



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday 31 December 2023

8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns: 455, 239, 136, 418

Organist: Rosemary Cotter

THIS WEEK

**Monday 1
January**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

**Tuesday 2
January**

Vicar's Day Off

**Wednesday
3 January**

No service of Holy Communion

**Thursday 4
January**

**Friday 5
January**

No service of Holy Communion at Benetas the
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**Sunday 6
January**

*The Baptism of
our Lord*

Genesis 1.1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19.1-7
Mark 1.4-11

12-6pm Private Function in the Evans Hall

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'.

SENTENCE

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped

MATTHEW 2.11

COLLECT

Eternal God,
who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son:
guide the nations of the earth by your light,
that the whole world may see your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60.1-6

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

PSALM 72.1-7,10-14

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3.1-12

A reading from Paul's epistle to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2. I-12

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us Christ

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jes - us Christ

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.**

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

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

Anglican Board of Mission

God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas. Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

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| Dec 31 | Leslie BARTON | 2019 |
| Dec 31 | Robert HAINS | 1983 |
| Dec 31 | Gladys COOPER | 1971 |
| Dec 31 | Faride SALEM | 1972 |
| Dec 31 | Maxwell WILSON | 1980 |
| Jan 1 | Margaret MOSS | 1972 |
| Jan 1 | Ivan MANKEY | 1982 |
| Jan 1 | Mary GUMMEY | 1985 |
| Jan 2 | Clarence WALGERS | 1977 |
| Jan 2 | Ernest TYERS | 1980 |
| Jan 2 | Henry STOREY | 1983 |
| Jan 2 | Gladys MAWSON | 1996 |
| Jan 3 | Fr Donald HARDY | 1987 |
| Jan 3 | Pam WADDINGTON | 1995 |
| Jan 3 | Ed McARTHUR | 1995 |
| Jan 4 | Laurence TURNER | 2004 |
| Jan 4 | Ernest WATTS | 1979 |
| Jan 4 | Frances SPELDEWIND | 1991 |
| Jan 5 | William HARRISON | 1975 |
| Jan 6 | Dara ANDREWS | 2017 |
| Jan 6 | Arthur MESLEY | 1958 |
| Jan 6 | Enid GRATIAEN | 1984 |

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.



PARISH NOTICES



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.

To enable the Vicar to catch-up on leave and to take time off there will be no mid-week service of Holy Communion on a Wednesday in January 2024.

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.

Choir and Organist

We thank Roger, the choir, and their friends for their gift of music over Advent and the Christmas seasons. May they enjoy their summer break. Roger and the choir return to duty with rehearsals on Thursday 1st February and to Choral Eucharist on Sunday 4th February 2024.

Guest Musicians

We hope to welcome guest organists to St Georges on Sunday December 31st, 2023 and Sundays the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th January 2024.

Visiting Clergy

On Sunday the 21st of January 2024 we will welcome the Rev'd Walter McEntee to the 8am and 10am services. We give thanks that Walter is once again available to cover Sunday services here at St Georges.

Christmas Gifts

On behalf of Josie, Harry, Beth, and myself I thank you all for your Christmas cards and gifts. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

Christmas Bowl and ABM Christmas Envelopes

Please prayerfully consider the Christmas Bowl and ABM Christmas envelopes on return them via the giving plates on Sundays in January.

Anglican Board of Mission Australia – 2024 Project Book

We have received the 2024 Project Book from our partner in mission ABM with details of their projects with partners in New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Zambia, the Holy Land, Kenya, Myanmar, the Philippines, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and across Australia's north. Five copies of the 2024 Project Book may be found on Nan's bookstall. Please pick up a copy to read and gain a deeper

understanding of how we at St Georges support communities around the world. You are also warmly invited to the launch of the Project Book. More details may be found at: www.abmission.org/events

Poetry from Overseas YouTube Parishioner

Friends, from time-to-time you will hear me send good wishes to our online friends around the world, including Paris. I recently received this poem (a work in progress) and accompanying photograph from our poet parishioner in Paris.

I suppose that to untie
The knotted hemp
That holds in place
The vessel in which
I'm placed in time
And quiet repose
And dull security
Will unknot itself
Through unwanted
Or un familiar
Circumstance
Which plays out
It's logic of unforeseen destiny
I suppose my imagination
Might might think the worst
Or the best if you were there abouts
As you seem to be
These days
Of prayerful resignation
I no longer assume
But begin to know
Your love
Here in the foreign land
Which all lands are
Beyond the paling fence
Or the clipped hedge row
Or up river through the lock's

Blessed Leonardo's
Clever simplicity
Of cause and effect.
And Gracious is the lady
Who watched over him
And watches over us
In all kinds of wars
Without reflecting within
Now. Now in time
The fear is still there
Tempting reticence
Until the hoped for
Blessing outside time.



Save the date

Tuesday 9th January 2024

9.30am Warden's Meeting – PMR

Opportunity Shop reopens.

11am Halls Operations Meeting – PMR

11.30am Administration & Maintenance Meeting – PMR

Visit of +Genieve to St Georges

4.45pm Warden's Meeting St Paul's East Kew

Tuesday 30th January

7pm Parish Council Meeting – PMR

Wednesday 31st January

10am Holy Communion resumes

Thursday 1st February

8pm Choir Rehearsals resume

Tuesday 13th February – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday

Vicar's 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate

Sunday 25th February – Choral Evensong

27th – 29th February – Leading Your Church into Growth – Parish Council to attend.

Tuesday 27th February – 2024 McKinney Lent Lecture

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