



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

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
11th JANUARY 2015**



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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
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Sunday Lunch Club	Julie Rush	9440 9069
	Lunch Bookings	Rosalie Prince

SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY

Locum:	The Rev Linda Fiske
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Intercessor:	The Rev Linda Fiske
Servers:	June Griffiths, Denise Thomas, Neil Appleby
Eucharistic Assistants:	Denise Thomas, Chris Hayward
Readers:	Richard Hoy, Cherie Boyall
Sidespersons:	Bob Hill
Flowers:	Thelma Gray, Linda Fiske
Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter and Elizabeth Appleby
Hall Cleaning:	Steve and Liz Howard

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

Reflections on today's Gospel

The secular world marks the ending and beginning of a new year with celebrations on New Year's Eve. On the spiritual journey we identify a new beginning with the season of Epiphany. It invites us to a personal recognition of Jesus; the embodiment of God with us.

The Baptism of our Lord reminds us that the Trinity has broken into our world and that we participate in that mystery every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Our challenge at the time of transition from one year to the next is to examine our relationship with God. If we have an earnest desire to strengthen and renew that relationship we need to set time aside for listening to the whisper of the Spirit.

It is in Liminal-space, the edge of what we have already known and experienced and what is yet to take shape that we encounter God's grace. It is not through our doing that we earn that grace. It is freely given and we approach that profound when we stop doing and allow ourselves to "be" in his presence.

I include a prayer adapted from Joyce Rupp's book *May I Have This Dance?* It is a wonderful encouragement for all of the ways that we are in transition and transformation at this time.

God of this new year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future not knowing what the days and months will bring us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for our faith-life and for the assurance that you walk with us each day. God of this new year, we praise you. AMEN

With blessings,

Linda

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: 110 Praise our God, the great creator

Sentence: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

Collect:

Loving God,
your Son came to seek he lost,
and was baptised with sinners:
grant that we, who have been baptised in His name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,

and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

A Reading from letter of the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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Gradual: 254 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice

came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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, Jo, Elizabeth, Margaret and Ian and others known to you.

We pray for those who love and care for them.

The departed:

Year's Mind:

Edwin Arthur BROWN	12th January	1962
Charles Henry GUMMEY	12th January	1965
Harry ACKEROYD	12th January	1978
Tony ENDREY	12th January	1999
Alice ENGLISH	12th January	1993
Jessie Gwladys RYAN	13th January	1993
Margaret Mary NEALE	14th January	1991
Mabel Ruth BANNISTER	14th January	1953
Amy Elliott TUTTON	14th January	1994
(Beverlie) Glenne LEMERIS	14th January	2014
Jillian Esmae THORBURN	15th January	1971
(Eustace) Arden LAIBROOY	15th January	2009
Jean Lorraine KLEEMAN	16th January	2014
Lucy Emma HENDERSON	16th January	1996

Offertory Hymn: 381 Lift up your heads, ye gates of brass

Post Communion: 207 There's a light upon the mountain,

Organ Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in E min BWV 533
by J S Bach

Recordings (mp3) of postludes played at St. George's during 2015 can be found on the internet at the church website at: <http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/postludes2014.html>

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 want prayers to be said for to the list at the back of the church for January. As it is a new year, we start a new list. All names have been deleted at the end of December, so please write your prayer requests in the book for January 2015.

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

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Henry Burton *There's a light upon the mountain.*

Henry Burton was born in 1840 at Swannington, Leicestershire, in the house where his grandmother, Mrs. James Burton, in 1818 organized the first Wesleyan juvenile missionary society.

His parents moved to America in his boyhood, he was educated at Beloit College, Wisconsin. After his graduation he became a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church and acted as a supply for the brother of Miss Frances E. Willard and also for six months as pastor at Monroe, Wis.

He returned to England, and in 1865 entered the Wesleyan ministry. His labors have been chiefly in Lancashire and London. He married the sister of Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the well-known Wesleyan preacher and author.

Burton is the author of the commentary on St. Luke in the Expositor's Bible series of commentaries and also of Gleanings in the Gospels and Wayside Songs, 1886. In 1900 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Beloit College. His famous little poem titled "**Pass It On**" has been set to music by no less than ten different composers.

Burton died in 1930 at Charnwood, West Kirby, Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on;

" 'Twas not given for thee alone,

Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears—

Pass it on.

Did you hear a loving word?

Pass it on;

Like the singing of a bird?

Pass it on;

Let its music live and grow,

Let it cheer another's woe

You have reaped what others sow—

Pass it on

Be not selfish in thy greed

Pass it on;

Look upon thy brother's need

Pass it on;

Live for self, you live in vain

Live for Christ, you live again

Live for Him, with Him you reign—

Pass it on

Readings for next Sunday: **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139.1-5,12-18; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 18th January 2015

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Servers:	Joan Skene, Chris Hayward, Neil Appleby
Eucharistic Assistants:	Neil Appleby, Joan Skene
Readers:	Liz Howard, Brian Monteith
Sidespersons:	Rosemary Cotter, Bob Hill
Flowers:	Mary Hoy
Church Cleaning:	Alison Smart, Pat Oswald
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Hall Cleaning:	Chris Hayward

**Bountiful God,
give to this Parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.**

**Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**