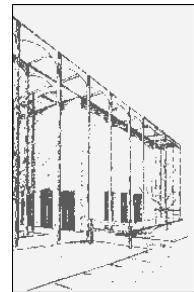


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE**



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
4<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:	Joan Skene, Chris Hayward, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants:	Coral Tudball
Readers:	Alison Smart
Sides person:	Bob Hill, Robert Stevens
Morning Tea:	Alison Smart
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth and Neil Appleby

## **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## **LOCUM'S LETTER**

One of the challenges facing Australia if not much of the Western world is the question of values and the broader one of ethics. We hear our politicians and other community leaders talking and commenting on Australian values listing them in a way that are broad in interpretation and mainly lacking in substance. I have written about this subject on my personal blog, in this month's Melbourne Anglican and in a recent letter to the Age newspaper. Where as in previous years Australian values were based or grounded on the Judaic–Christian ethic this appears to be no longer the case. This is not to say that we always practiced what we said we believed in. Remember the White Australia Policy, the treatment of indigenous people of this nation and today our response to asylum seekers and refugees. We do however take pride in the fact that we are a civilized Western democracy.

Today's Old Testament lesson recalls the giving of the Law to Israel, a gift to enliven and enlighten human kind. Increasingly it seems difficult to reconcile our Western ideas of freedom and individualism with the Old Testament law. Each day the Law is violated or modified to address a particular issue. On the one hand we condemn murder, on the other hand killing in war is justified for many different reasons. If we followed literally the commandment "You shall not kill" the recent debate around the Dying with Dignity legislation passed by the Victorian parliament may have taken on a different dimension. Likewise the responses to the sensitive issue of abortion and the rights of individuals.

I do not have any easy answers to the ethical issues we face as a

community. I do recognise however that our freedom is not absolute and it is important for the community to have rational and objective discussions on the many issues challenging who we are and what we believe. The challenge for us today as Christians is not to trivialize what God has given us as the way to find our true humanity. This will not be easy for the times have changed and the cross of Christ reminds us that love and justice is to be at the core of how we behave towards each other.

Shalom

Ray

Please note also that the next shared meal will be on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. ABM envelopes are in the pews today. I encourage you to use them each week during Lent. I have also left some ABM boxes at the rear of the Church. They are great for putting loose change in each week and bringing them to Church on Palm Sunday.

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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**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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

**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 7 Praise to the living God

Gradual 249 Sing my tongue, the glorious battle

Offertory 452 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Final 127 To the name of our salvation

**Communion Motet:** :

**Postlude:**

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

### **Sentence**

God spoke these words and said, ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.’ Exodus 20.1

### **Collect**

Lord our God,

by your Holy Spirit

write your commandments upon our hearts

and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,

so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,

we may become a living temple of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Exodus**

Exodus 20.1-17

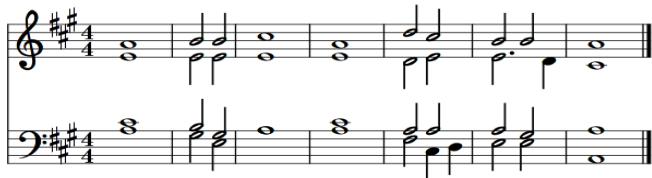
Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

#### **Ps. 19 1-14**

- 1 The heavens declare the | glory • of | God:  
**and the | firmament- pro |claims his | handiwork;**
- 2 One day | tells it • to an|other:  
**and night to | night com|muni-cates | knowledge.**
- 3 There is no | speech or | language:  
**nor | are their | voices | heard;**
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through | all the | world:  
**and their | words • to the | ends • of the | earth.**
- 5 There he has pitched a | tent • for the | sun:  
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber  
 and rejoices like a | strong • man to | run his | course.**
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens

and its circuit to their | farthest | bound:  
**and nothing is | hidden | from its | heat.**



- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect re|viving • the | soul:  
**the command of the Lord is true | and makes | wise the | simple.**
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right and re|joice the | heart:  
**the command of the Lord is pure | and gives | light • to the | eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en|dures for | ever:  
**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging and | righteous | every | one.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold even | much fine | gold:  
**sweeter also than honey than the | honey • that | drips • from the | comb.**
- 11+ Moreover by them is your | servant | taught:  
**and in keeping them | there is | great re|ward.**
- 12 Who can know his own un|witting | sins?:  
**O cleanse me | from my | secret | faults.**
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get the | mastery | over me:  
**so I shall be clean and | innocent • of | great of|fence.**
- 14+ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your | sight:  
**O Lord my | strength and | my re|deemer.**

### A Reading from the first book of Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,  
but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

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

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life

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

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

John 2.13-22

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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**

Elsie May ORFORD	5th March	1963
Thelma McCully JOAQUIN	5th March	1985
Gladys Scott CLARK	5th March	1992
Geoffrey Alan LEHMAN	5th March	1988
Lawrence Pascoe MITCHELL	6th March	1987
John Michael WOODWARD	7th March	1987
Thomas Edwin FISKE	7th March	1990

Mary COOK	8th March	1987
William Frederick GRAHAM	9th March	1972
Kathleen HOOKEY	9th March	1997
James FERGUSON	10th March	1916
Pearl Victoria HARPHAM	10th March	1982
Phyllis BRADSHAW	10th March	1985
William Keith OLIVER	10th March	1985
Lois Emily BLAKE	10th March	1995
Phyllis MAWSON	10th March	2001
John Patrick Andrew McDuff SKENE	10th March	1993

## COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

4 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Meditation 7.00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	McKinney Lectures 8.00 pm Ivanhoe Uniting Church, “The Challenge of Secularism”.
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Shared meal 6.30pm
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.