



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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
14th December 2014**



John The Baptist in the wilderness

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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 – The Rev Joy Letts

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

Locum:	Bishop Graeme Rutherford	
Sacristan:	Lila Sanders	9842 3550
Hon Parish Secretary	David Morgan	94973928
Hon Treasurer	Vince Cristiano	9458 3552
Recorder	Pam Cristiano	9458 3552
Hall Booking	Barry Wilkes	Check calendar on Church website
Churchwardens	Neil Appleby	9432 5570
	Meron Pitcher	9459 7988
	Ted Smart	9497 1450
Organist/Choir Master	Roger Brown	0419 390563
Opportunity Shop	Mary Jones,	9499 2268
Sunday Lunch Club	Julie Rush	9440 9069
Lunch Bookings	Rosalie Prince	9459 1554

SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY

Locum:	Bishop Graeme Rutherford
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Intercessor:	Bishop Graeme Rutherford
Servers:	June Griffiths, Joan Skene, Denise Thomas
Eucharistic Assistants:	Joan Skene, Neil Appleby
Readers:	Deidre Eva, Alison Smart
Sidespersons:	Ian James, Bob Hill
Flowers:	No flowers in Advent
Morning Tea:	Alison and Ted Smart
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.**

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.

Entry Hymn: 200 Come thou long expected Jesus

Sentence: Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. Isaiah 61.1-2

Collect:

Eternal God,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may prepare the way for Christ
who is coming in power and glory
to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
May your Word live in us, **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Song of Mary



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,

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

Gradual: 192 Hark a herald voice is calling

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to St John

□ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord” ’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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, Leo McBride and his family, Myrna Williams, Christopher and Cara, Helen and Steve, Michael Metherall, Peter Cooper. Graeme Harris, Tony, Robyn and family.

We pray for those who love and care for them.

Year’s Mind:

Ethel Gwendoline TUTTON	15th December	1980
Lilian Amy BENNET	15th December	1989
Ella Muriel CRANE	15th December	2000
Joan Mary Elise ALMOND	15th December	1999
Miriam Victoria NANCARROW	18thDecember	1987
Helen Cynthia KINGSFORD	18thDecember	2013
Doris (Dot) PAGE	20th December	1994
Margaret Lillian Selina HOTCHKISS	20th December	1990
William Cyril WHALE	20th December	1962
Constance Winifred McDONALD	20th December	1974

Offertory Hymn: 547 O day of God, draw nigh

Communion Motet:

Post Communion: 203 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Organ Postlude: Advent Chorale and Prelude "Lob sei dem allmachtigen Gott" from Orgelbuchlein by J S Bach 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>

A wide range of **Christmas Cards** are now available on the Display Cabinet at the back of the church. See Nan McCulloch

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.

ST GEORGE'S WEBSITE

www.stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org

Have you visited the church website lately? If not you may not have noticed that the site has been completely redesigned and modernised.

More importantly the new site makes it much easier for selected congregation members to post IMPORTANT news items to the site - often several new items appear each week.

Make it part of your routine to visit the church website at least weekly, so as to be fully up to date with what's happening at St. George's.

ROSTERS – 2015 Rosters are being prepared for next year and we would be extremely grateful to have help for the Flower Roster or the Cleaning Roster. Please contact Mary Hoy 98570412 or 0400600160

PRAYERS Please add the names of anyone that you would prayers to be said for to the list at the back of the church for December. As it is a new month, we start a new list.

The December issue of TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) is now available at the back of the church. This issue includes:

- New priests urged to 'Put aside everything and put out into the deep' – a report on the recent ordination of 15 priests in St Paul's Cathedral and interviews with two of them;

The Rev. Joy Letts will be taking Wednesday Communion and Friday at Dowell Court for the next 6 weeks or so. She will undertake pastoral

work and is happy to visit should parishioners require or in an emergency. The Rev Joy Letts
0418.350.981 Lettsj@bigpond.com.au

Surplus towels and tea towels?

Our supplies of towels and tea towels in both the Evans Hall Kitchen and at the back of church are seriously depleted. We would appreciate receiving any surplus ones you may have. Also, we would appreciate the prompt return of any towels that have been taken home and washed. See Rosemary or Alison. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP 9499 5166

Mary Jones 9499 2268 (0414 385 058)

1		June Griffiths/Alex Miori/	
7	Wed	Bronwen Little	David Morgan/ Denise Hall/ Jan Peggie
1			Louise Millar/Marg Lockhart/Marion
8	Thurs	George and Thelma Gray	White
1			
9	Fri	Ann Farquhar/ Alex Miori	Rosemary Cotter/Phil Jourbet
2		Joan Skene Janice Midegs	
0	Sat	Esmae Pimm	CLOSED

December 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Said Eucharist 8.00 am

Sung Eucharist 10.00 am

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS 9.00 pm

December 24th MIDNIGHT MASS

11.30 pm

December 25th

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

December 28th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Said Eucharist 8.00 am

Sung Eucharist 10.00 am

Readings for next Sunday: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B**

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Psalm 89.1-4,19-27; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 21st December

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Organist: Roger Brown

Servers: Denise Thomas, Neil Appleby, Chris Hayward

Eucharistic Assistants:	Coral Tudball, Alison Smart
Readers:	Ann Farquhar, David Morgan
Sidespersons:	Rosemary Cotter, Bob Hill
Flowers:	No flowers in Advent
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Church Cleaning:	Mary and Richard Hoy

Hall Cleaning:	Meron Pitcher
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The pastoral care group is meeting after the Wednesday 10 am service. Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to to be there or contact Mary Hoy at maryhoy@the-beaumonts.net

