



**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
WARNCLIFFE ROAD, EAST IVANHOE**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9th November 2014**



William Blake *The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins*, 1822

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TUESDAY TO THURSDAY

9.00 am Morning Prayer

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion – Cleveden Terrace Aged Care

FRIDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion - Dowell Court.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Parish Priest:	Fr. Tony White	
Theological Student:	Michael Danaher	
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SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY

Priest:	Fr Tony White
Preacher:	Fr Tony
Theological Student:	Michael Danaher
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Intercessor:	Fr Tony White
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Chris Hayward, Joan Skene
Eucharistic Assistants:	Chris Hayward, Robyn Gunther
Readers:	Ann Farquhar, Meron Pitcher
Sidespersons:	Ian James, Bob Hill
Flowers:	Mary Hoy
Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby
Hall Cleaning:	Neil Appleby

**There is a place of welcome around the
Lord's table for all, regardless of race,
colour, religion, gender or sexuality.**

From Fr Tony:

This piece is from the weekly Pewsheets of Grace Church, Joondalup, WA, The author, Maggie Ross is an Anglican Solitary, which means that she is a consecrated woman living alone under life vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She is also a noted theologian and author. Her latest book, **Silence: A User's Guide**, was published on 23 October.

The antidote to false paths can be summed up in a single word: behold. It is arguably the most important word in the bible, and the most important aspect of the shifting of attention I have described. It is no accident that Julian of Norwich sums up her Long Text not in the catchphrase "all shall be well" but rather, 'seke to the beholding.' Beholding sums up everything the bible teaches, everything about seeking the divine over which millions of words have been written, and reservoirs of ink have been spilt. Beholding is our covenantal reciprocity with the divine. It is the means by which God, who is beyond being and time, allows us to hold him in being and time, even as he is holding us in eternity. The major theme of *The Cloud of Unknowing* is not unknowing but rather beholding: the author uses the word thirty-five times. The Cloud-author is trying to teach the reader not to be fooled by or trapped in lesser 'beholdings'—that is, experiences—but to seek the beholding. There is a lot of talk about the 'new monasticism,' which is neither new nor monastic; about fluffy 'spirituality,' about self-indulgent 'contemplation.' We need to remember that in sharp contrast to all this self-seeking exceptionality, God works through the ordinary. Meister Eckhart gives us a word here: 'If you are doing anything special, you're not seeking God.' Simply having the intention of silence, and reinforcing that intention by eliminating as much noise from daily life as possible—but without being artificial—will teach us more than any 'experience' staged by a celebrity guru. Cultivating the unself-conscious habit of reaching for the silence of the heart beneath words, beneath everyday tasks, at the core of relationships, the environment, our own minds, will bring more illumination than reading a thousand books. Sit in the cell of your heart and 'seke to the beholding,' and all the rest shall be added unto you.

Maggie Ross

With my love and best wishes, Tony

Approaching the altar at communion . . . please follow the directions of the sidespersons up the right hand aisle (rather than the centre steps) then proceed to the next space to the left. Return to the pews down the left hand steps.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available on request

The Order of Service for the Eucharist commences at Page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia.' The readings and hymn numbers for today will be found in this Pew Bulletin.

Introit: (Choir): *Never weather beaten sail* - Campion

Entry Hymn: 455 Be thou my vision

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24.42, 44

Collect: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are

witnesses.’ He said, ‘Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.’ The people said to Joshua, ‘The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.’ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

May your Word live in us, **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 78



- 1 Give heed to my teaching O my *people*:
incline your ears to the *words* of my mouth;
- 2 For I will open my mouth in a *parable*;
and expound the *mysteries* of former times.
- 3 What we have heard and *known*:
What our *forefathers* have told us,
- 4 We will not hide from their children but declare to a generation yet to
come;
the praiseworthy acts of the *Lord*
his *mighty* and wonderful works.
- 5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in *Israel*
which he commanded our forefathers to *teach* their children
- 6 That future generations might know and the children yet *unborn*:
that they in turn might *teach* it to their sons;
- 7 So that they might put their confidence in *God*:
and not forget his works but *keep* his *com* mandments

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from

heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

May your Word live in us, **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Gradual: 194 The Lord will come and not be slow

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayers for those in need: Jack and Esmae Pimm, Valda Murphy, Lesley Tracey, Patrick Walsh, Hazel Coad, Paul Finch, Rosemary Hayes, Harley Fagioli, Tim and Jude, Chris Magee, Dorothy Turner, Helen, Linda and Tim Carolane, Freda and Janice, David Prest and Amelda, Eileen Elliott, Gabriel, Wendy Hudson, Ingrid, Tony Mincione, Louise, Becky and Phillip Newman, Andrea, Hayley, Lila Sanders, Susan Crawshaw, Leo McBride and his family, Dino, Julia, Debbie and Paul Schroeder, Myrna Williams, Christopher and Cara, Helen and Steve, Michael Metherall, Peter Cooper. Hilda White, Betty and John Bibo, Graeme Harris

We pray for those who love and care for them.

Year's Mind:**22nd October:** Helen Cuttler (1992)**6th November:** Keith Davidson (1992)**9th November:** Nellie Davies (1969; Dulcie Campbell(1933);

Daisy Davies (1976); Reginald Stephens (1987); Robert Whittingham(1990); Jack David (2002);

10th November: Nancy La Gerche (1991); Una Snow (1991);

Edith Pitcher (2009);

11th November: Stella Reed(1994); Sydney Coventry (1976); Howard

Hook(2007); Alice Griffith(1967); Kenneth Summberbell (1989);

14th November: Ronald Mill (1985);**15th November:** Cecil Dawson (1990); Harold King(2013);**16th November:** Zoe Aitken (1993)**FLOWERS TODAY ARE IN MEMORY OF EDITH PITCHER,
KEITH AND LYDIA DAVIDSON****Offertory Hymn:** 438(ii) Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face**Communion Motet:** AHB 435 - Be known to us in breaking bread**Post Communion:** 148 Love divine, all loves excelling**Organ Postlude:** *Processional* by Guy Eldridge (Played by Cyril Thomas)Recordings (mp3) of postludes played at St. George's during 2014 can be found on the internet at the church website at: <http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/postludes2014.html>**OPPORTUNITY SHOP 9499 5166**

Mary Jones 9499 2268 (0414 385 058)

WED 5TH AM Mary Anver / Joan kardiwala / Alex Miori
PM David Morgan / Robyn Gunther / Jan PeggieTHU 6TH AM Kaye Bolwell / Bronwen Little
PM Louise Miller /Marg LockhartFRI 7th AM Madge Ellis / Sue Fairbairn
* PM Marion White / ? Robyn GuntherSAT 8th AM Esmae Pimm / Joan Skene**Fundraiser For Roof:** St.George's tea towels for sale - \$10 each. See Nan.**Building Maintenance EMERGENCY contacts:**

Vince Cristiano 0418 322206 Neil Appleby 9432 5570 Please write NON urgent maintenance items on the Building Maintenance List found on the table in the church.

Readings for next Sunday: **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)**
Judges 4.1-10, Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30**SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY:16th November**

Priest:	Fr. Tony White
Preacher:	Fr. Tony White
Theological Student:	Michael Danaher
Intercessor:	Fr. Tony White
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	June Griffith, Chris Hayward, Joan Skene
Eucharistic Assistants:	Joan Skene, Coral Tudball
Readers:	Mary Hoy, Cherie Boyall
Sidespersons:	Rosemary Cotter, Bob Hill
Flowers:	Alison Smart
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Hall Cleaning:	Meron Pitcher
Church Cleaning:	Alison Smart, Pat Oswald

Sale table and BBQ on Election Day 29 November

Volunteers are wanted to assist with sales of books/plants/sausages on Election Day, as well as setting up the marquee for the BBQ - please add your name to the form at the back of church (organised in hourly blocks of time). Thank you.

SMALL plant pots wanted

I now have a large collection of plants coming along nicely and would appreciate some 2.5"-4" pots so I can divide up the successful cuttings! Please leave in a bag at back of church, thank you. Rosemary

Statutory Parish Meeting (formerly Parish Annual Meeting)**This meeting will be held on Sunday 23rd November, following the 10.00 am Eucharist in St George's Church.****Nominations, on the prescribed form, for 2 Churchwardens up to 9 Parish Councillors and 2 Incumbency Committee members must be in the Vicar's hand before the 8.00 am Eucharist on Sunday, 16th November, 2014****November 16th TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**Said Eucharist 8.00 am
Sung Eucharist 10.00 am**November 23rd CHRIST THE KING – Last Sunday after Pentecost**Said Eucharist 8.00 am
Sung Eucharist 10.00 am**Statutory Parish Meeting (AGM) following 10.00am Service****November 30th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****(Year B of the Lectionary begins today)**Said Eucharist 8.00 am
Sung Eucharist 10.00 am