



# **ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH**

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

## **Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist**

*Celebrant & Preacher: Bp. Alison Taylor*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Sunday 15 December 2024

8am & 10am

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## MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

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Introit: *Cantate Domino* Piconi

Hymns: 199, 200, 434, 170

Psalm: *Song of Isaiah*

Communion: *Come my way* Vaughan Williams (Hymn 457)

Postlude:

Organist: Cyril Thomas

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## THIS WEEK

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**Monday 16  
December**

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**Tuesday 17  
December**

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<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>		No Service of 10am Holy Communion until January 2025
	11am	Funeral of Mr Alan Tracey

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**Thursday 19  
December**

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<b>Friday 20 December</b>	10am	Holy Communion at Benetas the Views Heidelberg
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<b>Saturday 21 December</b>	6.30pm	Bring n' Share Dinner. Background music by Marea
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<b>Sunday 22 December</b>		Micah 5. 2 – 5a
		Hebrews 10. 5 - 10
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		Luke 1. 39 - 55
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	9pm	Service of Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

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## 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'.*

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### INTROIT

*Cantate Domino*

Piconi

### SENTENCE

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3. 16 - 17

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into a world  
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings even to what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,  
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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

ZEPHANIAH 3. 14 – 20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.  
Here the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF ISAIAH (12.2-6)



- 1 'Behold God is | my sal|vation:  
I will trust and | will not | be af|raid;
- 2 **for the Lord God is my | strength . and my | song:  
and | he has . be|come my . sal|vation.'**
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the | wells of.sal|vation:  
and | you will | say . in that | day,
- 4 **'Give thanks to the Lord \* call up|on his | name:  
make known his deeds among the nations  
proclaim that his | name | is ex|alted.**
- 5 Sing praises to the Lord for he has | done | gloriously:  
let this be | known in | all the | earth.
- 6 **Shout and sing for joy O inhabitants | of Je|rusalem:  
for great in your midst is the | Holy | One of | Israel.'**

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4. 4 – 7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

# GOSPEL

LUKE 3. 7 - 18

Priest Congregation

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest Congregation

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

*Come my way*

Vaughan Williams (Hymn 457)



## 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

### Sorted

Lord our God bless the Sorted Community as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith. Amen.



## YEAR'S MIND

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Dec 15	Joan ALMOND	1999
Dec 15	Florence GREAVES	1999
Dec 17	Margaret HOTCHKISS	1990
Dec 18	Miriam NANCARROW	1987
Dec 18	Helen KINGSFORD	2013
Dec 19	Annie MACKLIN	2002
Dec 20	Doris PAGE	1994
Dec 20	William WHALE	1962
Dec 20	Constance McDONALD	1974
Dec 20	Alan GRONN	1978
Dec 21	David NORMAN	1998

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## **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.



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.

### **Funeral of Mr Alan Tracey**

The funeral service of Mr Alan Tracey, a longstanding St George’s parishioner, will be held on Wednesday 18 December at 11 am.

## **Farewell Father John.**

As announced at the 10am service last week, the wardens confirm that Father John has decided to resign from St Georges after much reflection and consideration. We are very thankful for his tireless work ethic and his commitment to our parish and beyond. Father John will leave us in late February to March 2025 and further announcements will be made shortly.

We totally support him in his next calling.

Paul Smith, Ted Smart, David Morgan – church wardens

## **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 is open till the end of January. Envelopes for the Appeal are available on the table at the back of the church. 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.

### **Christmas Eve Childrens Service Costumes**

Do you have tucked away anywhere at home, items of costume that children coming to our Christmas Eve Children's Service can put on to represent a nativity character. We're not talking here about full costumes, but items like a shepherd's head-dress or crook; a crown that a wise man would wear or a mock gift that they would bring to the Christ child; wings or a halo for an angel; a blue scarf for Mary, or a tunic for Joseph. If you do have anything like that, please let Bishop Alison know.

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**Save the date**

**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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