

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
21st 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:	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

**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: 193 O Come Emmanuel

Sentence: This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1.32-33

Collect:

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the second Book of Samuel

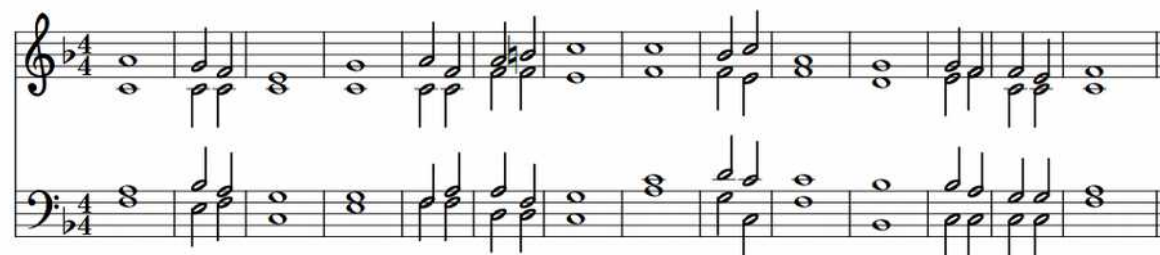
Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among

all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-27



1 Lord I will sing for ever of your |loving- |
kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
through|out all |generations.
2 I have said of your loving-kindness that it is |
built for |ever:
you have established your | faithful-ness | in
the | heavens.

3 The Lord said
 'I have made a covenant | with my | chosen:
 I have sworn an oath . to my | servant | David.

4 'I will establish your | line for | ever:
 and build up your | throne for | all . gener|
 ations.

19 You spoke | once . in a |vision:
 and | said | to your | faithful one,

20 'I have set a youth a|bove a | warrior:
 I have exalted a | young man | out of . the |
 people.

21 'I have found my | servant | David:
 and anointed him | with my | holy | oil.

22 'My hand | shall up|hold him:
 and my | arm | shall | strengthen him.

23 'No enemy | shall de|ceive him:
 nor | shall the | wicked | hurt him.

24 'I will crush his | adversaries . be |fore him:
 and | strike down | those that | hate him.

25 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness | shall be |
 with him:
 and through my name his | head shall be |
 lifted | high.

26 'I will set the hand of his dominion. upon the |
 Western | Sea:
 and his right hand shall stretch to the |streams
 of |Meso-po|tamia.

27 + 'He will call to me | "You • are my| Father:
 my God and the | Rock of | my salvation."

A Reading from letter of Paul to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

Gradual: 230 To us a child of royal birth

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to St Luke

Ē Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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, 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, Steve, Michael Metherall, Peter Cooper. Graeme Harris, Tony, Robyn and family. Stephen Brancatisono.
We pray for those who love and care for them.

Year's Mind:

Helen ANDERSEN		
David Oliver NORMAN	21st December	1998
Alan Matheson GRONN	22nd December	1978
Phillip Geoffrey FREEMAN	22nd December	1994
Mavis Jean WILLIAMS	22nd December	2003
Eileen Anne BEITH	23rd December	1970
Gordon Cummings FAULL	24th December	1987
Robert Vane GOLDIN	24th December	1969
Ronald Frederick ADAMS- Priest	24th December	1985
Joyce Elizabeth ATHERTON	25th December	1998
Jacqueline SALEM	25th December	1991
Myrtle COLEMAN	25th December	1994
Minnie Emily DOWELL	26th December	1972
Beryl Allison LLEWELLYN	27th December	1994
Esmond DORNEY	27th December	1991

Offertory Hymn: 211 Come O Jesus, come O Lord

Communion Motet:

Post Communion: 201 Lo he comes with clouds descending

Organ Postlude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 – J.S. Bach

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. All names will be deleted at the end of December, so please write your prayer requests in the book for January 2015.

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 mparishioners require or in an emergency.

The Rev Joy Letts
0418.350.981 Lettsj@bigpond.com.au

The choir is singing Christmas carols at Dowell Court 6:00 pm next Tuesday

The raffle of the quilt, drawn last Sunday, raised \$377 towards the roof restoration fund.

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 Said Eucharist	Bp Huggins	10.00 am
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Children's service	6:00 pm
MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30 pm
December 25th THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00am	
December 28th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	
Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am

Readings for next Sunday: **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B**
 Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28; John 1.6-8, 19-28

<u>SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 28th December</u>	
Locum:	Bishop Graeme Rutherford
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Joan Skene, June Griffiths, Chris Hayward
Eucharistic Assistants:	June Griffiths, Cherie Boyall
Readers:	Mary Hoy, Barry Wilkes.
Sidespersons:	Robert Stevens, Bob Hill
Flowers:	Anne Hill
Morning Tea:	Thelma Gray, Pat Oswald
Hall Cleaning:	Peter McKay