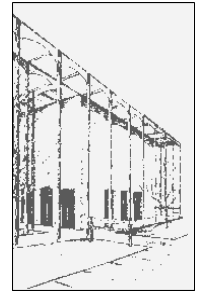


**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE**



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**24<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:	Server
Readers:	Brian Monteith
Sidesperson:	Bob Hill, Robert Stevens
Morning Tea:	Mario Christodoulou
Hall Cleaning:	Neil Appleby

### **SERVICE ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

Celebrant:	The Reverend Canon Ray Cleary
Organist:	Cyril Thomas
Servers:	Joan Skene, Sandra O'Grady, Neil Appleby
Eucharistic Assistants:	Server
Readers:	Brian Monteath
Sidesperson:	Bob Hill, Ian James
Morning Tea:	
Hall Cleaning:	

### **Locum Vicar's Christmas letter 2017**

I know it is a cliché, but Christmas seems to roll around more quickly each year. Perhaps age has something to do with it, or the fact that our lives are so busy that we feel this way. Christmas is also so familiar to us that it hard to imagine our world without it, even though the religious observance in many parts of the Western world appears on the decline. Last Sunday evening the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was a welcome pause for all who came, to rekindle the true meaning of Christmas and void of the sentimentality and commercialization so evident on TV and radio at this time.

Christmas as we know it began with the appropriation of a 3rd century pagan mid-winter solstice festival celebrating “the sun”, whereas the Christian celebration is of “the son”. This suggest that perhaps we should not be too surprised that now we see other philosophies or religious expressions of the Christmas season. In our postmodern and secular society, the Christian celebration of Christmas is not the only way our society celebrates the season.

In fact, we must jostle for a place to be heard at times alongside the worship of the commercial gurus, the celebrities of the day, sport, family and in Australia the Boxing Day Test and the holidays to follow. In many parts of Europe and in some Orthodox traditions the twelve days of Christmas are observed ending with the three wise men visiting the Christ Child on the 6th January the Feast of the Epiphany. They acknowledge him as the promised Messiah, as foretold

by the prophets. I think it is sad that we cram Christmas into one day here in Australia and do not appreciate that Christmas has a deeper meaning than family and gift giving.

Christians at Christmas time do not just commemorate an historical event but rather an eternal life changing mystery. In the birth of the Christ Child God enters the fullness of human life and calls us to a new way of being human. Humanity that is generous, open, hospitable, forgiving and offered liberation from the shackles of sin and brokenness. The child who was born for our redemption continues to challenge those who seek naked political power, exploit or abuse their neighbour and reject the call to become God bearers.

At Christmas we pray that the light of Christ will shine into the dark places of our troubled and broken world and in our own lives, homes, city and nation.

Blessings and peace to all for this Christmas.

Ray

### **ST GEORGE OP SHOP**

Assistant Manager

Manager

The Op Shop re opens on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

**9499 5166**

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The Planned Giving envelopes are on the back pew for collection.

### **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.

**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	197	Hark the great sound
Gradual	222	The angel Gabriel
Offertory	441	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
Final	193	O come, O come Emmanuel

**Communion Motet:** A tender shoot - Goldschmidt

**Postlude:** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme -BWV 645 - 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**

A shoot will spring from Jesse's stock, and all humanity will see the saving power of God.

**Collect**

God of love and mercy,  
help us to follow the example of Mary,  
always ready to do your will.  
At the message of an angel  
she welcomed your eternal son  
and, filled with the light of your spirit,  
she became the temple of your word,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit .

**Amen**

**A reading from Romans**

Romans 16.25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to

whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

**Psalm 85:**



- 1 O Lord you were gracious | to your | land:  
**you res | tored the | fortunes . of | Jacob.**
- 2 You forgave the iniquity | of your | people:  
**and | covered | all their | sin.**
- 8 I will hear what the Lord | God will | speak:  
**for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones whose | hearts are | turned to | him.**
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to | those that | fear him:  
**and his | glory . shall | dwell . in our | land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth are | met to | gether:  
**righteousness and | peace have | kissed each | other;**
- 11 Truth shall flourish | out of . the | earth:  
**and righteousness | shall look | down from | heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will also give us | all . that is | good:  
**and our | land shall | yield its | plenty.**
- 13 For righteousness shall | go bef | ore him:  
and tread the | path be | fore his feet.

**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**

Luke 1.26-38

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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, Paul Finch, Dino Fernando, and others known to you.**

We pray for those who love and care for them.

### **Year's Mind**

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

Graeme George HARRIS	25th December	2014
Jacqueline SALEM	25th December	1991
Myrtle COLEMAN	25th December	1994
Graham HARRIS	26th December	2014
Minnie Emily DOWELL	26th December	1972
Beryl Allison LLEWELLYN	27th December	1994
Esmond DORNEY	27th December	1991
Claude Herbert VETTER	28th December	1980
Thomas ROBSON	28th December	1973
Gina Di GIOVINE	29th December	1994
Nellie Merle HERIOT	29th December	1980
Ruth Elizabeth Agnes Jane MORELAND	29th December	1982
Vera Pansey WHITELAW	30th December	1971
Isobel COWANS	30th December	1971
Harry Stewart WRAGGE	30th December	1986
Eileen ELLIOTT	30th December	2015
George JOBLING	30th December	1986
Rupert Frederick Dane ANDERSON	31st December	1979
Robert Myer HAINS	31st December	1983
Gladys Emily Ruth COOPER	31st December	1971
Faride SALEM	31st December	1972
Maxwell James WILSON	31st December	1980



## COMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

<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>



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*