



ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 4 October, 2026



St. Francis of Assisi

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

St. Francis of Assisi

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Sheep my safely graze* (arr for organ) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 100

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:

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

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:

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the wonderful gift of all your creatures.
You made them to share this beautiful earth with us and to bring joy,
 companionship, and comfort into our lives.
We ask you to pour out your blessing upon all animals on this day.
Protect them from harm, neglect, and abuse.
Provide for them food, warmth, and safe shelter.
Comfort them in times of sickness, fear, or distress.
Guide those who work to rescue, care for, and defend them.
May we always look upon our animal companions with the same eye
 of love, respect, and wonder that Saint Francis did.
Teach us to be gentle, responsible stewards of your creation,
recognizing that all living things belong to you and reflect your
boundless love. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Job

[Job: 31 - 18]

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open; they go forth and do not return to them. “Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. “Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return and bring your grain to your threshing floor? “The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,

though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear, because God has made it forget wisdom and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

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

Hymn sung to the tune of Together in Song 133 v. 1, 2, 3, 4.

"O Worship the King" (Psalm 104 : 1 – 14)

(Reflecting Psalm 104:1)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

(Reflecting Psalm 104:2)

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

(Reflecting Psalm 104:5-6)

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

(Reflecting Psalm 104:10-14)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians [Galatians 6: 14 – 18]

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. *Mark 16: 15*

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew [Matthew 11: 25 – 30]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son

except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

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

Sermon

Please stand

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please refer to the screen

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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn

Together in Song 607

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 screen.

Music during Communion

Bread of the world Anton Baldwin (b.1957)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD please refer to screen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Novices

The Blessing of the Animals and Blessing and Dismissal

May creatures of the skies, fields, forests, and seas find safety,
abundant habitats, and protection from harm.

May those who sustain our lives be treated with deep respect, gratitude, and
humane care.

May our cherished pets live out their days in health and peace, surrounded by
love.

By the power of your love, Creator God,
enable all animals and humans to share this earth in harmony and peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty who created all living beings and the Son
who sustains us all and the Spirit who oversees all hovering like the wind be
upon us and our loving and faithful pets today and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn

Together in Song 135

Postlude: *Prelude in C major BWV 846 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Diary for the Week

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

Wednesday 7 October

10 am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 September

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Sung Eucharist

Readings

Exodus 32: 1—14

Psalms 106: 1—6, 20—24

Philippians 4: P 1—9

Matthew 22: 1—14

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor

Communion Assistant

Reader

Intercessor

Welcome /

Offertory

Morning Tea

P. McLeod

J. Haigh

T. Andrews

K. Ennis

L. McBeth

J. Haigh

P. Dalrymple

Murnong First Peoples Gathering Place - Film Night "In My Blood"

Saturday 10 October at 7.15pm

Murnong Gathering Place will show this film
in the Gallery – all welcome, but tickets
limited.

This critically acclaimed documentary is told through the eyes of 10 year old Arrernte and Garrwa boy, Djuwan and his family, revealing the challenges Djuwan faces in his school and on the streets of Alice Springs.

Tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/in-my-blood-it-runs>

Contact: **Susan Vincent; 0432 367 307**

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

The Anglican Communion; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil;

The Anglican Church of Australia; Diocese of Ballarat; Christ Church Cathedral;

The Diocese of Melbourne; Episcopal Area of Dandenong; Archdeaconry of

Berwick; Yarra Ranges Deanery; St John's Healesville/St Paul's Yarra Glen;

St John's Lilydale Upper Yarra; St James Wandin Mount Dandenong;

St Peter's & St James Kilsyth Hills (Upwey, Monbulk, Belgrave Heights);

All Saints Selby; St Thomas Upper Ferntree Gully;

Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies; Camberwell Grammar School for Boys;

St Silas' Albert Park; St Mark's Dromana.

Departed

Margaret Mangan, Jessie May Dawkins Neil McPherson Jnr. Alwyn Fetherston,
Bruce Aaronherant