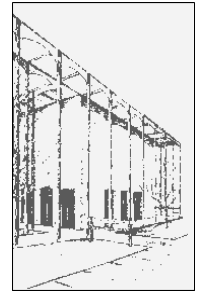
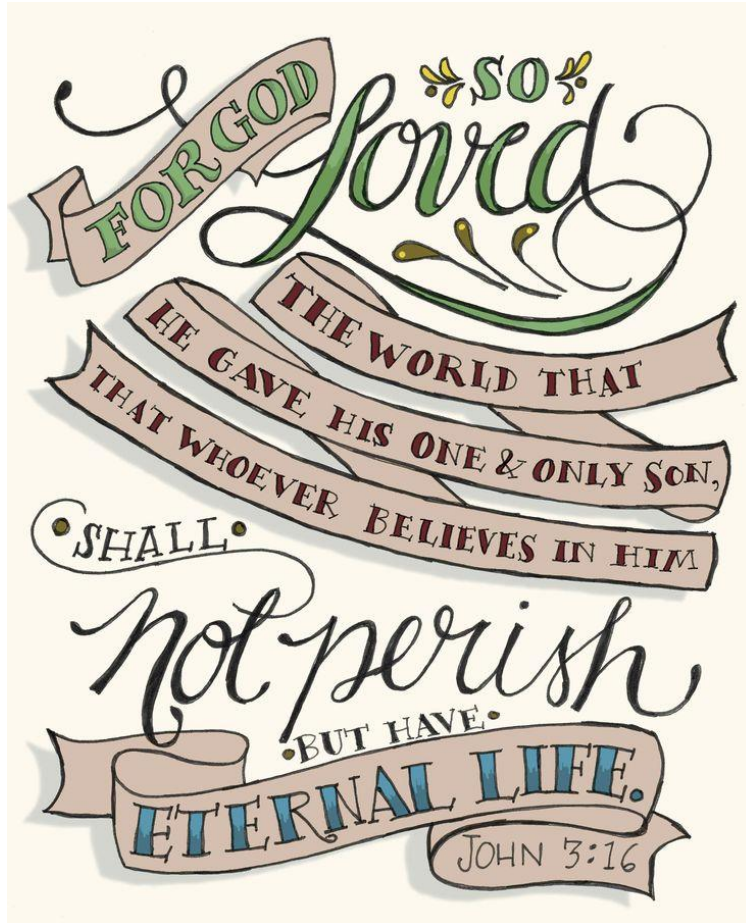


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE**



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**



**SUNDAY**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am Said Eucharist

**FRIDAY**

10:00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY**

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Chris Hayward, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	Alan Tracey
Sides person:	Bob Hill, Ian James
Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby

### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants:	Alison Smart
Readers:	Barry Wilkes
Sides person:	Bob Hill, Rosemary Cotter
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Church Cleaning	Alison Smart

### **LOCUM'S LETTER**

There are times when in my deepest moments of despair that I wish God would zap certain obnoxious, out of control and arrogant power hungry people who have no time for others and abuse their positions of trust and who care for no one else but themselves. Then I realize that the God I believe in does not fit this profile. Instead he is a God of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In today's Old Testament reading from Numbers 21, the children of Israel are bratty children. They have broken the covenant relationship again and forgotten their history rescued from the fleshpots of Egypt in order to arrive at the Promised Land. The story is drawn from Israel's wilderness wanderings and once more is another occasion in which the people of Israel become their own enemy rebelling against God. With their provocations against God and Moses they succeed in provoking God. In the text God zaps the bratty children with poisonous snakes. This is an odd narrative one I suspect few of us know. Why is it included then you may ask? I am not sure. There is a reference to the serpent at the beginning of today's Gospel. Jesus explicitly connects the "lifting up" of the Son of Man with the story of Moses. What connects both narratives is that God saves his people. The bronze serpent saves those who look upon it in a story for its time and Jesus saves by being lifted up on a cross. God's action is one of both judgment and salvation.

We have arrived halfway through our Lenten journey. Today is often called Refreshment Sunday. Here we are reminded like the Israelites why does God persist in saving humankind, when we continue to rebel and sin? The answer is in today's gospel. God acts again and again for the benefit of human beings because God loves the world in spite of itself. It is called unconditional love, like a parent has for a child.

Shalom

Ray

Anglicare and St Mark's Fitzroy food basket is another way this Lent to share with others the bounty of our community.

**ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE** in Church Law is to be held at Trinity College Theological School on Wednesday the 14th March at 7.30pm in the Craig Auditorium. The topic is 'Clergy Status in the Light of the Royal Commission'. Light refreshments to follow.

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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.

**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.

A copy of the Locum's Sermon is posted on the Church Website

[stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org](http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org)

**Readings for Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-13; Hebrew 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

**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.**

**Introit:** Litany for Lent - Hearken O Lord. have mercy upon us

**Hymns:**

Processional	271	Lift high the cross
Gradual	258	When I survey
Offertory	72	Souls of men
Final	14	Now thank we all our God

**Communion Motet:** God so loved the world - Goss

**Postlude:** Fugue, from Toccata and Fugue in D Minor BWV 538 - J.S. Bach

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

## **Sentence**

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3.14–15

## **Collect**

Everlasting God

in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:  
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,  
no weakness prevent us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Collect at the time of choosing an incumbent**

Bountiful God,

Give to this parish a faithful pastor

Who will faithfully speak your word

And minister your sacraments;

An encourager who will equip your people for ministry

And enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom

Discernment and patience,

And to us give warm and generous hearts,

For Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

## **A reading from the book of Numbers**

Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent

of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 107 1-3, 17-22**



O give thanks to the Lord for | he is | good:  
**for his loving | mercy | is for | ever.**

2 Let the Lord's re | deemed | say so;  
**whom he has redeemed from the | hand | of the | enemy,**

3+ And gathered in from every land  
from the east and | from the | west:  
**from the | north and | from the | south.**

17 Fools were far | gone • in trans|gression:  
**and be|cause of • their | sins • were afflicted.**

18 They sickened at | any | food:  
**and had | come • to the | gates of | death.**

19 Then they cried to the Lord in | their dis|tress:  
**and he | took them | out of • their | trouble.**

20 He sent his | word and | healed them:  
**and | saved their | life • from the | Pit.**

21 Let them thank the | Lord• for his | goodness:  
**and for the wonders that he | does•for the | children • of| men;**

22 Let them offer sacrifices of| thanks|giving:  
**and tell what he has | done with | shouts of | joy.**

### **A Reading from the book of Ephesians**

#### **Ephesians 2.1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with

Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

John 3.14-21

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly: Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, Phillip Joubert and others known to you.**

We pray for those who love and care for them.

**Year’s Mind**

Rita Olive WILKES

13th March 2014

Mabel Elizabeth MUTIMER

14th March 1977

Gary John MAWSON

14th March 1993

Alice PATTERSON	14th March 1995
(Evelyn) Joy ARMSTRONG	14th March 2014
Isabella Gail EVANS	15th March 1969
Florence TEAR	16th March 1989
Arthur Athol RICHARDSON - Priest	16th March 1984

Fr. Ray would like to hear from any readers who would like to read part of the Gospel for Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Please let him know if you would like to read on one of or both days.

### COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

11 <sup>th</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent and Refreshment Sunday
13 <sup>th</sup> March	McKinney Lectures 8.00 pm St George's "Secular media and the Church"
18 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Meditation 7.00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	McKinney Lectures 8.00 pm Mother of God Catholic "The Forgotten contribution of Christianity"
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)</b> 8.00 Said Eucharist 10.00 am Sung Eucharistic
27 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 am Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am Eucharist
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.30pm The Liturgy of the Lord's supper, Stripping of the altar and reservation of the sacrament for Good Friday.</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 10am Liturgy of the Cross and Communion 3pm Stations of the Cross
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b> 8am Eucharist, Lighting of the Fire and renewal of baptism vows 10am Choral Eucharist with Renewal of baptismal vows

**A flier for the McKinney Lectures is available at the back of the church.**

## **Wewak - A Touch of Paradise**

Our thanks to Meron for sharing her New Guinea experiences with us. Her wonderful presentation included the culture and beauty of the region, and also described the impoverished nature of the local hospital system - "one surgeon for 800,000 people in a sector where disputes are often resolved with machetes!".

The function raised just over \$1500 for the Anglican Board of Missions.

Thanks to the Parish it's excellent support and to the following people who made special contributions:

Joan (beautiful table settings, gathering items etc); Vince (bubbly, overseeing the finances, keeping an eye on the caterers etc); Rosalie (promotion, seating and collecting etc); Mary (raffle etc); Denise & George (final wash up, silent auction and setting up); Ann & Ian (setting up & putting away); Pam (checking the internet to price our items); Neil (assisting Vince); Father Ray (Grace); Ted (expression of thanks) and to all the others who helped with the final tidying up.

Our gratitude also to those who provided items for the silent auction and raffle (especially Paul - East Ivanhoe Grocers, Kathleen - Floral Impressions East Ivanhoe and Clarke Dental) and to those who invited guests.

Finally thanks to Spitting Image Catering for a job well done.