

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev'd Kristen Dillon Preacher: The Rev'd John Sanderson

> *Ninth Sunday After Pentecost* Sunday 30 July 2023 8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: God is a Spirit (Bennett)

Hymns: 557, 93, 397, 398

Motet: AHB 435

Postlude: Fugue in E Minor BWV 533 (Bach)

Organist: Kathy Ma

THIS WEEK

Monday 31 July	8.30am 10am 11am	Morning Prayer Staff Sync and Coord Baptism Training for Curates	
Tuesday 1 August	11.30am	<i>Vicar's Day Off</i> Live-streaming in Church for the Funeral of Leanne Barker in <i>Ballarat</i>	
Wednesday 2 August	10am 2-3.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion with prayers for Ukraine Fr John meeting with volunteers at MtSV Fr John Induction of Vicar of Christ Church St Kilda	
Thursday 3 August	9.30am- 12.30pm	Assistant Curate ADF Notification Training Fr John at Board Meeting of MtSV	
Friday 4 August	10am 11.55am- 12.30pm 4pm	Holy Communion <i>Benetas, Heidelberg, The Views</i> Assembly at Ivanhoe Grammar School Plenty Campus Ministry Team Weekly Review & Debrief	
Saturday 5 August		Fr John & Josie away celebrating 30th Wedding Anniversary!	
Sunday 6 August		Fr John & Josie away celebrating 30th Wedding Anniversary!	
The Transfiguration of our Lord		Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97 2 Peter 1.16-19 Mark 9.2-10	

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia'.

INTROIT

God is a Spirit

William Sterndale Bennett (1816-75)

SENTENCE

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38-39

COLLECT

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book Genesis

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'I is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105.1-11



1	O give thanks to the Lord and call up on his name:				
	tell among the peoples . what things . he has done.				
2	Sing to him O sing praises:				
	and be telling of all his marvel.lous works.				
3	Exult in his holy name:				
	and let those that seek the Lord be joyful . in heart.				
4	Seek the Lord . and his strength:				
	O seek his face con tinually.				
5	Call to mind what wonders he has done:				
	his marvellous acts and the judgements of his mouth,				
6	O seed of Abraham . his servant:				
	O children . of Jacob . his chosen one.				
7	For he is the Lord our God:				
	and his judgements . are in all the earth.				
8	He has remembered his covenant . for ever:				
	the word that he ordained for a thousand gener ations.				
9	The covenant that he made with Abraham:				
	the oath . that he swore to Isaac,				
10	And confirmed it to Jacob .as a statute:				
	to Israel as an ever lasting covenant,				
11	Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:				

to be the portion .of your inheritance'.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's epistle to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13.44-58

The Lord be with you,



Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us Christ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

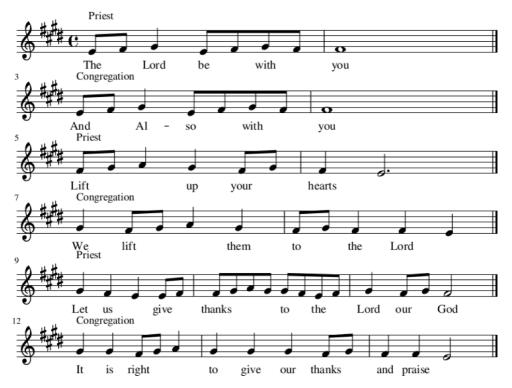
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.



SURSUM CORDA



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

COMMUNION MOTET

AHB 435

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor BWV 533

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PARISH PRAYERS

Murray Steele, Bill Pearson, Dr Helen Kouzmin, The Rt Rev'd Andrew St John, Wayne Oswald, Gabriel Pronobis, Alan Tracey, Bella Saadala, David Nolte, Dorothy Maher, Anthony Schiavone, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Frank McFall, Paul Finch, Colin Derbyshire, Rebecca Bowden, The Malek family, Katie Pittle, Hannah, Colin Summerbell, Fr Bill Edebohls, Vince Cristiano, Bob Hill, Matt Clay and his father, Faye, Rachel, Kyle, Lilly, Gwen Pearce and those known to you alone.

We pray for Fr John's ministry to Ivanhoe Grammar School as the School Chaplain, and for our involvement with that community.

We pray for Father Daniel's family in Kenya and South Sudan, that they remain in full health.

We remember those who have died in recent days Leanne Barker and Caterina Brancatisano. We also recall with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

We pray for God's protection, peace and restoration for our parishioners who are travelling at this time.

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

The Mission to Seafarers

Loving God, you give us everything. Hear us as we pray for seafarers who endure hardship, danger and discomfort to bring us the goods we use each day. Keep them safe in the palm of your hand and bring them through sunshine and storm to their homes and loved ones. Through Jesus Christ who stilled the storm and called seafarers to follow him. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Jul 30	George BOYCE	1973
Jul 30	Eric BARTON	1952
Jul 30	Nell SYME	1991
Jul 30	Nance MACDONALD	1995
Jul 30	Guest HOLMAN	1974
Aug 1	Archibald SMITH	1963
Aug 1	Dorothy CRESWELL	1998
Aug 1	Charles HAY	1972
Aug 2	James JEFFERS	1976
Aug 2	May BURROWS	1981
Aug 2	Ivy TAIT	1979
Aug 2	Benjamin ACKROYD	1985
Aug 3	Joe RUDNICKI	1995
Aug 3	Ruby McDONALD	1974
Aug 3	Allan CARTER	1987
Aug 3	George MALCOLM	1982
Aug 4	Margaret WILKES	2022
Aug 4	Ethel ANDERSON	1975
Aug 5	Lilian RANK	1989
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Please take the time to 'like' and 'follow' our new Facebook presence @ HeartEdgeMelbourne (https://www.facebook.com/HeartEdgeMelbourne). where you might find news of our HeartEdge initiatives.

Live-Streaming of Services - YouTube

We live-stream our services and events via our YouTube channel, (St George Peace Memorial Church East Ivanhoe). You may access our services, online via this link: https://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/online If you subscribe to our channel and enable notifications you will receive automatic alerts when we go live.

Opportunities to serve

The call of God upon us, is to a life of love and service to Him and one another. Have you prayerfully considered how God might want you to serve at St George's? There are a variety of roles currently unfilled. Please step out in faith trusting God for his enabling and ask John how you could be serving particularly around hospitality and prayer.

Prayer Group for Growth

In 2019 at St George's we included for many months a prayer for growth in our pew bulletin, and unsurprisingly we grew. Through COVID that prayer disappeared from the pew bulletin. I have re-introduced the prayer (see above) and now invite us all to utilise that prayer in our daily devotions, but also extend the invitation to the people of both churches to form a prayer group for growth that might meet weekly, in person, online or at church or in family home to pray for growth in both communities.

4 August St Columbs Movie Night

Dear Hawthorn friends and neighbours

St Columbs is hosting a Community Movie Night screening The Last Daughter. It's like an outdoor cinema event where people need to bring their own rugs, cushions, beanbags, low beach chairs, only it's in our newly re-purposed 'Large Hall', so we'll be indoors.

You are invited along with anyone from our local community who would like to join us, so please feel free to share the invitation around.

Warmly Rev Mark McDonald and the St Columb's community.

Flyer for this Event is on the next page.

12 August 6.30pm Bring n Share Dinner

Please come and join us for supper as we spend time together and welcome new people to church!

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You're invited to a special screening of **The Last Daughter**

After being raised by a white family, a young girl is taken away and returned to the Aboriginal family she didn't know. Decades later, she's on a journey to discover where she truly belongs. [PG]

Date:	Friday 4 August 2023 7 - 9.30pm			
Venue:	St Columbs - Large Hall 5 St Columbs St, Hawthorn (cnr Burwood Rd) BYO Beanbag/cushion/rug/low beach chair			
Time:	 7.00pm Arrival & claim your space 7.20pm Acknowledgement of Country & Introduction The Last Daughter Film Screening 9.00pm Post-Film Discussion 			
Tickets:	\$10 at the door			
	(or in advance via QR code) (includes popcorn & hot chocolate) Swinburne International Students FREE			

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