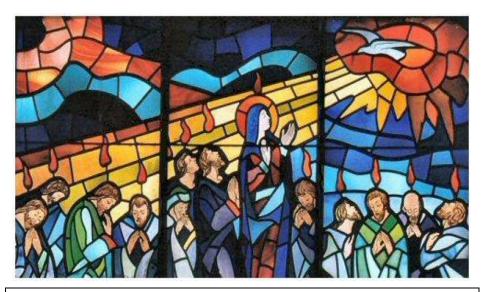


ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE

ADVENT 3 11th DECEMBER 2016



SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

FRIDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion - Dowell Court

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SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY

Priest: Father Stuart Gardiner

Organist: Cyril Thomas

Servers: Joan Skene, Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady

Eucharistic Assistants: Alan Tracey

Readers: Diedre Eva, Alan Tracey **Sidespersons:** Ian James, Bob Hill

Morning Tea: Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby

Hall Cleaning: Meron Pitcher

The Order of Service for the Eucharist commences at Page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia.' The readings and hymn numbers for today will be found in this pew bulletin.

Entry Hymn: 200 Come thou long expected Jesus

SENTENCE Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35.3–4

COLLECT

Almighty God,

you have made us and all things to serve you:

come quickly to save us,

so that wars and violence shall end

and your children may live in peace,

honouring one another with justice and love;

through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,

who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus

it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

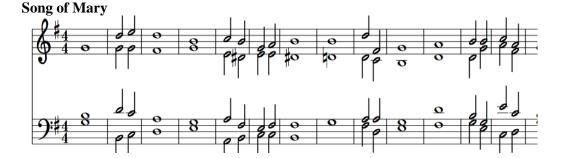
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



- 1 My soul proclaim the | greatness .of the | Lord my spirit re | joices . in | God my | Saviour;
- Who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant from this day all gener | ations . will | call me | blessed:
- 3+ the Almighty has done | great things | for me: and | holv | is his | name.
- God has mercy on | those who | fear him in | every | gener | ation.
- 5 The Lord has shown | strength . with his | arm: and has scattered the | proud in | their con | ceit.
- 6 Casting down the mighty | from their | thrones: and | lifting | up the | lowly.
- God has filled the hungry with | good | things: and sent the | rich a | way | empty

- 8 He has come to the help of his | servant | Israel:
 - for he has re | membered his | promise . of | mercy,
- 9 the promise he | made .to our | forbears: to Abraham | and his | children .for | ever,

A READING FROM JAMES

James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

For the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gradual: 318 O spirit of the living god

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Matthew 11.2-11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

SERMON

The 'Greeting of Peace:

Offertory Hymn: 292 Hark a herald voice

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Motet: A great and mighty wonder - Arr Praetorius.

Post Communion: 547 O day of God draw nigh

Postlude: Prelude on the Advent hymn "Wachet auf, ruft uns die

Stimme" by Johann Gottfried Walther

Recordings of postludes played at St. George's are posted in the Music section of the church website http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org

Please join us for refreshments after the Service

Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly): Harry, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, and others known to you.

We pray for those who love and care for them.

YEAR'S MIND:

Denys Bernard Ivor ROBERTS	12th December	1961
Elsie May GRAY	12th December	1978
Frederick William SUTTON	12th December	1980
Noel Alexander FERGUSON	12th December	1997
Henry James ATKINS	13th December	1975
Thomas Hamilton McMICKING	13th December	1987
Albert James JUDD	13th December	1969
Ethel Gwendoline TUTTON	15th December	1980
Lilian Amy BENNET	15th December	1989
Ella Muriel CRANE	15th December	2000
Joan Mary Elise ALMOND	15th December	1999

Next Week December 18th

Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to follow the Way of the Cross at any time that the Church is open. A booklet is available as a guide to your meditation.

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2016

Priest: Father Stuart Gardiner

Organist: Roger Brown

Servers: Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady, Chris Hayward

Eucharistic Assistants: Neil Appleby

Readers:Ann Fraquhar, Barry WilkesSidespersons:Rosemary Cotter, Bob HillMorning Tea:Deise and George Hall

Hall Cleaning: George Hall

Building Maintenance EMERGENCY contacts:

Steve Howard 9499 6410 or 0400 890020, Alison Smart, Vince Cristiano, George Hall. Any person welcome to join, just ask anyone on the BMC. Please write NON urgent maintenance items on the Building Maintenance List found on the table in the church.

OP SHOP		9499 5166
Manager -	Mary Jones	9499 2268
Assistant Manager -	Joan Skene	9459 0325

OPPORTUNITY SHOP LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

All welcome at the Ivanhoe Golf Club for lunch on Monday 12th December at 12 noon.

COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS			
	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	12.30 pm	
SUN DEC 11	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	·	
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am	
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am	
SUN DEC 18	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am	
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am	
SUN DEC 25	CHRISTMAS DAY		
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am	
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am	
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CHRISTMAS CARDS

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The December issue of *The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)* is now available in the foyer/narthex. This issue includes:



- A special Christmas front cover, 'God breaks through our darkness', by artist and *TMA*'s designer Ivan Smith; and Prof. Dorothy Lee reflects on the light and dark of the two contrasting Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus;
- A report on the recent consecration of former CMSsupported missionary teacher in Asia, Dr Paul Barker, as Bishop of the Jumbunna Episcopate in the Diocese of Melbourne;
- A report on the recent ordination of 23 priests; and interviews with the Revds Colleen Arnold-Moore and Paul

- Carr about their journeys to ordination;
- An extensive interview with Archbishop Freier, covering such issues as the election of Donald Trump, same-sex marriage and evangelism and prayer, to mark his 10th anniversary as Archbishop of Melbourne;
- A report on Diocesan Council's recent move to end gender imbalance on diocesan committees and other bodies;
- Coverage of Christian reactions to the election of Donald Trump; including viewpoints by Bishops Bradly Billings and George Browning reflecting on the causes and also the Christian support for Trump;
- Writer Samantha Bews gives her final reflection on her experience of losing her mother to dementia, and what dementia might mean for her mother's relationship to God.

With every blessing for a happy and Holy Christmas and New Year

Roland Ashby, Editor, TMA

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 18th December at 9 pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

The blessing of the Christmas Crib A service suitable for children 5.00 pm followed by a Sausage Sizzle

> Midnight Mass Commencing at 11.30 pm

Christmas Morning Service

Please note that Christmas Day is a Sunday

9 am Sung Eucharist