

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Bp. Alison Taylor

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 8 December 2024
8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *I was overjoyed* Rene Reboud

Hymns: 203, 191, 486, 192

Psalm: *The Song of Zechariah* (Luke 1.68-79)

Communion: *Sleepers wake* Nicolai/Bach (Hymn 195)

Postlude:

Organist: Cyril Thomas

THIS WEEK

**Monday 9
December**

**Tuesday 10
December**

Wednesday 11 December	No Service of 10am Holy Communion until January 2025
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**Thursday 12
December**

Friday 13 December	10am	Holy Communion at Benetas the Views Heidelberg
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Saturday 14 December	6.30pm	Bring n' Share Dinner. Background music by Marea
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Sunday 15 December		Zephaniah 3. 14 – 20 Philippians 4. 4 - 7
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<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8am	Luke 3. 7 - 18 Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	5.30pm	Jazz Vespers

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'.

INTROIT

I was overjoyed

Rene Reboud (Hymn 394)

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.**

FIRST READING

MALACHI 3. 1 – 4

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.

Here 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.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS I. I – II

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.

Here the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 3. 1 - 6



Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us 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.

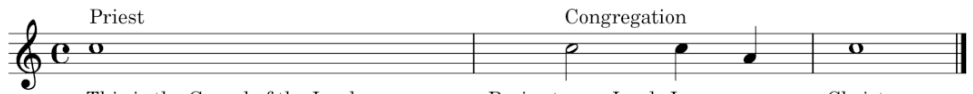
Every valley shall be filled,

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.” ’



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jes - us Christ

SURSUM CORDA

Priest

The Lord be with you

3 Congregation

And Al - so with you

5 Priest

Lift up your hearts

7 Congregation

We lift them to the Lord

9 Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

12 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.**

COMMUNION MOTET

Sleepers wake

Nicolai/Bach (Hymn 195)

PARISH PRAYERS

Murray Steele, Bill Pearson, Dr Helen Kouzmin, Wayne Oswald, Gabriel Pronobis, Bella Saadala, David Nolte, Dorothy Maher, Anthony Schiavone, ‘Spud’ Murphy, Frank McFall, Paul Finch, Rebecca Bowden, Katie Pittle, Colin Summerbell, Bob & Anne Hill, Vince Cristiano, Faye, Rachel ,Kyle, Lilly ,Pam Hill, Violetta Karama, Wickvamasinghe, Libby Davis, Jan Peggie, Roger Douglas, King Charles, Catherine Princes of Wales and those known to you alone.

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

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria

Loving God, you give us everything. Hear us as we pray for seafarers who endure hardship, danger and discomfort to bring us the goods we use each day. Keep them safe in the palm of your hand and bring them through sunshine and storm to their homes and loved ones. Through Jesus Christ who stilled the storm and called seafarers to follow him. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Dec 8	Victor BROWN	1979
Dec 8	Herbert PARKIN	1995
Dec 8	Delphine FISKE	2008
Dec 8	David GROVES	1983
Dec 8	Margaret STEVENS	2012
Dec 8	Lydia WATTON	1992
Dec 9	Valentine GRIFFITH	1945
Dec 10	Vera CLARE	1980
Dec 10	Elsie GRAY	1978
Dec 10	Frederick SUTTON	1980
Dec 12	Denys ROBERTS	1961
Dec 12	Noel FERGUSON	1997
Dec 12	Henry ATKINS	1975
Dec 13	Thomas McMICKING	1987
Dec 13	Albert JUDD	1969
Dec 14	Ethel TUTTON	1980
Dec 14	Lilian BENNET	1989
Dec 14	Ella CRANE	2000

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

God of Mission
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH OFFICE BEARERS AT THE 10 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Our Parish Office Bearers, to be commissioned at this Service, are:

Ted Smart and Paul Smith as Church Wardens; Vince Cristiano, George Hall Vicky Hayward, David Morgan, Coral Tudball, and Barry Wilkes as members of Parish Council; and Meron Pitcher and Ted Smart as Parish Nominators.

We pray that almighty God may enlighten them with his grace, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek his glory and promote the mission of his Church.

During the short commissioning liturgy, the congregation is invited to respond with the following words:

**May they have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
and be faithful disciples,
giving example to Christ's flock
and witnessing to the truth of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to ‘like’ and ‘follow’ us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEastIvanhoe>) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (St George Peace Memorial Church East Ivanhoe). Please take the time to ‘like’ and ‘follow’ our Facebook presence @HeartEdgeMelbourne (<https://www.facebook.com/HeartEdgeMelbourne>), where you might find news of our HeartEdge initiatives.

Live-Streaming of Services - YouTube

We live-stream our services and events via our YouTube channel, (St George Peace Memorial Church East Ivanhoe). You may access our services, online via this link: <https://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/online> if you subscribe to our channel and enable notifications you will receive automatic alerts when we go live.

Fr John’s Sabbatical – Administrative Arrangements

Revd Heidin Kunoo – Acting Vicar

Bp Alison Taylor - Sunday Locum

Ted Smart, - Church Warden

Paul Smith - Church Warden

Vince Cristiano, Treasurer – Finances

Please support the Wardens and Parish Council as they seek your support during Fr John’s Leave

Bp. Alison Talyor

is our Locum Sunday clergy person. She is a retired, licenced bishop in our diocese. If you would like a visit from Bishop Alison, or to meet for a cup of coffee, please phone her on 0417 593 833. She’d be delighted!

Revd Barry Fernley

will continue to work with us on Fridays, including ministry at Benetas.

Mr Alan Tracey

Mr Alan Tracey, a longtime parishioner of St George’s who has more recently been in residential aged care, died on 13 November. His funeral is expected to be held at St George’s, at a date to be determined.

Name tags

Everyone is requested to wear their name tags for services. This makes it much easier for newcomers to engage in conversation, and it makes them feel very welcome.

Processional Cross

Our processional cross is being professionally repaired by a semi-retired silversmith, replacing broken silver at the base of the cross and repairing the connection between it and the handle. We expect its return in time for Christmas.

Building Fund

As parishioners of St Georges, we are bound to be good stewards of all our church assets just as those before us have been. This will continue to ensure the church's ongoing presence and its work in our community.

Major building works involving the underpinning of some foundations, brickworks and drainage upgrade are required to reinstate complete building integrity. Quotations and presentations have been organised by a duly appointed church building committee and delivered by a range of service providers. The wardens have approved a way forward requiring funding in the tens of thousands. Timing of the various work stages will be subject to the availability of funds. Work will commence this year. We ask for your contributions and prayers as we tackle this important project. Please see the wardens with your giving or for any further information.

Parish Banking Details:

St Georges Anglican Church E Ivanhoe

BSB No 633000

Account No 122088198

Building Remediation Works:

The first stage of the remediation is complete with installation of upgraded drainage in the courtyard. The roof and gutters and Solar panels have been cleaned. Tree removal has been unavoidably delayed but are expected to be underway soon. The next major stage is for January, after the whole foundation area has dried out. Thank you for your support for this essential project.

Trinity College Theological School

At the back of the church there are some brochures from Trinity College Theological School on their courses, an including an online certificate. Please take one if you are interested.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Our Christmas Bowl Appeal for 2024 was launched last Sunday. For the Sundays of Advent you will find an Appeal envelope inserted in your Pew Bulletin. You may place a donation in the envelope and put it in the collection plate during the church service, or you can find the options for donating online at <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate> Tax-deductible receipts are available.

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Save the date

Saturday 14 December

6.30pm Bring 'n' Share Supper Background Music by Marea

Saturday 14th December

7.30pm Sing Nowell 2024! Concert by The Tudor Choristers Concert

Sunday 15th December

5.30pm Jazz Vespers

Sunday 22nd December

9pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

Advent and Christmas Services

Sunday 22nd December

at 9 pm

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols
St George's choristers will sing traditional
Carols by candlelight
A wonderful and joyous
occasion for all

Christmas Eve 24th December

A special Christmas Service
For children

5.00 pm in the courtyard
followed by a Sausage Sizzle

Early Midnight Mass and Carols

Commencing at 9.00 pm

Christmas Morning Service 25 December

9 am Sung Eucharist
A traditional service for Christmas Day

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