



WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Joy

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

7.30am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Eucharist**

10.00am **Sung Eucharist**

Preacher: Mother Linda Fiske

Hymns: 197, 198, 426, 486

Motet: *Rejoice in the Lord always*
(Anon)

Postlude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,*
BWV 661 (Bach)

Organist: Roger Brown



MORNING SERVICE SHEET - PLEASE TAKE HOME

WELCOME

St George's is a community committed to making and sustaining connections: with God, with one another, with the local and wider community, and with the environment. We value liturgical worship, encouraging fellowship and community service. We believe in God - the beauty of transcendent holiness, present in our connectedness; and in caring passionately for all in need. All are welcome in this sacred space.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17 December

Vicar's Day off

Wednesday 18 December

10am

Holy Communion

10.45am

Morning Tea - Visit of residents from Benetas - The Views - Heidelberg

Thursday 19 December

2-3pm

Installation of heating and cooling, The Evan's Hall

Advent Study Group, Streeton Park - *The Art of Advent*

Friday 20 December

10am

Holy Communion

Benetas - Heidelberg - The Views

6.30pm

Christmas Carols, Benetas - The Views - Heidelberg

Sunday 22 December

*Fourth Sunday of
Advent - Love*

9pm

Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24 December	5pm	Children's Carol Service
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	11pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	9am	Choral Eucharist
<i>Christmas Day</i>		

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia.'

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

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
 on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
 strengthen our weak hands,
 make firm our feeble knees,
 and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
 so that our hearts may rejoice
 as we behold the majesty of our God.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 35.1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

SONG OF MARY



1. My soul proclaim the | greatness .of the | Lord
my spirit re | jices . in | God my | Saviour;
2. 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 | holy | is his | name.

4. 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.
7. 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,

SECOND READING

JAMES 5.7-10

A reading from the Letters of James

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.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation



Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor



The Spirit of the Lord is up - on me,

8



because he has anointed me to bring glad tid - ings to the poor.

12 Congregation



Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

GOSPEL

MATTHEW II.2-II

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according *to* Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord *Jes-us* 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord *Je-sus* Christ.

SURSUM CORDA

Priest

3 The Lord be with you
Congregation

5 And Al - so with you
Priest

7 Lift up your hearts
Congregation

9 We lift them to the Lord
Priest

12 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
Congregation

It is right to give our thanks and praise

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

PARISH PRAYERS

Margaret Syle, Neil Grierson, Nina Fudala, Karen Derbyshire, Pat Oswald, Les Barton, Max Pearce, Rosalie Prince, Vince Cristiano, Sylbie, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Lesley Tracey, Frank Cichello, Frank McFall, Lily Kelcey, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Paul Finch, Josie Cichello-Sanderson and those known to you alone.

We remember all who have died in recent days. We also remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

Open House Christian Involvement Centre

Loving God, thank-you for the work of Open House. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion, and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community.

YEARS MIND

15 December	Ethel TUTTON	1980
15 December	Lilian BENNET	1989
15 December	Ella CRANE	2000
15 December	Joan ALMOND	1999
18 December	Miriam NANCARROW	1987
18 December	Helen KINGSFORD	2013
20 December	Doris PAGE	1994
20 December	Margaret HOTCHKISS	1990
20 December	William WHALE	1962
20 December	Constance McDONALD	1974
21 December	David NORMAN	1998

PARISH NOTICES

Commissioning of new Parish Council

Today we give thanks to God for the service and ministry of our outgoing Parish Council and commission those who will serve on Parish Council in the year ahead.

Sunday 15 December – Meeting of new Parish Council

The newly installed parish council will meet at 7.30pm this evening in the Parish Meeting Room.

Presentation to

Kristian Antonoides

Today, during the 10am Mass, Joan, on behalf of the Opportunity Shop will make a small presentation to Kristian to mark his recent community service in the shop as part of his participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at Ivanhoe Grammar School.

Wednesday 18 December - Visit of residents from Benetas The Views Heidelberg

A small group of residents from The Views, who we normally visit on a Friday morning, will attend our 10am service of Holy Communion and then stay for Morning Tea. Please consider whether you are able to attend this service and tea.

Thursday 19 December - Advent Study Group – Streeeton Park, The Art of Advent

Using an image, a week as an aid to reflection, please feel free to join our group in the comfort of Streeeton Park. Contact Rosalie Prince 0438 455 641

Friday 20 December – Christmas Carols at The Views

6.15pm for a 6.30pm start the choir and friends will visit Benetas The Views – Heidelberg to sing a selection of carols for the residents.

Sunday 22 December – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

As a way of extending our renowned hospitality to visitors and a big thank you to the choir, it would be wonderful if you could bring a plate of Christmas nibbles, mince pies etc. to share and enjoy after the service.

Contact Person:

Denise Hall 0413 428 594.

Tuesday 24 December – Children’s Christmas Liturgy

Bring along your children and grandchildren, and their dress-ups as Fr John narrates the Christmas Story and we sing some carols, have some fun, and then share a BBQ.

Facebook

Please encourage your family friend and neighbours to visit, like and follow our Facebook page @StGeorgesEastIvanhoe.

A SEASON OF INVITATION

From the Feast of Michael and All Angels through to Christmas Day we will be undertaking a *Season of Invitation*, during which we will invite and welcome back those who have become lapsed in their attendance, and also invite our neighbours, families and friends and come and experience the sacredness and hospitality that is to be found here at St George's.

Our Season of Invitation will feature these key services and events.

Sunday 22 December - *Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love*

8am Holy Communion

10am Choral Eucharist

9pm Festival of Lessons & Carols by candlelight

Tuesday 24 December - *Christmas Eve - Light*

5pm Children's Liturgy and BBQ

11pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December - *Birth Of Our Lord - Christmas Day*

9am Choral Eucharist

Light refreshments are served after all services.

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