



# ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

## Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

### 8am Holy Communion

*Celebrant: Rev'd John Sanderson*

*Preacher: Rev'd Kristen Dillon*

### 10am Choral Eucharist

*Concelebrants: The Reverend's John Sanderson,*

*Stacey Slater, Kristen Dillon*

*Preacher: Rev'd Kristen Dillon*

*Second Sunday of Advent - Peace*

*Sunday 10 December 2023*

*8am & 10am*

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## MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

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Introit: *A tender shoot* (Goldschmidt)

Hymns: 203(i), 197(ii), 211, 205(ii)

Motet: *AHB 204*

Postlude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (Bach)

Organist: Roger Brown

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### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 11 December</b>	8.30am 10am 12pm	Morning Prayer Ministry Team Synch and Coord Conference The Opportunity Shop Christmas Luncheon
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>		<i>Vicars Day Off</i>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	10am  4.45pm	Holy Communion with prayers for Ukraine and the Holy Land, Israel and Palestine Fr John at Chanukah celebration
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	7.30pm	Meeting of St Paul's Parish Council
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	10am 4pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at <i>Benetas The Views Heidelberg</i> Ministry Team Weekly debrief The Tudor Choristers – Sing Nowell '23
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	9am- 2pm	St George's Opportunity shop Christmas Fete with East Ivanhoe Village Traders
<b>Sunday 17 December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>		Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Song of Mary 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 John 1.6-8,19-28
	9pm	The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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## 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'.*

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### INTROIT

*A tender shoot*

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

### SENTENCE

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

LUKE 3.4; ISAIAH 40.5A

### COLLECT

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way of our salvation:  
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40.1-11

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

## PSALM 85.1-2,8-13



- 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.**

## SECOND READING

2 PETER 3.8-15A

*A reading from Peter's second epistle*

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - jah' repeated three times. The second staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the sal - vation of God.' The third and fourth staves are for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - jah' repeated three times. The score includes measure numbers 6, 9, and 12.

Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall

9 see the sal - vation of God.

12 Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

# GOSPEL

MARK I. I-8



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight”’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’



# SURSUM CORDA

Priest

The Lord be with you

3 Congregation

And Al - so with you

5 Priest

Lift up your hearts

7 Congregation

We lift them to the Lord

9 Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

12 Congregation

It is right to give our thanks and praise

## 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 204*

## POSTLUDE

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661*

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, Pam Hill, Violetta Karama Wickvamasinghe, Libby Davis, Jan Peggie, Roger Douglas 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 all those who mourn, as we remember those who have died in recent days. 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.

We give thanks to God for Nan and Coral who will exercise a ministry of prayer for growth.

## 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

## Open House

Loving God, thank you for the work of Open House. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community. Amen.



## YEAR’S MIND

Dec 10	Vera CLARE	1980
Dec 10	Elsie GRAY	1978
Dec 10	Frederick SUTTON	1980
Dec 12	Denys ROBERTS	1961
Dec 12	Noel FERGUSON	1997
Dec 12	Henry ATKINS	1975
Dec 13	Thomas McMICKING	1987
Dec 13	Albert JUDD	1969
Dec 14	Ethel TUTTON	1980
Dec 14	Lilian BENNET	1989
Dec 14	Ella CRANE	2000
Dec 15	Joan ALMOND	1999
Dec 15	Florence GREAVES	1999



Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to 'like' and 'follow' us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEastIvanhoe>) and to subscribe to our YouTube channel (St George Peace Memorial Church East Ivanhoe). 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.

### **Wednesday Holy Communion service.**

10am Wednesday Holy Communion service will now be conducted in the seating area just inside the church doors. This shorter, seated service provides easy access and comfort for anyone who may have mobility restrictions. We also enjoy the warmth of the morning sun. Please join us.

### **Prayer Group for Growth**

We thank God for the Nan and Coral's ministry of prayer for growth as we have welcomed a range of new people to Sunday services and other church activities in recent weeks. Let us continue to uphold Nan and Coral in our prayers as they pray for us all.

## **Nan's Stall – Mission Partners**

Please take the time to visit Nan's bookstall as we have had a range of books, leaflets and information packs arrive from a range of mission agencies. Judging by how many booklets remains I suspect that not many of us visit this section of Nan's stall often.

## **Advent 2023 Resources**

We are not running formal Advent groups in 2023 as we maintain our focus on inviting friends, neighbours, colleagues, and family to join us for one of the services or concerts we have in this season. However, you will find available today in the pew bulletin and at the entrance to Church 'An Advent Reflection' from our mission partner Anglican Overseas Aid. This evening at Choral Evensong we will launch the 2023 Christmas Bowl in partnership with our mission partner Act for Peace. There are also envelopes from Act for Peace in the pew bulletin, which provide details of how the appeal supports people in need around the world. Our mission partner Anglican Board of Mission has also provided us with envelopes for Advent and Christmas as they seek to support the work of Wontup-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges. For your prayerful and practical consideration.

### **Save the date**

**15th December 7.30pm The Tudor Choristers Sing Nowell '23**

**16th December 9am-2pm St George's Opportunity Shop Christmas Fete**

Bring your family and friends to browse through our shop and stalls full of unique Christmas gifts.

**17th December 9pm The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**24th December 5pm Children's Christmas Service**

**24th December 11pm Midnight Mass**



# St George's Events

## November      December

Warncliffe Road, East Ivanhoe

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Remembrance Day Service 10.50am**

For those looking for a very simple ritual. Come and join us in the courtyard for a short communal act of Remembrance led by chaplain John Sanderson, Vicar of St Georges Peace Memorial Anglican church.

#### **'Bring 'n Share Supper' 6.30 - 8.00pm**

A shared community meal in the Evans Hall. Come and meet new people, or catch up with old friends, and enjoy a occasional guest speaker in the comfort of the Evans Hall. Please bring some food to share.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9am-2pm

#### **Opportunity Shop Christmas Market**

Looking for a gift for Christmas; why not pick a bargain from one of our stalls and support local not for profit community based organisations caring for others and the church at the heart of the village.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

#### **Heidelberg Wind Ensemble**

#### **'Angels in the Architecture'**

#### **Guest artist/Soloist - Ming Yeung Li**

Be surprised by a 'Concerto for Trombone and Wind Band' performed by Hong Kong born Ming Yeung Li, composed by Barry McKimm, with the stunning "Angels in the Architecture" by Frank Ticheli.

**Tickets \$30/\$20/\$10  
at the door or online.**

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 5pm

#### **Choral Evensong |Christmas Bowl Appeal**

Enjoy a free Choral Evensong service while raising funds for people forced into exile by conflict and disaster. Refreshments served afterwards.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### **'Bring 'n Share Supper' 6.30 - 8.00pm**

A shared community meal in the Evans Hall. Come and meet new people, or catch up with old friends, and enjoy our guest speaker Kristen Dillon in the comfort of the Evans Hall as she prepares to serve as Chaplain in the Australian Army. Please bring some food to share.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm

Jazz Vespers with a twist of Dixie featuring some of Melbourne's finest jazz musicians. Come along to listen, tap your feet, holler and participate in a joyous jazz vespers, with refreshments served afterwards. Free Event: feel free to make a donation.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tudor Chorister's beloved Sing Nowell! With excerpts from Bach's Magnificat in D major and traditional music from carols at Kings.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGES

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9pm - Festival of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm - Children's Christmas  
Service  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11pm - Midnight Mass

# Give Hope



Share God's love so refugees  
are not forgotten this Christmas

Please give today. 1800 025 101  
[www.christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://www.christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)

Please  
give  
today

The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



**ACT FOR PEACE**  
CONFRONTING INJUSTICE TOGETHER  
THROUGH THE GOSPEL

St George's Opportunity Shop  
East Ivanhoe

*Christmas Fete*

Saturday 16 December, 2023

9am - 2pm

Bring your family and friends to  
browse through our shop and stalls  
full of unique Christmas gifts



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