglican Iranian Congregation; St Edward the Confessor King
Blackburn South; Anglican Parish of Box Hill; St George's East Ivanhoe;
St James' Ivanhoe; Holy Trinity Doncaster; St David's East Doncaster;
St Philip's Deep Creek; TIMA;
Anglican Schools and Agencies: Mentone Grammar School;
Anglican Parish of Banyule (St John Heidelberg);
St John's Frankston North/Carrum Downs

Departed

Peter Harper, Ivan Allen, Kerry John 'K.J.' White

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnHN5MUx64bjdC7MuCwJmw>

Wednesday 19 August

10 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 23 August

13th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Exodus 1: 8—2: 10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1—8

Matthew 16: 13—20

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor

P. McLeod

Communion Assistant

P. Johnson

Reader

P. Johnson

Intercessor

Father Mal

Welcome /

L. Williams

Offertory

Morning Tea

V. Lee

D. Lee

Strategic Meeting

Sunday 23th August

after the 10 am Church Service

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Come with your ideas for the future
of St Oswald's.**

Anglicare Winter Grocery Drive

During the months of July and August, St Oswald's will be having a grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton. Please bring small groceries to church on these Sundays, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Suitable items would be tins of fruit, vegetables and fish, tea and coffee, long life milk, tooth brush and tooth paste, shampoo and conditioner.

On St. Oswald's Day, 2nd August, let us make a special effort to bring a BAG of groceries

We can help those struggling with the cost of living by giving what we can.

Thank you for your effort.

Barbara Olney

St Oswald's Players

present

Homage

Music for recorder consort and pipe organ

Hugo Davey, Damien Melis, Helen Penrose, Ray Thomas & Christine Wells
with organist Elizabeth-Anne Nixon

Monteverdi, Lully, Gabrieli, Sammartini, Tallis, Pergolesi, Holbome, Brade &
some of the best modern composers

Sunday 20 September 2026 at 4.00 pm

St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street, Glen Iris

Entry by donation to the church

