

WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020

7.30am	Morning Prayer	
8.00am	Eucharist	
10.00am	Sung Eucharist	
Preacher:	Rt. Rev'd Genieve Blackwell	
Hymns:	492, 191, 352, 141	
Introit:	God be in my head (Rutter)	
Motet:	Sicut Cervus (Palestrina)	
Postlude:	Praeludium in D Minor	
	<i>BWV 140</i> (Buxtehude)	
Organist:	Roger Brown	



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 24 March		Vicar's day off
	8pm	Richard McKenney Lecture <i>Mother of God Catholic Church</i>
Wednesday 25 March	10am	Holy Communion
The Annunciation to the BVM	10.45am	Lent Study Group
Thursday 26 March	4pm	Lent Study Group, Streeton on the Yarra - Library
Friday 27 March	10am	Holy Communion <i>Benetas - Heidelberg - The Views</i>
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 29 March <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>		Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45
	5pm	Lent Study Group - Vicarage
	7pm	Wine and Conversation with Dr Ray Cleary - Reading Scripture

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

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

John 8.12

I SAMUEL 16.1-13

COLLECT

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



- 1. The Lord | is my | shepherd : therefore | can I | lack | nothing.
- 2. He will make me lie down in | green | pastures : and | lead me • be | side still | waters.

- 3. He will re | fresh my | soul : and guide me in right pathways | for his | name's | sake.
- 4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will | fear no | evil : for you are with me; your | rod and your | staff | comfort me.
- 5. You spread a table before me in the face of | those who | trouble me : you have anointed my head with oil | and my | cup • shall be |full.
- 6. Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the | days of my | life : and I shall dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.8-14

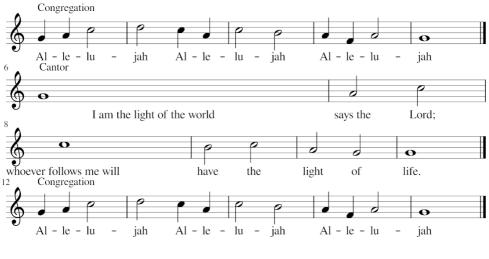
A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 9.1-41

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according *to* John. **Glory to you, Lord Jes-***us* **Christ.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and

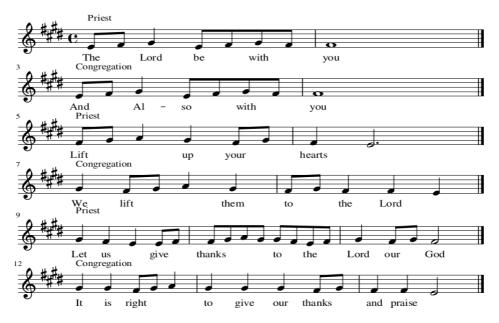
opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.'

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Je-sus Christ.

SURSUM CORDA



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.

COMMUNION MOTET

As a hart longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. *Sicut Cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

PARISH PRAYERS

Elizabeth Appleby, Hayley Pace; and Coral Tudball, Gabriel Arroyo Gomez, Jenny Edbrooke, Andrew Meadows, Rebecca Bowden, Thelma Gray, Neil Grierson, Margaret Syle, Henri-Felix Carolane, Karen Derbyshire, Pat Oswald, Max Pearce, Vince Cristiano, Sylbie, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Lesley Tracey, Frank Cichello, Frank McFall, Lily Kelcey, Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Paul Finch, Josie Cichello-Sanderson, the Malek family and those known to you alone.

We pray for Fr John's ministry to Ivanhoe Grammar School as the School Chaplain, and for our involvement with that community.

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

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia

God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas. Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YEARS MIND

22 March	Willie PITCHER	1953
22 March	James NOONEY	1983
22 March	Anne HUMPHRIES	1980
22 March	Margaret McCULLOCH	1989
22 March	Kathleen HOWITT	1997
23 March	Ellen DUNLOP	1990
23 March	Margaret TURNER	1995
23 March	Lindsay HOURIGAN	1996
23 March	Grace PITTS	1998
25 March	Ada JOHNSON	1971
25 March	Alice FRANKLIN	1982
25 March	Helen DUNLOP	1990
25 March	Dudley McGRATH	1996
25 March	Valerie DE RUN	2013
26 March	William HOWITT	1960
26 March	Elizabeth McCULLOCH	1998
26 March	Mick HULL	1995
27 March	Henry DAY	1979
27 March	Eric MORRISON	1981
27 March	Charles LONGNEY	1986
28 March	Eunice WALTON	2005
28 March	Herbert WAT'TS	1989
28 March	Joan PHILLIPS	2019

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday 22 March - Visit of the Rt Rev'd Genieve Blackwell

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday

Today we welcome our Bishop who will Celebrate and preach at the 10am Choral Eucharist. Please take the opportunity to welcome +Genieve so that she may gain a sense of the life of our worshipping and broader community.

St George's Opportunity Shop Volunteer's Meeting

The quarterly meeting for those who serve in our Opportunity Place will now take place at 11.30am on Monday 23 March 2020 in the Parish Meeting Room.

Palm Crosses

Due to unforeseen circumstances Rosemary Cotter is looking for 1-2 people to assist with making our palm crosses as one of our group has to selfisolate after returning from overseas.

If you would like to assist and are available on Wed 1 April between 10-12pm, then please contact me, Rosemary Cotter (0400 877 937). No prior experience necessary!

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ALL PASSION SPENT?

Looking at ourselves as preachers as Holy Week approaches.

My of us who regularly preach feel that we've lost our way a bit. The words can feel cliched, lifeless or rushed. We can feel empty of new ideas or approaches. The sermon can get pushed down on the list of our priorities in the busy week and we sense the congregation has cottoned on to it.

This study day will look at our vocation to preache and ask what can be done to resuscitate our attempts to do it with integrity and imagination. Do I take language seriously? What subjects to I avoid and why? Am I bored with what I'm good at? We will then ask how we can apply freshness and resonance to our preaching in Holy Week and Easter.

Friday 3 April at Anglican Diocese of Melbourne - 208 Flinders Lane, Melbourne (David Penman Room)

10am - 3pm. Click on this to book https://www.trybooking.com/BJPEN Places are limited so book early.

\$25 or \$20, for retired clergy, including lunch.

Rev'd Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge

Mark Oakley is Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, and was formerly Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London. He is Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, King's College London. he is widely admired for his preaching and for his writing, especially in the areas of poetry and spirituality. His '*The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry*', won the 2019 Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing and his recent collection of sermons, '*By Way of the Heart*', and his introduction to the poetry of George Herbert, '*My Sour Sweet Days*', made Rowan Williams comment: 'Mark Oakley is one of the most distinctive, intelligent and refreshing voices in the Church of England, always illuminating, never stale or second-hand'. Mark is also committed to human rights and in 2016 won the UK's first national prize for those who stand up against hate crime.

LENT 2020

A range of activities will be offered during Lent, study groups, Stations of the Cross and a series of talkes from Rev'd Dr Ray Cleary. Please indicate your interest in the study groups on the sheet at the back of the church.

Saying Yes to Life

Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020

10.30am - Wednesday 4pm - Thursday, Streeton Park 5pm - Sunday, Vicrage

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm - Fridays

Wine and Conversations with Dr Ray Cleary

7pm - Sundays, Evans Hall The format of the night from 7pm-8.30pm will be led by Dr Ray Clearly.

22 March - Five Marks of Mission 29 March - Reading Scripture

Please join us, a community commited to building strong partnerships, relationships and community wellbeing.

Richard McKinney Lenten Ecumenical Memorial Lectures

The Annual Lenten Ecumenical Lecture Series in memory of the late Rev'd Richard McKinney commences with lecture 1 by the Rev'd Ian Smith Executive Officer at the Victorian Council of Churches with Father Shenouda Boutros, Coptic priest at St Bishoy's Coptic Church Bulleen and President of the Victorian Council of Churches.

Theme: East meets West at the Cross

Lecture 3: Living now in the light of Easter - Being followers of the Risen Christ.

8pm Mother of God of Catholic Church, Wilfred Road, East Ivanhoe

This three-lecture series is hosted annually in Lent and Advent by the Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe Ecumenical Committee.

The lectures commence at 8pm and are followed by supper and fellowship.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2020

PALM SUNDAY, 5 APRIL

8am - Blessing of Palms & Holy Communion 10am - Blessing of Palms & Sung Eucharist

Monday - Wednesday, 6-8 April

9am - Morning Prayer 7pm - Holy Communion 10am - Holy Communion (Only Wednesday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 9 APRIL

8am - Morning Prayer 8pm - Eucharist of the Last Supper & Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY, 10 APRIL

8am - Morning Prayer 9am - Stations of the Cross 10am - Good Friday liturgy with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

EASTER DAY, 12 APRIL

8am - Holy Communion 10am - Choral Eucharist

Wednesday 8 April 2020 - Ecumenical Holy Week Dinner

6.30pm - at the UCA, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe

GOOD FRIDAY - ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS

11.30am - St James Anglican Church - UCA Seddon Street - Mary Immaculate Church Upper Heidelberg Road

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