



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

CHORAL EVENSONG
for the
Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord

5:00pm Sunday 7 September 2025

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Welcome to St Paul's

We are delighted that you have come to worship God with us this evening as we observe the Eve of the Feast of the Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, I welcome you to St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blacket. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church.

If you would like to be added to our parish database, please speak to a welcomer or scan the QR code at the back of this order of service.

Fr Michael Deasey OAM
Locum Tenens

Please take this order of service home.

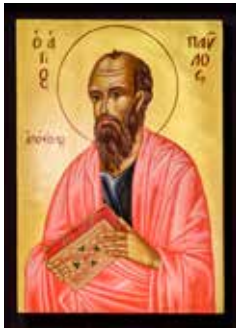
The Office of Evensong

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of evening prayer derived from the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. It has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century and this evening's service uses the traditional language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers (the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer) to those of the choir.

The Psalm and the settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc dimittis) are sung by the choir alone; the Preces and Responses are also sung between the officiant and choir on behalf of the people; and the choir sings an anthem at the end of the formal part of the Office.

In most liturgies, we, the worshippers, must do two things: speak with our lips, and meditate with our hearts. Choral Evensong is one of the rare occasions when the congregation is able to focus solely on the latter, allowing the prayers and praises being sung by the choir, to be those of the entire faith community and, particularly, of this parish of St Paul's Burwood.



The texts and prayers are taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662)
Hymn texts are taken from *The New English Hymnal*
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Reading are taken from the Revised Standard Version
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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady
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Please stand as the bell is rung.

Introit

Regina coeli

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Regina coeli laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
Now has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Medieval antiphon to the Virgin Mary (author unknown)

Remain Standing as the Officiant and Choir sing the Preces & Responses by Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

℣. ✙ O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
℣. ✙ O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
℟. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.
℣. Praise ye the Lord.
℟. The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit while the Choir sings the Psalms.

Psalm: 24

Chant: Sir Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

THE EARTH is the Lord's, and all that therein is:
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
or who shall rise up in his holy place?
Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart:
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Psalm: 26

Chant: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

BE THOU my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently:
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart.
For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes:
and I will walk in thy truth.
I have not dwelt with vain persons:
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
I have hated the congregation of the wicked:
and will not sit among the ungodly.
I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord:
and so will I go to thine altar.
That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving:
and tell of all thy wondrous works.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house:
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
O shut not up my soul with the sinners:
nor my life with the blood-thirsty.
In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.
But as for me, I will walk innocently:
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit for the reading of the First Lesson.

First Lesson: Job 11

Here beginneth the 11th Chapter of the Book of Job:

And Then Zophar the Na'amathite answered:

"Should a multitude of words go unanswered,
and a man full of talk be vindicated?
Should your babble silence men,
and when you mock, shall no one shame you?
For you say, 'My doctrine is pure,
and I am clean in God's eyes.'
But oh, that God would speak,
and open his lips to you,
and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom!
For he is manifold in understanding.
Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.
"Can you find out the deep things of God?
Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?
It is higher than heaven—what can you do?
Deeper than Sheol—what can you know?
Its measure is longer than the earth,
and broader than the sea.
If he passes through, and imprisons,
and calls to judgment, who can hinder him?
For he knows worthless men;
when he sees iniquity, will he not consider it?
But a stupid man will get understanding,
when a wild ass's colt is born a man.
"If you set your heart aright,
you will stretch out your hands toward him.
If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away,
and let not wickedness dwell in your tents.
Surely then you will lift up your face without blemish;
you will be secure, and will not fear.
You will forget your misery;
you will remember it as waters that have passed away.
And your life will be brighter than the noonday;
its darkness will be like the morning.
And you will have confidence, because there is hope;
you will be protected and take your rest in safety.
You will lie down, and none will make you afraid;
many will entreat your favor.
But the eyes of the wicked will fail;
all way of escape will be lost to them,
and their hope is to breathe their last."

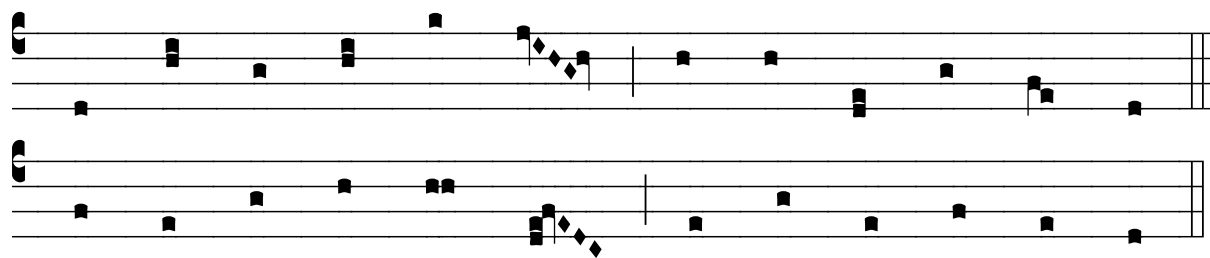
Here endeth the first lesson

Please stand to sing the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn

AVE MARIS STELLA

Mode i



- 1 Hail, O Star that pointest — towards the port of heaven,
Thou to whom as maiden — God for Son was given.
- 2 When the salutation — Gabriel had spoken,
Peace was shed upon us, — Eva's bonds were broken.
- 3 Bound by Satan's fetters, — health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us — at thy gentle pleading.
- 4 Jesu's tender Mother, — make thy supplication
Unto him who chose thee — at his Incarnation;
- 5 That, O matchless Maiden, — passing meek and lowly
Thy dear Son may make us — blameless, chaste and holy.
- 6 So, as now we journey, — aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus, — and rejoice for ever.
- 7 Father, Son and Spirit, — Three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory, — equal praise and blessing.



A-men

Latin c.9th century
Tr. Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Please remain standing for the Magnificat, during which the High Altar will be censed.

Magnificat: Service in G

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please sit for the reading of the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5.1–12

Here beginneth the 5th Chapter of the First Book of John:

Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

Here endeth the second lesson

Please stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis: Service in G

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

✠ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing to sing the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints: the Forgiveness of sins:
the Resurrection of the body, ☩ and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir continue the Preces and Responses.

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy Spirit.
℣ Let us pray:

The people kneel.

℟ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer is sung by all.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Officiant and choir sing the Lesser Litany.

℣ O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟ And grant us thy salvation.
℣ O Lord, save the King.
℟ And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.
℣ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
℟ And make thy chosen people joyful.

℣ O Lord, save thy people.
℟ And bless thine inheritance.
℣ Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟ Because there is none other that fighteth for us. But only thou, O God.
℣ O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Collect for Mary, Mother of the Lord.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collect for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ **And with thy Spirit.**
℣ Let us bless the Lord.
℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit while the Choir sings the Anthem.

Anthem

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (c.1535-1572)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.*

Luke 1.28, 42

Sermon

Ms Rosemary King
Lay Minister

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn.

An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 15 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.



There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.

Offertory Hymn

FARLEY CASTLE 10 10 10 10

Henry Lawes (1596-1662)



- 1 Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Beth'lem came that happy morn;
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.
- 2 As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace
Joyed for herself and for all human race.
- 3 All saints are by her son's dear influence blest,
She kept the very Fountain at her breast;
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.

- 4 Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Please kneel for the Intercessions which are read by the Officiant.

Intercessions

A Prayer for Mary.

ALMIGHTY God, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honour the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for King Charles III.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray that you would look upon your servant, King Charles. Endue him with your Holy Spirit; enrich him with your heavenly grace; prosper him with all happiness; and bring him to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Evening.

BE PRESENT, merciful God,
and protect us through the hours of this night:
that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances
of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Peace.

ETERNAL God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray thee, the labours of those who seek to establish righteousness and peace among nations, that all peoples may find their security, not in force of arms, but in the perfect love that casteth out fear, and in the fellowship revealed to us in thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer of St John Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be

most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

The following are recited together:

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Grace

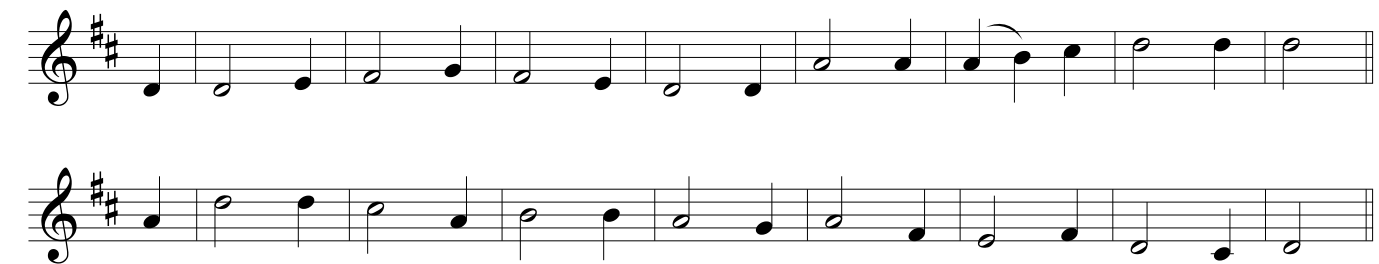
✠ THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Please stand to sing the Final Hymn.

Final Hymn

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR LM

Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
Harmony by G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)
Descant: Philip Walsh



- 1 The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.
- 2 And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's forseeing grace possessed.
- 3 How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-Desired of all the earth.

5 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. **Amen.**

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) and Editors

Remain standing as the Officiant pronounces the Blessing.

Blessing

Etternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love: grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with Mary and all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; and the blessing of God almighty, **✠** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Choir and Clergy process from the church during the Postlude.

Postlude

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay, listen or pray.

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Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments.

TONIGHT'S MUSIC DETAILS:

Introit: *Regina coeli* (Antonio Lotti, 1667-1740)
Setting: **Evening Service in G** (Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924)
Anthem: *Ave Maria* (Robert Parsons, c.1535-1572)
Responses: (Harrison Oxley, 1933-2009)

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NEXT SUNDAY:

Sunday 14 September – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost [24]

10:00am Choral Eucharist
Messe Basse (Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924)
Ave verum corpus (Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924)



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CHRIST THE KING

5:00pm – Sunday 23 November 2025

followed by refreshments in the parish hall

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Director of Music

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please note that our bank details have recently changed

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Donations & Bequests

"I bequeath the sum of \$____ to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable or other beneficial purposes of the parish."

Wills

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in drafting Wills. While he does not wish to have any commercial association with the church and/or its members, he has made an offer to assist, at no cost, senior parishioners and community members who wish to make donations to the parish in their Wills.

Mark is concerned to ensure that any senior who wants to help our wonderful parish this way is not deterred by the potential cost of so doing. Mark can be contacted via the parish office – (02) 9747 4327

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HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

8:00am Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

Fridays: *last Friday of the month*

5:40pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

6:00pm Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

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5:00pm Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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