



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Bp. Genieve Blackwell

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 2 February 2025

10am

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

Blessed are the pure in heart. Walford Davies

SENTENCE

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30–32

COLLECT

Christ our cornerstone,
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
as a sign of hope for the world,
but also as a stumbling block for many:
help us so to present ourselves for your service,
that, in sharing your scandal,
we may become a people acceptable to you.
In your name we pray. **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.

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

PSALM 24



1 The earth is the Lord's and | all • that is | in it:
the compass of the | world and | those who | dwell therein.

2 **For he has founded it up|on the | seas:
and es|tablished it • up|on the | waters.**

3 Who shall ascend the | hill • of the | Lord:
or who shall | stand • in his | holy | place?

4 **Those who have clean hands and a | pure | heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols
nor | sworn their | oath • to a | lie.**

5 They shall receive | blessing • from the | Lord:
and recompense from the | God of | his sal|vation.

6 **Of such a kind as this are | those who | seek him:
those who seek your | face O | God of | Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads O you gates
and be lifted up you ever|lasting | doors:
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

8 **Who is the | King of | glory?:
the Lord strong and mighty
the | Lord | mighty • in | battle.**

9 Lift up your heads O you gates
and be lifted up you ever|lasting | doors:
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

10 **Who is the | King of | glory?:
the Lord of hosts | he• is the | King of | glory.**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 2.14 - 18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 4. 14 – 21

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Communion Motet: Ave Verum William Baird

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, Bernie Bibo, King Charles, Catherine Princess 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 Christian Involvement Centre - Macleod

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.



YEAR'S MIND

Feb-04	LILIAN WILKINSON	1971
Feb-04	Florence GUILFOYLE	1975
Feb-04	Herbert CLEMENTSON	1978
Feb-04	Elsie SMITH	1992
Feb-04	Peter MOYLE	1996
Feb-04	Shirley FERGUSON	2010
Feb-05	Constance MAYOR	1984
Feb-07	Enid TEAR	1982
Feb-08	Roy BARTLETT	1980
Feb-09	Mavis ALLEN	1980
Feb-09	Nancy O'GRADY	2003

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).

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.

Notice of Statutory Meeting for the Parish of St Georges East Ivanhoe; At a meeting of the Parish Council held on January 9th 2025, it was decided that it would be in the best interests of St George Parish to withdraw from the cooperating agreement with St Paul's East Kew, given that St George's is now vacant. The Parish Council further resolved to hold a Statutory Meeting of the Parish on **Sunday February 2nd at 11.30am**. The church wardens are grateful that Bishop Genieve has agreed to Chair the meeting. The Statutory Meeting will provide the opportunity for parishioners to discuss the Parish Council's recommendation and vote on the proposal to withdraw from the cooperating Agreement.

Should you have any questions please speak to one of the Church Wardens.

Church Wardens

Revd Barry Fernley

Fr Barry's last service with us as a Locum will be this Sunday Feb 2nd at 8am. We are grateful for his ministry with us and wish Fr Barry and Trish all the best for the future.

Bishop Genieve will then be taking the 10am service & chairing the Statutory Parish Meeting at 11.30am

Our new locum, Fiona Raike, will be with us from Sunday Feb 9th.

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 late January/February due to the excessive workload the silversmith has.

Building Remediation Works:

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

Stage 2 We are pleased to inform the parish that all building works listed & necessary have now been completed.

The underpinning of the church done by Main Mark Engineering has now stabilized the church building.

The church and all internal/external brick wall cracking has been rectified. The works were carried out with a building permit and we are now waiting for the final Surveyors report and final certificate of compliance.

These works are the last of our current listed works. As you have either seen or read, the church, vicarage, halls, meeting room & opp. shop have all had refurbishments of one kind or another & in the main to continue working on being compliant and maintain the upkeep to the ever changing building codes and regulations.

There are 3 more items that require attention, however we must pause and re – establish our finances in this fiscal year.

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.

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 has started. 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

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. Please be advised Fr John's farewell will be held on Sunday March 2nd after the 10am service in the Evans hall (further details to follow).

Our new locum starting on Feb 9th is Revd Fiona Raike.

Paul Smith, Ted Smart, David Morgan – church wardens

Save the date

Saturday February 8th 6:30 pm Evans Hall

Parish Shared Dinner. See you there.

Sunday Saturday March 15th 9 am – 11. 15 am

Parish Working Bee with free Sausage Sizzle.

- Cut back & pruning Memorial Garden & Rear area tree.
- Refill memorial garden beds with Garden loam
- Place Red Gum Sleepers in & tidy up garden bed (Opp St Philips Memorial garden)
- General pruning

See you there

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