



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Bp. Alison Taylor

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 22 December 2024
8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *There is no Rose* Trad Arrangement J Stevens

Hymns: 80, 202, 421, 201

Psalm: The Magnificent

Motet: *O Little One Sweet* Trad Arranged J S Bach

Postlude:

Organist: Cyril Thomas

THIS WEEK

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December	5pm	Children's Christmas Service followed by sausage sizzle.
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	9pm	Early Midnight Mass and Carols
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Wednesday 25 December	9am	Christmas Morning Service—Sung Eucharist No Service of 10am Holy Communion until January 2025
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Thursday 26 December

Friday 27 December		No service of 10 am Holy Communion at Benetas The Views, Heidelberg. Weekly service resumes 3 January 2025.
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Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December		1 Samuel 2. 18 – 20, 26
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		Colossians 3. 12 - 17
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<i>First Sunday</i>		Luke 2. 41 - 52
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<i>after Christmas</i>	8am	Holy Communion
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	10am	Sung Eucharist
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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'.

INTROIT

There is no Rose

Trad Arrangement J Stevens

SENTENCE

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1. 45

COLLECT

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
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

MICAH 5. 2 – 5A

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

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

THE MAGNIFICANT



- 1 My soul proclaim the | greatness .of the | Lord
my spirit re | joices . 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

HEBREWS 10. 5 – 10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

GOSPEL

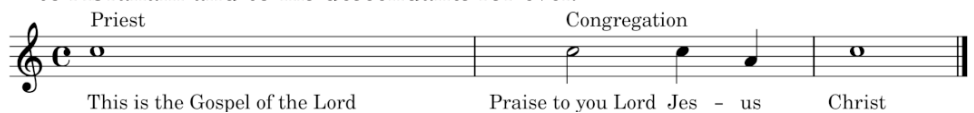
LUKE I. 39 - 55



Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us Christ
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill
country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And
why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For
as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for
joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what
was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jes - us Christ

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE

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

O Little One Sweet Trad

Arranged J S Bach

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

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. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Dec 22	Phillip FREEMAN	1994
Dec 22	Mavis WILLIAMS	2003
Dec 23	Eileen BEITH	1970
Dec 23	Robert GOLDIN	1969
Dec 24	Gordon FAULL	1987
Dec 24	Ronald ADAMS	1985
Dec 24	Myrtle COLEMAN	1994
Dec 25	Joyce ATHERTON	1998
Dec 25	Jacqueline SALEM	1991
Dec 25	Graeme HARRIS	2014
Dec 25	Minnie DOWELL	1972
Dec 25	Ian FLETCHER	2022
Dec 25	Frank CICHELO	2020
Dec 26	Claude VETTER	1980
Dec 27	Patricia OSWALD	2020
Dec 27	Beryl LLEWELLYN	1994
Dec 27	Esmond DORNEY	1991
Dec 27	Thomas ROBSON	1973
Dec 27	Mrs Betty BIBO	2018
Dec 28	Nellie HERIOT	1980
Dec 28	Ruth MORELAND	1982
Dec 28	Reginald SHAW	2022

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.



PARISH NOTICES



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.

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

Thank you, Barry Wilkes

Barry has been and still is involved in different roles within our Parish at St Georges. However, on this occasion it is a big thank you to Barry for his management of hiring out our various church buildings and negotiating with the hirers. Barry has stepped down from this role after 22 years. Buildings hire generates much needed funds for our church and is a positive contribution to our community.

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.

9 Lessons and Carols

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a plate of anything savory or sweet to share and enjoy at our Carol Service on Sunday Night.

Thank you,

Denise Hall

Events Coordinator 0413 428 594

Nan, s Card & Book Stall

will continue running under Nan, s Card & Book Stall in loving memory of Nan. Alison has offered to continue running it and looks forward to presenting the books & cards as well as Nan did.

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 Late January/February next year due to the excessive work load the silversmith has.

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. The Trees over the past week have been now removed. And other than a bit of gardening & maintenance. The North West side will really come alive with a makeover. 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.

Xmas 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, use a pre-paid envelope to post your donation directly to the Christmas Bowl or you can find 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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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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