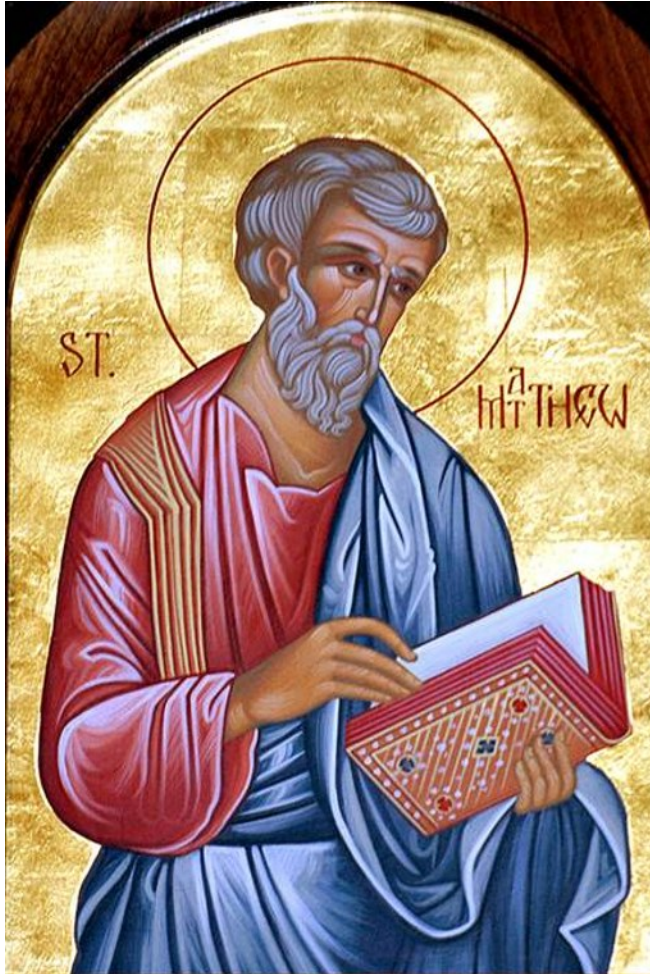




ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 20 September, 2026



Matthew
Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

Matthew
Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Diludium* Richard Lloyd (1933 - 2021)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 606

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:

Those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick.
I have come not to call the righteous, but the sinners. *Matthew 9. 13*

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 please refer to screen

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
who through your Son Jesus Christ
 called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain
to become an apostle and evangelist:
free us from all greed and love of riches
so that we may follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ
 in the way of self-giving love;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

[Proverbs 3: 1—6]

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

**Howard Hughes -
1930 -**



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The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work

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

[Ephesians 4: 1—14]

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

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

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation

Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16: 15

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

[Matthew 9: 9—13]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

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

Sermon

Please stand

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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 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 5 with special preface— *please refer to the screen*

Music during Communion

View Me Lord Richard Lloyd (1933 - 2021)

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

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

May the Spirit lead you into all truth,
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
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.

Hymn

Together in Song 629

Postlude:

Processional Richard Lloyd (1933 - 2021)

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 28 September – 7.30pm at St. Oswald’s** The next meeting of MOGs will feature an illustrated presentation by Judy and Peter Johnson. **Cruising the Aegean and Adriatic – the History and Antiquities of Croatia, Greece and Turkey.** An illustrated talk about history and antiquities of the Roman, Venetian and Ottoman empires and their dramatic impact across the centuries in a trip from Venice to Istanbul. **All welcome** – tea/coffee.
For details Peter Johnson 0417 548 896
- **St Francis of Assisi - Blessing of Pets – Sunday 4 October**
A special service will be held on Sunday 4 October at 10am to bless all pets brought to the service.
All animals welcome, although perhaps not crocodiles – see brochure.
All enquiries to Fr Mal – 0400 621 554

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay;

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia;

The Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Rockhampton; St Paul’s Cathedral;

The Diocese of Melbourne; Episcopal Area of Nunawading ; Episcopal Area of Dandenong; Episcopal Area of Geelong; Episcopal Area of Merri;

Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies; Shelford Girls’ Grammar School;

City on a Hill; St Matthew’s Cheltenham—Confirmation Service;

St James Old Cathedral; Holy Name Vermont South.

Departed

Dorothy Rickards, Evan Wetherill, George Ellis.

My dear family,

As we have come to a stage where we have started questioning about the future of St. Oswald's and worry about it, let us first sit and see where I am as an individual. Have I done my part for the church? Are we all attending the church as a family? Have I given to God what should be given to him? These are few points for us to think about not in a negative way, but in a very positive way.

The blessings we have received from above are just countless, but have we done our maximum as a church to glorify Him? This is just food for thought. I, as your vicar, stand together with you to take this church into a better future no matter what challenges comes along our way.

Let's buckle up and move forward positively and prayerfully.

Your friend and servant in Christ,

Fr. Mal

About St. Matthew

Early Life and Calling

- **Original Name:** Also known as Levi, the son of Alphaeus.
- **Meaning of Name:** Matthew means "gift of God" in Hebrew, which creates a sharp irony since tax collectors were hated figures seen as traitors working for Rome.
- **Multilingual Skills:** As a tax collector in Capernaum, Matthew likely knew multiple languages including Aramaic, Greek, and Latin to handle daily trade and commerce.
- Saint Matthew the Evangelist is symbolized by a winged man or an angel.
- **Profession:** Worked as a publican or tax collector for the Roman Empire in Capernaum.
- **Social Standing:** Hated by fellow Jews who viewed tax collectors as traitors and greedy collaborators with the Roman occupiers.
- **Conversion:** Jesus called him from the customs post with the words "Follow me," prompting Matthew to leave his wealth behind and host a feast for Jesus and other outcasts.

Ministry and Writings

- **Apostleship:** Walked alongside Jesus through his ministry, witnessed his resurrection, and received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- **The Gospel:** Traditionally credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, emphasizing Jesus as the promised Messiah and fulfillment of Hebrew prophecy.
- **Missionary Work:** Traveled to regions like Persia, Ethiopia, and other parts of the Near East to preach the faith.

Legacy and Patronage

- **Feast Day:** Celebrated on September 21 in the Western Church and November 16 in the Eastern Church.
- **Patron Saint:** Honored as the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants, and financial workers.



Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live>

Wednesday 23 August

10 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 27 September

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Exodus 17: 1—7

Psalms 78: 1—4, 11—16

Philippians 2: 1—13

Matthew 21: 23—32

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor

Communion Assistant

Reader

Intercessor

Welcome /

Offertory

Morning Tea

W, Andrews

J. Haigh

T. Andrews

C. Adams

J. Haigh

C. Adams

L. Williams

New Ministries Roster

The new Ministries Roster is now available at the back of the church. Please take one.

Many thanks,

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St Oswald's Players

present

Homage

Music for recorder consort and pipe organ

Margo Davey, Damien Mello, Helen Ferrasse, Ray Thomas & Christine Wells
with organist Elizabeth Anne Nixon

Monteverdi, Lully, Gabrieli, Sammartini, Tallis, Pergolesi, Holborne, 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

