

## ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

# Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar The Baptism of our Lord (First Sunday After Epiphany) Sunday 7 January 2023 8am & 10am

# **MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE**

Hymns: 46, 382, 320, 492 Organist: Elizabeth Buttery

THIS WEEK				
Monday 8 January		Vicar's Day Off		
Tuesday 9 January	9.30am 11am 11.45am 12.30pm	St Georges Warden's Meeting – Parish Meeting Room (PMR) Halls Operations Meeting – PMR Administration & Maintenance Meeting – PMR		
	4.45pm	Visit of +Genieve St Paul's Warden's Meeting – St Pauls East Kew		
Wednesday 10 January		No service of Holy Communion		
Thursday 11 January	9am	Clearing and cleaning up of rear of church!		
Friday 12 January	10am	Holy Communion at Benetas the Views		
Saturday 13 January	6.30pm	Bring 'n' Share Supper – Evans Hall		
Sunday 14 January				
Second Sunday After Epiphany		1 Samuel 3.1-10 Ps 139. 1-5, 12-18 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51		

#### 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**

God anointed Jesus oof Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10.38

### **COLLECT**

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A reading from the book Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Mark 1.4-11



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.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



#### **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.

#### **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 Overseas Aid**

Bountiful God bless Anglican Overseas Aid as it creates and strengthens partnerships in developing countries. Strengthen their work to overcome poverty and injustice and to relieve in disasters. May we inspire others to be compassionate, involved and responsible global citizens. Amen.



# **YEAR'S MIND**

#### 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 4thFebruary 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) 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 unforseen 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. 9am Thursday 11th January (subject to rain)

Please bring secateurs, pruning saw, rake etc. to cut back trees at the rear of the Church Hall and mow with catchers removing the grass clippings. A 2 meter skip trailer and assistants have been arranged.

Anyone is welcome to come along. Contact Person: Ted

#### 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

12.30pm Visit of +Genieve to St Georges

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

### Saturday 13th January

6.30pm Parish Bring 'n' Share

#### 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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