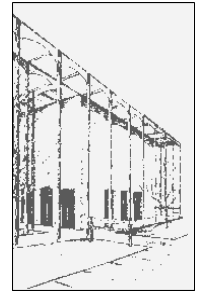
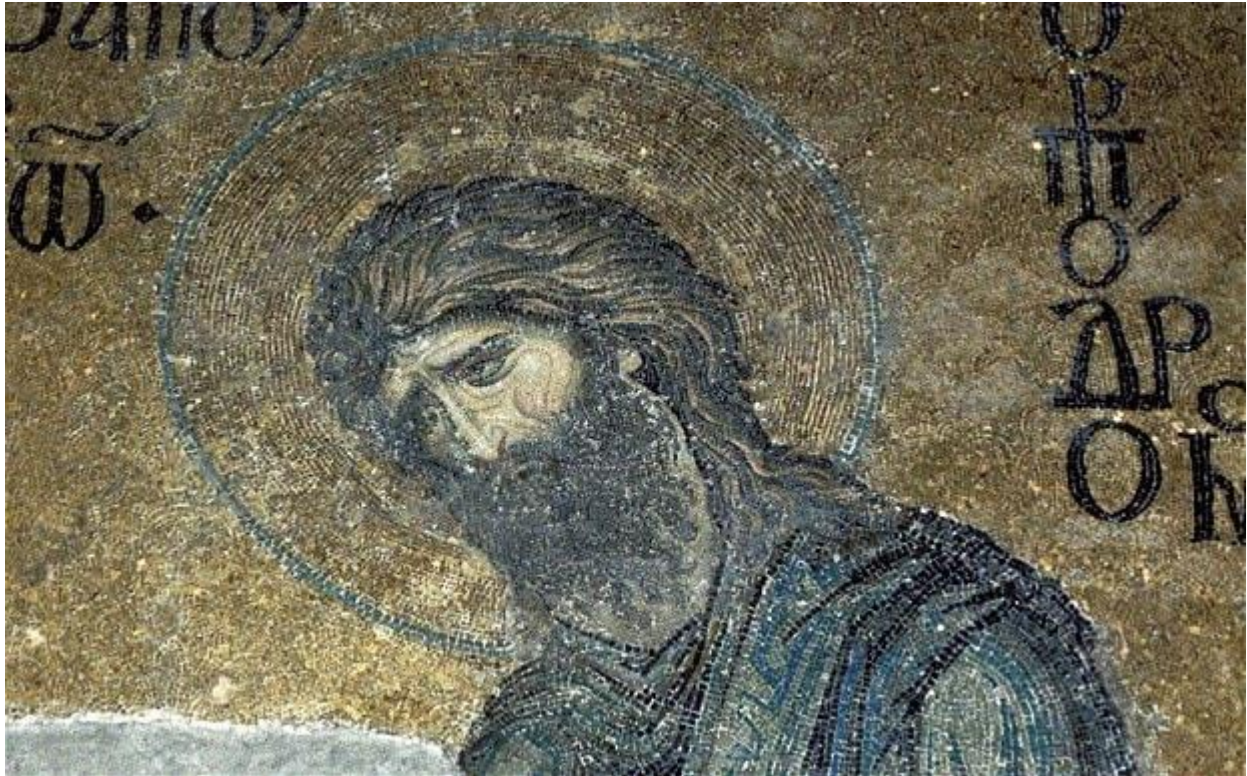


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**



**SUNDAY**

8:00 am Said Eucharist

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am Said Eucharist

**FRIDAY**

10:00 am Holy Communion – Dowell Court

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## **SERVICE ROSTER FOR TODAY**

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady, Chris Hayward
Eucharistic Assistants:	Alan Tracey
Readers:	Rosemary Cotter
Sidesperson:	Bob Hill, Rosemary Cotter
Morning Tea:	Denise and George Hall
Hall Cleaning:	Chris Hayward
Church Cleaning	Richard and Mary Hoy

## **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Roger Brown
Servers:	Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady, Chris Hayward
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	Brian Monteith
Sidesperson:	Bob Hill, Robert Stevens
Morning Tea:	Mario Christodoulou
Hall Cleaning:	Neil Appleby

## **The Locum Vicar writes 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Last Saturday we had a very enjoyable evening at the shared meal. The food was great and the company stimulating. The occasion is also an opportunity to invite guests and build our community of faith. Thanks to all who came and shared.

The presence of the Christmas tree in church reminds us, if we need to be reminded, that Christmas is fast approaching. Our televisions, newspapers and invitations to meet with family and friends at this time for Christmas drinks and gatherings of all sorts tell us that Christmas has already arrived. Others will be travelling to family and visiting relatives, leaving before the celebrations here at St George's before Christmas begin. The purest among us in the church will remind us that Christmas begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> December for 12 days till the feast of the Epiphany, and the arrival of the three wise men on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. A colleague of mine still refuses to open his Christmas presents until that day. Whatever your own circumstance at home or away, may the Christmas season bring you peace and hope.

On another matter like me I am sure you have received in the mail numerous requests for financial support to a variety of charities including our Anglican ones, such as Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St Laurence, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Board of Missions, The Church Missionary Society and others like the Christmas Bowl. How one decides how to give and how much can be a challenge. Some of us will give an amount to each organization,

or if you are like me I have chosen to give a larger amount to a smaller number of agencies. Whatever method you may chose consider how much you will spend on your own Christmas celebrations when making your decision.

Since 1949 the Christmas Bowl appeal has brought compassion Christians together to help bring hope and safety to the world's most vulnerable communities. Of all the appeals at Christmas this one is worthy of your support and encouragement. . Details of the work of the Christmas Bowl can be found on the brochures available in the church.

I hope you enjoy our Carol service this evening and the Christmas events to come.

Shalom

Ray

### **1. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.**

Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep, Mary or Joseph at the 5pm Children's service . This is good opportunity to invite grandchildren, nieces, nephews to as special service for children.

**2. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**, Congratulations and best wishes to Elizabeth and Neil Appleby who celebrated 50 years marriage on the 15th December . They were married at St Georges and today we will give them a special blessing .

**3. CHURCH PREPARATIONS** , a reminder that next Sunday morning we are having only one service at 9am followed by morning tea and then preparing the Church for Christmas . All hands make light work as we say.

**4. CAROL SERVICE** , tonight at 9pm . Please come along and bring friends. This is a good occasion for those who love music and only attend church at Christmas.

### **ST GEORGE OP SHOP**

Assistant Manager

Manager

Volunteers needed for working in the St George's Op Shop

**9499 5166**

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### **ROSTERS 2018**

Rosters are being prepared for 2018. If you would like to volunteer for any of the following, please contact Fr Ray. Serving, Eucharist, Reader, Sidesperson, Morning Tea, Flowers, Hall cleaning, Church cleaning, Op Shop

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

Steve Howard 9499 6410 or 0400 890020, Alison Smart, Vince Cristiano, George Hall. 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.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

All are welcome to follow the Way of the Cross at any time that the Church is open. A booklet is available as a guide to your meditation.

## **POSTER DISTRIBUTION**

I have a number of posters to be placed in local shops and other places for distribution. I hope parishioners will take one for their favorite local shop . They promote our Christmas services. Details have also been placed on the Church website.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are for sale. See Nan at the back pew.

## **STUDIES DURING ADVENT**

Over the next few weeks at the Wednesday 10am Eucharist I will be leading a short 5-7 minute reflection on Mark's Gospel. Mark is our Gospel for Sunday's during the coming year and I will be using a book on Mark written by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. Following the service we all go for coffee, a time of fellowship. Please think about joining us this Advent.

**THE VICAR'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE** would like to thank everyone who lent a hand on 4 December, 2016, for the Community Christmas lunch, for the Winter Blume's Fashions on 1 April 2017, the Shoe-Go-Go afternoon on 14 July, 2017 and the Summer Blume's Fashions again on 23 September, 2017. These events wouldn't be possible without your help and support whether it was physically helping with the setting up, cleaning up or generously donating food for the afternoon teas.

with gratitude,

Joan, Sandra & Rosalie

### **Readings for December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Song of Mary, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38

**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.**

## **Hymns:**

Processional	109	Tell out my soul
Gradual	418	Let all mortal flesh keep silent
Offertory	486	O thou who camest from above
Final	14	Now thank we all our God

**Communion Motet:** A great and mighty wonder - Praetorius

**Postlude:** Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 533 by J S Bach

*Recordings of postludes played at St George's are posted in the Music section of the church website: [stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org](http://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org)*

## **Sentence**

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 61.1–2

## **Collect**

Eternal God,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:  
grant us wisdom to see your purpose  
and openness to hear your will,  
that we too may prepare the way for Christ  
who is coming in power and glory  
to establish his rule of peace and justice;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A reading from Isaiah**

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

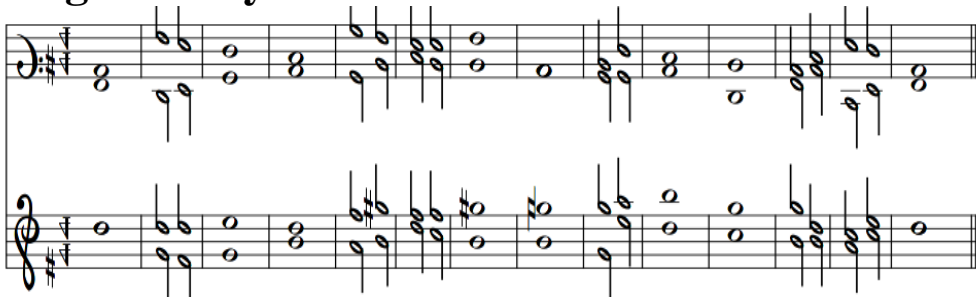
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

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



## Song of Mary



- 1 My soul proclaim the | greatness .of the | Lord  
**my spirit re | joices . in | God my | Saviour;**
- 2 Who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant  
**from this day all gener | ations . will | call me | blessed;**
- 3+ the Almighty has done | great things | for me:  
**and | holy | is his | name.**
- 4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him  
**in | every | gener | ation.**
- 5 The Lord has shown | strength . with his | arm:  
**and has scattered the | proud in | their con | ceit.**
- 6 Casting down the mighty | from their | thrones:  
**and | lifting | up the | lowly.**
- 7 God has filled the hungry with | good | things:  
**and sent the | rich a | way | empty**
- 8 He has come to the help of his | servant | Israel:  
**for he has re | membered his | promise . of | mercy,**
- 9 the promise he | made .to our | forbears:  
**to Abraham | and his | children .for | ever,**

## A reading from Thessalonians

### 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,



give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**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 John**

John 1.6-8, 19-28

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’

And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’

Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’

He said,

‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

“Make straight the way of the Lord” ‘ as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

**Prayers for those in need: (list renewed monthly: Brian Monteith, Leanne Barker, Lesley Tracey, Sarah Tracey, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, and others known to you.**

We pray for those who love and care for them.

### **Year's Mind**

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
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
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

## COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9pm</b>	<b>Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Story</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve - Midnight Eucharist</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Christmas Day - Christmas Eucharist</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		<b>Sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am service</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>"Spit roast" - Meron for ABM</b>

