

# St George's Magill

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

31 August 2025

**Welcome** to church this morning, whether you are joining us in person or online! To join us online (at 8:30 am and 10:30 am), please go to [www.stgeorgesmagill.org](http://www.stgeorgesmagill.org) for the Zoom link.

## *The Need for Repentance & Faith*



## **Bible Readings**

Acts 26:12–20

Ezekiel 18:26–32

Luke 3:1–11

**The Sentence** | All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. **Luke 14.11**

**The Collect** | O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Vision Statement:** St George's will be a prayerful family which brings glory to Jesus Christ, by applying God's word to our lives, and using our gifts and resources to proclaim the gospel at every opportunity in Magill and beyond.

# ***The Need for Repentance & Faith***

**Next week's topic:** Gospel Series #4 Lordship of Christ



**Praying for Our Church People:** Nimali Abeygunasekara, Amy Atkins, Daniel Atkins, Julian Atkins, Lucy Atkins, Rosemary Wilson, Helen Harris

**Mission Partners** – Please pray for our friends:

- Maggie Crewes (With CMS)
- M (With CMS)
- David & Tamra Purton (FOCUS International Student Ministry - AFES)
- Dave & Margie Wood (Cooper Pedy – BCA)
- Pray for Daniel and the team involved in ministry to internationals here at St George's

Please pray for Jumble Mart which is happening next Friday (5 September). Pray for opportunities to speak about Jesus as we serve the community.

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## **New Testament / First reading – Acts 26:12–20 – Jay Teo, Alana Wong**

(Page 908 of the red Bible)

<sup>12</sup> “On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

<sup>15</sup> “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup> ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup> “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. <sup>20</sup> First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

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## Old Testament / Second reading – Ezekiel 18:26–32 – Brian Higgins, Ruth Henderson

(Page 688 of the red Bible)

<sup>26</sup> If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup> But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup> Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup> Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

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## Gospel / Third reading – Luke 3:1–11 – Anthony Szabo, John Calvert

(Page 833 of the red Bible)

<sup>3</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God’s salvation.””

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”



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### Bible Study Groups

Most groups meet fortnightly. Contact one of the leaders directly or David Purton on 0413 626 862 or [dcpurton@marshwiggles.net](mailto:dcpurton@marshwiggles.net).

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Mon 7:30pm	Hills	Bill Bayly
Mon 7:30pm	Plains	Trevor Yeend
Mon 7:30pm	Hazelwood Park	Bill Dickson
Wed 7:30pm	People's homes	Nigel & Rose Klein
Wed 7:30pm	Marden	David Purton
Thu 12:30pm	Magill	Linda Dickson
Thu 1:00pm	Magill	Tamra Purton
Thu 7:00pm	Campbelltown	Daniel Clark
Sat 7:45am	Magill	Michael Abbott

### The week ahead in the Church: 01 September – 07 September

#### Mon

<b>Tue</b>	10:00 am	BUZZ Music & Play
	10:30 am	Tuesday Prayer Group

#### Wed

#### Thu

<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Jumble Mart
	3:30 pm	Kids Club
	6:30 pm	Youth Group

<b>Sat</b>	9:30 am	Zoom prayer meeting
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<b>Sun</b>	8:30 am	Communion
	10:30 am	Prayer & Praise
	6:30 pm	Evening Gathering

### Service Times

#### Sunday 8:30 am

- Traditional Service with Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10:30 am

- Contemporary Service (inc. Children's and Youth Programs)

#### Sunday 6:30 pm

- BELONG Sharing life together



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