



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Bp. Alison Taylor

Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday 05 January 2025
8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns: 239, 391, 382, 230

Organist: Cyril Thomas

THIS WEEK

**Monday 6
January**

**Tuesday 7
January**

**Wednesday 8
January** No Service of 10am Holy Communion until January 2025

**Thursday 9
January** 1pm Parish Council Meeting Room

**Friday 10
January** 10am Holy Communion at Benetas the Views Heidelberg

**Saturday 11
January**

**Sunday 12
January**

*The Baptism
Of our Lord* Isaiah 43. 1 – 7
Ps 29
Acts 8. 14 – 17
Luke 3. 15 - 22

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist

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

SENTENCE

Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

ISAIAH 60. 1

COLLECT

Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son:
guide the nations of your earth by the light,
that the whole world may see your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,

PSALM 72 .1-7, 10-14

1. Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
2. **That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
3. Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
4. **May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
6. **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**
7. In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11. **All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.**
12. He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.
13. **He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.**
14. He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3. 1 – 12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

Open House

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. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Jan 5	WILLIAM HARRISON	1975
Jan 6	Enid GRATIAEN	1984
Jan 6	Authur MESLEY	1958
Jan 7	Thomas McWILLIAMS	1984
Jan 9	Gertrude BETHEL	1987
Jan 9	Kevin CURNOW	1987
Jan 9	Edward FOERS	1979
Jan 9	Frederick HENDERSON	1978
Jan 10	Charles Du RIEU	1973
Jan 10	Alvina EMMETT	1970
Jan 10	Sydney SYMONS	1976
Jan 10	Norman TUTTON	1978
Jan 10	Thomas WEAVER	1971

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.

Revd Barry Fernley

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

Bp. Alison Taylor

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!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Christmas Services such a success. Thank you to readers, servers, and service assistants; choristers, our organists and conductors; those who offered welcome, hospitality and refreshments; flower arrangers, people who cleaned, dusted and polished our church and its furniture, and tended the garden; and everyone else who helped. You were all stars and we're very grateful.

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.

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 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:

Stage 1 of our building program works have now been completed.

Stage 2 Will start Mid - January 2025 with the following:-

- A. The (Under pinning) Raising & levelling the Church building
- B. A building permit has been obtained re compliancy regulations
- C. The Brick work internally & externally will be repaired (Firstly, all the cement mortar (Where required will be grinded out)
- D. Then after the (Under pinning) Raising has been completed all the cement mortar joints where required will have Heli-bars inserted & the then re cement mortar into place.
- E. Importantly The Organ will be fully wrapped at the start if works and remain so until completion of works or when viable.

Farewell Father John.

As announced, 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

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.

Save the date

On Sunday 19 January, straight after the 10 am service, the ashes of Nan McCulloch will be interred in the memorial garden. This will be followed by morning tea in the church, where we can catch up with the members of Nan's family who have come for the interment.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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