



St George's Magill

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

26 July 2026

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 for the Zoom link.

God's Word in God's World – are we wasting our time?

Bible Readings

Mark 4:1–34

Ezekiel 17:22–24

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

The Sentence | I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.
1 Corinthians 3:6

The Collect | O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth. We humbly pray that you would put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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Next week's topic: Mike Prayer #1—The Lord's Prayer



Praying for Our Church People: Tim Lathlean, William Lathlean, Kevin Le Leu, Patricia Le Plastrier, Cathryn Lee, Pauline Rule, Joan Watkins

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 (Coober Pedy – BCA)
- Pray for the team involved in ministry to internationals here at St George's

(Page 814 of the red Bible)

4 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ² He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³ "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

⁹ Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

¹⁰ When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. ¹¹ He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables ¹² so that,

"they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,
and ever hearing but never understanding;
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"

¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the

¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

²¹ He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? ²² For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

²⁴ “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. ²⁵ Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Old Testament for 8:30 am / Second Reading for 10:30 am – Ezekiel 17:22–24 – Jay Teo, Ruth Henderson

(Page 687 of the red Bible)

²² ““This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

““I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.””

New Testament for 8:30 am / Third Reading for 10:30 am – 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 – Mike Russell, Hannah Purton

(Page 925 of the red Bible)

3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.



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Mon 7:30pm	Hazelwood Park	Bill Dickson
Tue 7:30pm	Marden	David Purton
Wed 7:30pm	People's homes	Mike & Ally
Thu 1:00pm	Magill	Linda Dickson
Thu 6:30pm (Young Adults)	Magill	Ryan Graetz
Sat 7:00 pm (In Mandarin)	St George's	Ryan Graetz

The week ahead in the Church: 27 July—02 August

Mon

Tue 10:00 am BUZZ Music & Play

Wed 6:00 pm CMS Online Dinner

Thu

Fri 3:30 pm Kids Club
6:00 pm Youth Group

Sat 9:30 am Face to Face Prayer Meeting
5:30 pm International Food & Friends

Sun 8:30 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Thanksgiving

Service Times

Sunday 8:30 am

- Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 10:30 am

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



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