

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
20th DECEMBER 2015**



SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion

FRIDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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SERVICE ROSTER

Priest:	The Revd Stuart Gardiner
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Chris Hayward, Joan Skene, Phillip Joubert
Eucharistic Assistants:	Joan Skene, Alan Tracey
Readers:	Liz Howard, Alan Tracey
Sidespersons:	Rosemary Cotter, Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Church Cleaning:	Richard and Mary Hoy
Hall Cleaning:	Steve and Liz Howard

**There is a place of welcome around the Lord's Table
for all, regardless of race, 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

*****We do not allow for dipping the host into the chalice when taking communion. Receiving Communion in the bread only is an ancient practice that continues to be a most acceptable option and even an important one when you might be sick.***

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 O Come Emmanuel

Sentence: Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1.45

Collect

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

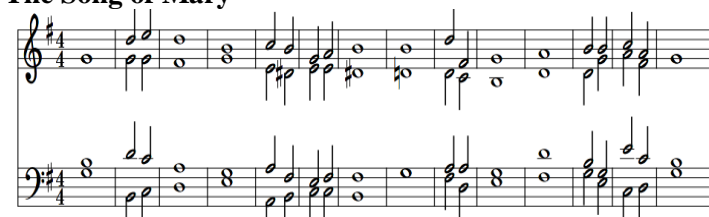
A reading Micah (5.2-5a)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds

and eight installed as rulers.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The Song of Mary



- 1 Blessed be the Lord the | God of | Israel:
for he has come to his | people and | set them | free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour:
born of the | house . of his | servant | David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he | promised . of | old:
that he would save us from our enemies
from the | hands of| all that | hate us.
- 4 He promised to show | mercy . to our | fathers:
and to re|member. his | holy | covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our | father | Abraham:
to set us | free . from the | hands of . our | enemies,
- 6 free to worship him with|out | fear:
holy and righteous in his sight | all the | days of . our | life.
- 7 And you my child shall be called the prophet of the | Most |
High:
for you will go before the | Lord . to pre|pare his | way,
- 8 to give his people knowledge | of sal|vation:
by the for|giveness .of | all their | sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion | of our | God:
the dawn from on | high shall | break up|on us;
- 10 to shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the | shadow of |
death:

A reading from Hebrews (10.5-10)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure

in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings'

(these are offered according to the law),

then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes

the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the

offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual: 222 The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

.Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(1.39-4)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

The prayers of the people

The 'Greeting of Peace'

Offertory Hymn: 418 Let all Mortal Flesh

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Motet: In Dulci Jubilo - Arr Pearsall

Post Communion: 233 God Rest You Merry People All

Postlude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661/2 - J.S. Bach.

The postlude this week is the third of the three magnificent chorale preludes Bach wrote based on the German Chorale "Come Saviour of the Gentiles". Unlike the first two which so poetically express the longing Christians feel for the Advent season, this last prelude uses the "organo pleno" of Bach's time, seemingly to express the majesty and joy of Christ's coming.

Recordings of postludes played at St. George's are posted in the Music section of the church website <http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org>

Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly): Marion White, Les Barton, Leane Barker, Lesley Tracey, Eileen Elliott, Jack Pimm, Paul Finch, Rosemary Hayes, Dino Fernando, and others known to you. We pray for those who love and care for them.

Year's Mind:

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
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
Graham HARRIS	26th December	2014
Minnie Emily DOWELL	26th December	1972

Building Maintenance EMERGENCY contacts:

Steve Howard 9499 6410 or 0400 890020 Alison Smart, Vince Cristiano ,
George Hall & Ted Smart Any person welcome to join, just ask anyone on the
BMC. Please write NON urgent maintenance items on the Building
Maintenance List found on the table in the church.

Readings Next week December 27th

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52

OP SHOP

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SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 27th December 2015

Priest: The Revd Stuart Gardiner
Organist: Roger Brown
Servers: Midnight Mass Phillip Joubert, Chris Hayward, Joan Skene,
Neil Appleby
Christmas Day Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady, Neil Appleby
Dec 27th Neil Appleby, Phillip Joubert, Sandra O'Grady
Eucharistic Assistants: Sandra O'Grady, Neil Appleby
Readers: 24th: Barry Wilkes, 25th Meron Pitcher
Sidespersons: Robert Stevens, Bob Hill
Morning Tea: Thelma Gray, Volunteer
Hall Cleaning: Chris Hayward

**A selection of Christmas cards is now available at the
rear of the church. See Nan**

Rosalie has moved! Contact details:

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(Come up and see me sometime?)

**Baptism on the 27th December - Evelyn Clarice Redgrave, daughter of
Briony Cristiano & Leo Redgrave and granddaughter of Pam and
Vince.**

COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**SUN DEC 20 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Said Eucharist 8.00 am

Sung Eucharist 10.00 am

Nine Lessons and Carols 9.00pm

THU DEC 24th MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30 PM**FRI DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00 PM****SUN DEC 27th 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Said Eucharist 8.00 am

Sung Eucharist 10.00 am

This is a report of the final Sunday Lunch Club held on 6th December 2015 (after 22 years of operation). We catered for approximately 60 people (including the volunteers) and provided a feast of soup, roast turkey roll plus cocktail potatoes, pumpkin and peas, followed by Christmas pud + cream and custard. Six students from IGGS did the serving and collecting. Special guests included Thelma and George Gray who steered the Lunch Club over many years. Rosalie addressed all the guests giving a potted history, acknowledging that this was the final lunch. She thanked various volunteers: Jane (cook) and Julie Rush (kitchen coordinator), Joan Skene for the fun table decorations, Lyndy Stagg from IGGS who had encouraged the IGGS girls to assist and often pitched in and helped over the years. She then presented Jane Brace and the girls from IGGS with a certificate (framed certificates to be passed onto Lyndy and also to the administration at IGGS). Fr Stuart then said grace. Mayor Craig Langdon - a regular supporter - also attended. Cyril Thomas played for the singing of carols between the main and dessert courses. All in all it was a most successful lunch with many of the regular guests stopping by the kitchen to express their thanks and also say they would miss the monthly get together. We finished the packing and final cleaning up at 3.30pm.