

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
7<sup>th</sup> 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:	Canon Ray Cleary	
Sacristan:	Lila Sanders	9842 3550
Hon Parish Secretary	David Morgan	94973928
Hon Treasurer	Vince Cristiano	9458 3552
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Hall Booking	Barry Wilkes	Check calendar on Church website
Churchwardens	Neil Appleby	9432 5570
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	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

**SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY**

<b>Locum:</b>	Canon Ray Cleary
<b>Organist:</b>	Roger Brown
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Canon Ray Cleary
<b>Servers:</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Assistants:</b>	Joan Skene, Chris Hayward
<b>Readers:</b>	Liz Howard, Chris Hayward
<b>Sidespersons:</b>	Phillip Joubert, Bob Hill
<b>Flowers:</b>	No flowers in Advent
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Alison and Ted Smart
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Anne and Bob Hill
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b>	Chris Hayward

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

## Advent and wilderness.

The presence of wilderness is present on many occasions throughout scripture. The wilderness experience runs deep with the people of God as scripture describes the journey of the people of Israel through the desert to the Promised Land. In Australia we are fighting to preserve what we describe as wilderness, both rugged mountain ranges with their rivers and foliage, and the vast open spaces of wilderness deserts. Today we are increasingly recognizing the importance of wilderness as spiritual spaces as well as of sustenance and renewal in our rapidly expanding urban environment.

Following his Baptism by John, Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness where he is tested, rejects the call to embrace power, status and wealth and instead proclaims his mission to the outcast, the disadvantaged and all who are shunned or rejected.

In the wilderness we are able to take stock, reflect and refuel ourselves on many fronts. I like to travel into the outback and sit under the stars and marvel at the beauty of creation and the wonder of the Milky Way. I find it restores my soul, cynicism and disillusionment with many aspects of contemporary society and restores my hope.

What place does wilderness have in your life? Are you able to find a wilderness time and space for your own reflection and preparations at this busy time of the year? Are you able to find the time to prepare the way of the Lord? Yes we are all fragile and less than perfect but also have the capacity for others to see good in our lives and the possibility of the new heaven and earth. The wilderness can provide the space and the occasion for this experience.

Canon Ray Cleary

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.

**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:** 197 Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes

**Sentence:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4, Isaiah 40.5a

### **Collect:**

Merciful God,  
you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

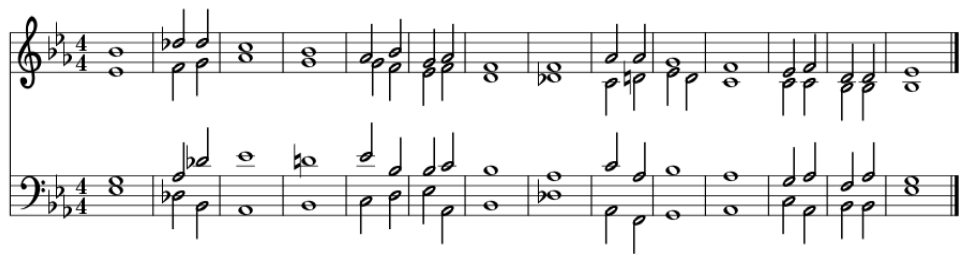
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
 A voice says, ‘Cry out!’  
 And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’  
 All people are grass,  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
 surely the people are grass.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
 Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 ‘Here is your God!’  
 See, the Lord God comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**Psalm 85:**



1 O Lord you were gracious | to your | land:  
 you res | tored the | fortunes . of | Jacob.  
 2 You forgave the iniquity | of your | people:

and | covered | all their | sin.  
 8 I will hear what the Lord | God will | speak:  
 for he will speak peace to his people,  
 to his faithful ones whose | hearts are | turned to | him.  
 9 Truly his salvation is near to | those that | fear him:  
 and his | glory . shall | dwell . in our | land.  
 10 Mercy and truth are | met to | gether:  
 righteousness and | peace have | kissed each | other;  
 11 Truth shall flourish | out of . the | earth:  
 and righteousness | shall look | down from | heaven.  
 12 The Lord will also give us | all . that is | good:  
 and our | land shall | yield its | plenty.  
 13 For righteousness shall | go bef | ore him:  
 and tread the | path be | fore his feet.

**A Reading from the first letter of Peter**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

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

**Gradual:** 199 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths:

All people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

## A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

### ✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

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:

Brenda De HENNIN	7th December	1985
Alan George HILL	7th December	1979
Geoffrey Alexander William BURKETT	7th December	1990
Peter James HORAN	8th December	1977
Victor Roger Charge BROWN	8th December	1979
Herbert Keith PARKIN	8th December	1995
Delphine Beryl FISKE	8th December	2008
David Charles GROVES	8th December	1983
Margaret Amelia STEVENS	8th December	2012
Lydia Marjory WATTON	8th December	1992
Valentine GRIFFITH	9th December	1945

Vera Clare	10th December	1980
Denys Bernard Ivor ROBERTS	12th December	1961
Elsie May GRAY	12th December	1978
Frederick William SUTTON	12th December	1980
Noel Alexander FERGUSON	12th December	1997
Henry James ATKINS	13th December	1975
Thomas Hamilton McMICKING	13th December	1987
Albert James JUDD	13th December	1969

**Offertory Hymn:** 211 Come O Jesus, come, O Lord

**Communion Motet:** There in no rose - Arr. Stevens

**Post Communion:** 202 The people that in darkness walked

**Organ Postlude:** Allegro (Movt. 3) from Sonata No. 5 in C BWV 529 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>

**ADVENT CALENDARS.** Place order for your 2015 calendar with Anne Hill. \$12.00 each. **LAST DAY TO ORDER**

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.

**Fundraiser For Roof:** St. George’s tea towels for sale - \$10 each. See Nan.

### ST GEORGE’S WEBSITE

[www.stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org](http://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.

**OP SHOP/GUILD LUNCH.** All members and helpers are welcome to our Christmas Lunch at the East Ivanhoe Golf Club on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mary Jones or Joan Skene.

**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;

**ADVENT TEACHING SERIES**  
**‘THE PANORAMIC STORY OF THE BIBLE’**  
**with Bishop Graeme Rutherford**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30 – 9:30pm, All Saints, cnr Nepean Highway & Sixth Ave, Rosebud**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30 – 9:30pm, St Georges, 47 Warncliffe Road, Ivanhoe**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00 – 12 noon, at St James, 47 Collins St, Drysdale**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30 – 9:30pm, at Holy Trinity, 2 Pascoe St, Williamstown**

Often, through no fault of their own, many people have attended church for years without gaining an overview of God's plan and purpose as unfolded in the Bible. Many others, new to the faith, are without any biblical background and cannot make 'head nor tail' of the set readings in our liturgies. These four regional presentations look at the biblical message as six dramatic acts - creation; de-creation; the story of Israel; the Messiah; the Church; new creation. The hope is that participants will gain a clearer idea of how the diverse books of the Bible form one overarching story.

Attendance is free and all are welcome.

**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 have her contact details promulgated

The Rev Joy Letts

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 Mary Jones 9499 2268 (0414 385 058)

<b>10</b>	Wed	Joan Khadiwala/ Mary Anver	Bronwen Little
<b>11</b>	Thurs	Kaye Bolwell/ Janet Hull-Brown	Joan Phillips/Margaret Syle
<b>12</b>	Fri	Mary Jones/ Lorrie Parnell	Margaret Lockhart/Phil Jourbet
<b>13</b>	Sat	Esmae Pimm/ Joan Skene	CLOSED

<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am
	<b>SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b>	12.30 pm
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Op Shop/Guild Lunch	12 midday
<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bp Graeme Rutherford</b>	8.00 pm
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am
<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PARISH DINNER</b>	6.30 pm
<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	Said Eucharist	8.00 am
	Sung Eucharist	10.00 am
	<b>SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS 9.00 pm</b>	

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

<b><u>SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>	
<b>Locum:</b>	
<b>Preacher:</b>	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	
<b>Organist:</b>	Roger Brown
<b>Servers:</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Assistants:</b>	Joan Skene, Neil Appleby
<b>Readers:</b>	Deidre Eva, Alison Smart
<b>Sidespersons:</b>	Ian James, Bob Hill
<b>Flowers:</b>	No flowers in Advent
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Alison and Ted Smart
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b>	Neil Appleby