



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
6th 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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<u>SERVICE ROSTER</u>	
Priest:	The Revd Stuart Gardiner
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady, Chris Hayward
Eucharistic Assistants:	Chris Hayward, Coral Tudball
Readers:	Steve Howard, Alison Smart
Sidespersons:	Phillip Joubert, Bob Hill
Morning Tea:	Alison Smart
Hall Cleaning:	Volunteer
Church Cleaning:	Anne and Bob Hill

**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: 196 The Advent of our God

Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78–79

Collect

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

A reading Malachi (3:1-14)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?’

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

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)



- 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,

Year's Mind:

Philip MOSMAN	6th December	1995
Noelen KELLY	6th December	1995
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

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 13th

Zephaniah 3.14-20 Psalm A SONG OF ISAIAH) Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18

OP SHOP

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Assistant Manager Joan Skene 9459 0325

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Morning Tea:	Rosemary Cotter, Elizabeth Appleby
Hall Cleaning:	George Hall

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 MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30 PM**SUN DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 PM****SUN DEC 27th 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Said Eucharist	8.00 am
Sung Eucharist	10.00 am

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