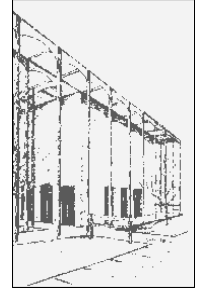


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WARNCLIFFE ROAD, EAST IVANHOE**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**



*Zechariah and St John the Baptist  
A medieval Georgian fresco from Jerusalem.*

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am Said Eucharist

**FRIDAY**

10:00 am Holy Communion – The Views

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### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY**

Celebrant:	Fr Barry Fernley
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady, Joan Skene
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	Alan Tracey
Sides person:	Bob Hill,
Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby
Flowers	No flowers in Advent

### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Celebrant:	Fr John Sanderson
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Chris Hayward, Sandra O'Grady, Joan Skene
Eucharistic Assistants:	Alison Smart
Readers:	Barry Wilkes
Sides person:	Bob Hill, Rosemary Cotter
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Flowers	No flowers in Advent

From our Locum,

Do you remember the federal election where the slogan of one of the parties was "it's time"? In many ways these words are relevant to my final article for the Pew sheet. Today is my final Sunday conducting the Services at 8am and 10am but I will be working in the parish until Friday afternoon. It's time for me and Trish to say goodbye to the parish of St George's East Ivanhoe. We have both enjoyed coming here to worship with you over the past seven months and being welcomed as part of the parish family. I hope that through my pastoral and preaching ministry the spirit and soul of this parish has been both uplifted and maintained, encouraged and given new life. It's time for a new chapter in the life of this parish which will begin on Friday evening with the induction of your new Priest, Fr John Sanderson. I believe Fr John is God's person for the task ahead as you enter the next phase of your parish life.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to hear your stories. I have tried to do what St Benedict said as his first words to his monks in the Rule that would shape much of the monastic way of life – simply "listen". In many ways, I have sought to do this in the parish – not simply listening to you but also seeking to listen to God through His word and through you – his Church.

Could I leave you with a prayer by St Ignatius of Loyola which I learnt as a teenager in one of the youth groups I belonged to – you might like to make it your personal prayer:

Teach us, Good Lord,  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do Your will. Amen.

God bless you all.  
Fr Barry

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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.

**Readings for Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

**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 are below.**

**Introit:**

Proclamation	580	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Gradual	198	The advent of our God
Offertory	598	By your priestly power O risen Lord
Final	205	Mine eyes have seen the glory

**Communion Motet:** Never weather beaten sail - Wood

Postlude: Num komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661/2 - 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**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78–79

## **Collect**

God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Almighty God**

**The giver of all gifts**

**By your Holy Spirit you have appointed  
Various orders of ministry in your church**

**Look with mercy and favour on  
all who are called**

**Especially John our priest elect.**

**Help him to serve you faithfully in this Parish**

**For the glory of your name  
and the benefit of your church and people**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever. Amen**

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

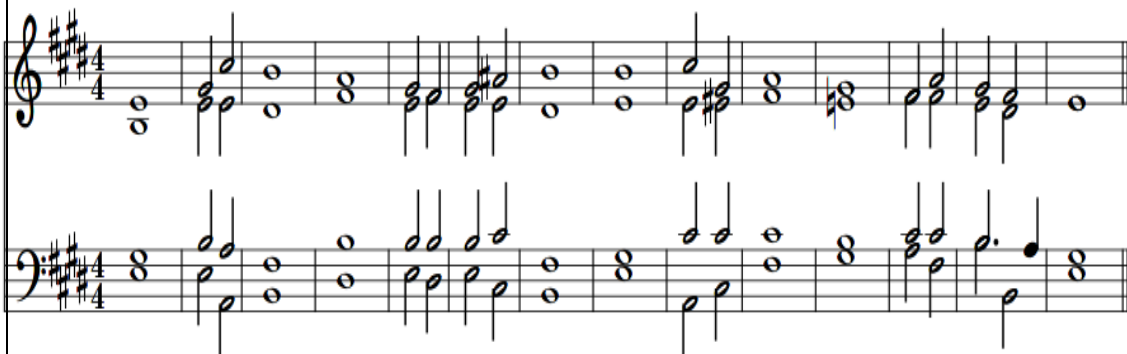
Malachi 3.1-14

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they

present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?’

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

### **The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)**



1 Blessed be the Lord the | God of | Israel:  
**for he has come to his | people and | set them | free.**

2 He has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour:  
**born of the | house . of his | servant | David.**

3 Through his holy prophets he | promised . of | old:  
**that he would save us from our enemies  
from the | hands of| all that | hate us.**

4 He promised to show | mercy . to our | fathers:  
**and to re|member. his | holy | covenant.**

5 This was the oath he swore to our | father | Abraham:  
**to set us | free . from the | hands of . our | enemies,**

6 free to worship him with|out | fear:  
**holy and righteous in his sight | all the | days of . our | life.**

7 And you my child shall be called the prophet of the | Most | High:  
**for you will go before the | Lord . to pre|pare his | way,**

8 to give his people knowledge | of sal|vation:  
**by the for|giveness .of | all their | sins.**

9 In the tender compassion | of our | God:  
**the dawn from on | high shall | break up|on us;**

10 to shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the | shadow of |  
death:  
**and to guide our feet | into the | way of | peace.**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**      Philippians 1.1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes

through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

Luke 21.25-38

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayers for those in need (list renewed monthly):** Satya Ford, John and Betty Bibo, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Paul Finch, Louise Miller, Lily Kelcey and others known to you.

We pray for those who love and care for them.

**Year’s Mind**

Valentine GRIFFITH

9th December 1945

Vera CLARE

10th December 1980

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

## COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
<i>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>12.00pm Op Shop Lunch</i>
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>7.00pm Commissioning of Fr John Sanderson</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>9.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols</i>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.00pm Children's Christmas Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9.00am. The Birth of our Lord - Christmas Day</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	First Sunday after Christmas

### **Commissioning of Fr John Sanderson**

All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend the Commissioning of Fr John Sanderson on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.

Please let Pam Cristiano 0409583559 or Rosalie Prince 0438455641 know if you are coming.