



St George's Magill

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

27 September 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.

Sincere Love

Bible Readings

Romans 12:9–21

Psalm 35 (8.30 am)

1 Samuel 24 (10.30 am)

Matthew 5:38–48

The Sentence | Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:21**

The Collect | O Lord, we pray, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, preserve it always by your help and goodness; 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.

Romans 12:9–21

Next week's topic: Romans 13 - Submission and love



Praying for Our Church People: Margaret Robertson, Lyn Rule, Ally Russell, Mike Russell, Phoebe Russell, Gill Kaines, Pauline Rule

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 the team involved in ministry to internationals here at St George's

Please pray for Jumble Mart which is happening on 2 October, pray for the opportunity to speak about Jesus as we engage with the community.

First Reading – Romans 12:9–21 – Linda Dickson, Tamra Purton

(Page 920 of the red Bible)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Psalm – 8:30 am only – Psalm 35 – Corporate reading

(Page 447 of the red Bible)

Of David.

¹ Contend, Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me.

² Take up shield and armour;
arise and come to my aid.

³ Brandish spear and javelin
against those who pursue me.

Say to me,

“I am your salvation.”

⁴ May those who seek my life
be disgraced and put to shame;
may those who plot my ruin
be turned back in dismay.

⁵ May they be like chaff before the wind,
with the angel of the Lord driving them away;

⁶ may their path be dark and slippery,
with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.

⁷ Since they hid their net for me without cause
and without cause dug a pit for me,

⁸ may ruin overtake them by surprise—
may the net they hid entangle them,
may they fall into the pit, to their ruin.

⁹ Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord
and delight in his salvation.

¹⁰ My whole being will exclaim,
“Who is like you, Lord?

You rescue the poor from those too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those who rob them.”

¹¹ Ruthless witnesses come forward;
they question me on things I know nothing about.

¹² They repay me evil for good
and leave me like one bereaved.

¹³ Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth
and humbled myself with fasting.

When my prayers returned to me unanswered,

- ¹⁴ I went about mourning
as though for my friend or brother.
I bowed my head in grief
as though weeping for my mother.
- ¹⁵ But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee;
assailants gathered against me without my knowledge.
They slandered me without ceasing.
- ¹⁶ Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked;
they gnashed their teeth at me.
- ¹⁷ How long, Lord, will you look on?
Rescue me from their ravages,
my precious life from these lions.
- ¹⁸ I will give you thanks in the great assembly;
among the throngs I will praise you.
- ¹⁹ Do not let those gloat over me
who are my enemies without cause;
do not let those who hate me without reason
maliciously wink the eye.
- ²⁰ They do not speak peaceably,
but devise false accusations
against those who live quietly in the land.
- ²¹ They sneer at me and say, "Aha! Aha!
With our own eyes we have seen it."
- ²² Lord, you have seen this; do not be silent.
Do not be far from me, Lord.
- ²³ Awake, and rise to my defense!
Contend for me, my God and Lord.
- ²⁴ Vindicate me in your righteousness, Lord my God;
do not let them gloat over me.
- ²⁵ Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!"
or say, "We have swallowed him up."
- ²⁶ May all who gloat over my distress
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who exalt themselves over me
be clothed with shame and disgrace.
- ²⁷ May those who delight in my vindication
shout for joy and gladness;
may they always say, "The Lord be exalted,
who delights in the well-being of his servant."
- ²⁸ My tongue will proclaim your righteousness,
your praises all day long.

Second Reading for 10:30 am – 1 Samuel 24 – Bob Schroder

(Page 234 of the red Bible)

24 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.” ² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. ⁴ The men said, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

⁵ Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.” ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’?” ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, ‘I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord’s anointed.’” ¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. ¹³ As the old saying goes, ‘From evildoers come evil deeds,’ so my hand will not touch you.

¹⁴“Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? ¹⁵May the Lord be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.”

¹⁶When David finished saying this, Saul asked, “Is that your voice, David my son?” And he wept aloud. ¹⁷“You are more righteous than I,” he said. “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. ¹⁸You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. ¹⁹When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me today. ²⁰I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. ²¹Now swear to me by the Lord that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father’s family.”

²²So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Second Reading for 8:30 am / Third Reading for 10:30 am – Matthew 5:38–48 – Mike Russell, Ruth Henderson

(Page 786 of the red Bible)

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



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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: 28 September—04 October

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri 10:00 am Jumble Mart

Sat

Sun 8:30 am Communion
 10:30 am Prayer & Praise
 5:30 pm St George's Prayer Meeting

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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