



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

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
18th 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

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	Lunch Bookings	Rosalie Prince

SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY

Locum:	Bishop Graeme Rutherford
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
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

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

BISHOP GRAEME WRITES: Richard Bauckham, a British theologian has boldly and creatively challenged the reductionist approach to the study of the Gospels and has presented new evidence for the Gospels as eyewitness testimony. He builds his case by arguing that the Gospels do indicate named eyewitness sources of the tradition they use.

A. The lists of the Twelve apostles as the official body of eyewitnesses

The lists of the Twelve are found in all the Synoptic Gospels. In each case they have been carefully preserved. Simon Peter is always the first to be mentioned and Judas Iscariot is always the last. The basic structure of the lists is three groups of four apostles. Bauckham concludes: *'It is difficult to account for this phenomenon except by the hypothesis that the Twelve were the official eyewitnesses and guarantors of the core of the Gospel traditions'*. But they were not alone.

B. Specifically named individuals

Bauckham argues that many of the named persons were well known in the early church and were themselves the eyewitnesses who first told the stories in which they appear. For example, Cleopas (Luke 24:18; John 19:25); the women at the cross and the tomb; Simon of Cyrene and his sons; and the recipients of Jesus' healing ministry like Jairus and Bartimaeus. Bauckham draws attention to the importance of verbs of seeing in the Gospels. All Synoptic gospels repeatedly make the women the subjects of verbs of seeing. At the cross: *'Many women were also there, looking on from a distance'* (Matt 27:55). Clearly the gospels are appealing to the women in their role as eyewitnesses. The primacy of sight signifies the importance of actually having been there, as opposed to merely hearing a report of the events.

C. The use of a literary device called an *inclusio* to indicate the principal eyewitnesses behind each Gospel.

An *inclusio* of eyewitness testimony is composed of the first and last reference to a named individual in a Gospel, indicating that this person served as a major source of eyewitness testimony for the evangelist. The *inclusio* brackets or enfolds a body of material and indicates the main source that the writer is drawing upon. We contemporary readers are not accustomed to noticing this literary phenomenon but ancient readers were. In the case of the Gospels, an *inclusio* was used to mark the principal eyewitnesses.

So for instance, in Mark's Gospel, there is a Petrine *inclusio* around the whole story, standing like a pair of book-ends. Peter's name is mentioned at both the beginning and the end of the story, forming an *inclusio*, indicating that he was an eyewitness from the beginning to the end of Jesus' ministry. He is first mentioned at Chapter 1, verse 16. The final reference to Peter is *'Go and tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you'*. (16:7)

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: 171 It is a thing most wonderful

Sentence: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel. John 1.41,49

Collect:

Eternal God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
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 Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,

so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM 36.5-10

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
12 Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

‘All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are beneficial. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything. ‘Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for

the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Gradual: 467 Who would true valour see

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to St John

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

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:

Clara Celina HALL-BENTICK	18th January	1974
Percy James Ross CLARK	18th January	1981
Mabel Lilian REDDROD	18th January	1988
Robert James WHITAKER	18th January	2003
Gilbert ANDERSON	19th January	1968
Madge LONGNEY	20th January	1996
Roy Clarence REAY	21st January	1988
Athalie MEREDITH	23rd January	1987
Benjamin Thomas TAYLOR	24th January	1988
Margaret Winifred STEVENS	24th January	2011

Offertory Hymn: 167 Your arm, O Lord, in days of old

Post Communion: 146 Let him to whom we now belong

Organ Postlude: Voluntary in D by George Dyson

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:

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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.

A service for the Interment of ashes of Graham Harris will be held on Thursday 12th February at 11.00 am followed by refreshments in Evans Hall.

Readings for next Sunday: **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
Jonah 3.1-10, Psalm 62.5-12, 1 Corinthians 7.29-31, Mark 1.14-20

SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 25th January 2015

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Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Denise Thomas, June Griffiths
Eucharistic Assistants:	Coral Tudball, Alison Smart
Readers:	Diedre Eva, Chris Hayward
Sidespersons:	Robert Stevens, Bob Hill
Flowers:	Betty Bibo
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Hall Cleaning:	Neil Appleby

COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUN. 25th JANUARY 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am

WED 28th JANUARY Said Eucharist 10.00 am

SUN 1st FEBRUARY 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am

WED 4th FEBRUARY Said Eucharist 10.00 am

SUN 8th FEBRUARY 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am

WED 11th FEBRUARY Said Eucharist 10.00 am

SAT 14th FEBRUARY Parish BYO dinner 6.30 pm

SUN 1st MARCH Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 pm

SAT 14th MARCH Parish Social Evening TBA

**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**