



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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
13th DECEMBER 2015**



Preaching of St John the Baptist 1486-90. Fresco, Cappella Tornabuoni, Santa Maria Novella, Florence

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:	Sandra O'Grady, Phillip Joubert, Joan Skene
Eucharistic Assistants:	Neil Appleby
Readers:	Richard Hoy, David Morgan
Sidespersons:	Ian James, Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby
Hall Cleaning:	George Hall

**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: 200 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Sentence: Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3.16-17

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Zephaniah (3.14-20)

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgment against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

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

Song of Isaiah (12.2-6)



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God is | my sal|vation:

- I will trust and | will not | be af|raid;
2 for the Lord God is my | strength . and my | song:
and | he has . be|come my . sal|vation.'
3 With joy you will draw water from the | wells of.sal|vation:
and | you will | say . in that | day,
4 'Give thanks to the Lord * call up|on his | name:
make known his deeds among the nations
proclaim that his | name | is ex|alted.
5 Sing praises to the Lord for he has | done | gloriously:
let this be | known in | all the | earth.
6 Shout and sing for joy O inhabitants | of Je|rusalem:
for great in your midst is the | Holy | One of | Israel.'

A reading from Pilippians (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual: 318 O Spirit of the Living God

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor..
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(3:7-18)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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: 292 Hark A Herald Voice

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Motet: There is no rose (arr Stevens)

Post Communion: 547 O Day of God Draw Nigh

Postlude

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): 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:

Henry James ATKINS	13th December	1975
Thomas Hamilton McMICKING	13th December	1987
Albert James JUDD	13th December	1969
Ethel Gwendoline TUTTON	15th December	1980
Lilian Amy BENNET	15th December	1989
Ella Muriel CRANE	15th December	2000
Joan Mary Elise ALMOND	15th December	1999
Miriam Victoria NANCARROW	18thDecember	1987
Helen Cynthia KINGSFORD	18thDecember	2013
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

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 20th

Micah 5.2-5a Psalm SONG OF MARY) Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45

OP SHOP**Manager-Mary Jones 9499 2268****Assistant Manager Joan Skene 9459 0325****SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 20th December 2015**

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Church Cleaning:	Richard and Mary Hoy
Hall Cleaning:	Steve and Liz Howard

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

Urgent: Calling all errant tea towels!

Yesterday we had only 5 tea towels at our disposal for drying at the Sunday Lunch. Would anyone who has taken tea towels for washing please return them asap. Perhaps this is also a call for people to donate tea towels no longer wanted at home? Donations gratefully accepted in readiness for the Christmas season! Thank you.

Note: there are currently **NO** spare tea towels in either the church or Evans Hall kitchen.

COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**SUN DEC 13 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am
Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm

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 CHILDREN'S SERVICE 5:00 PM**MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30 PM****FRI DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00 AM****SUN DEC 27th 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am