



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Walter McEntee

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday 28 January 2024

8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns: 111, 93, 455, 189

Organist: Elizabeth Buttery

THIS WEEK

**Monday 29
January**

Vicar's Day Off

**Tuesday 30
January**

7pm Parish Council Meeting - PMR

**Wednesday
31 January**

No service of Holy Communion
2pm MtSV Welfare Services sub-committee meeting

**Thursday 1
February**

9.30am Morning Prayer
10am Ministry Team Meeting – PMR
8pm Choir Rehearsals resume

**Friday 2
February**

10am Holy Communion – Benetas the Views Heidelberg

**Saturday 3
February**

9am- Melbourne Claddagh Dancers – Evans Hall
9pm
11am Quarterly Inspection of Church Buildings

**Sunday 4
February**

*Fifth Sunday
After Epiphany*

Isaiah 40.21-31
Psalm 147.1-11
1 Corinthians 9.16-23
Mark 1.29-39

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and sickness.

MATTHEW 9.35

COLLECT

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.
Grant this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from the book Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

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

PSALM 111

- 1 Praise the Lord!
 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 **Great are the works of the Lord,
 studied by all who delight in them.**
- 3 Full of honour and majesty is his work,
 and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
 the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 **He has shown his people the power of his works,
 in giving them the heritage of the nations.**
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
 all his precepts are trustworthy.

**8 They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.**

SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 8.1-13

A reading from the Apostle Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

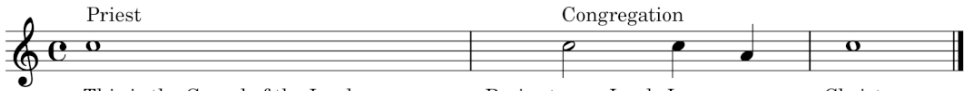
GOSPEL

MARK I.2 I-28



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

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



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

Sorted

Lord our God bless the Sorted Community as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Jan 28	Norma SWAIN	1974
Jan 28	Ella BARNES	1969
Jan 28	Errol WHITECHURCH	1997
Jan 29	Jane BOYALL	1997
Jan 29	Lou BUTTERFIELD	2015
Jan 30	Mrs Estelle HOVELMEIER	2021
Jan 30	Sylvia DAVIES	1974
Jan 30	Muriel ATKINS	1981

Jan 30	Doris FERGUSON	1994
Jan 30	Jean WEST	2011
Jan 31	Emily DORNAN	1970
Jan 31	Nellie GRAVES	1979
Feb 1	Jessica JONES	2021
Feb 1	Jessie REEVE	1976
Feb 1	Gladys BEST	1980
Feb 2	Frances PIZZEY	1991
Feb 2	Beatrice BAILEY	1995

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

Roger and the choir return to duty with rehearsals on Thursday 1st February and to Choral Eucharist on Sunday 4th February 2024.

Guest Musicians

Today, we will welcome back Elizabeth Buttery to St Georges.

Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting to be held after the 10am Choral Eucharist on Sunday 4th February 2024 to elect to Parish Nominators. Nomination forms may be found at the entrance to Church or from the Vicar. We need to hold this meeting as we failed to nominate Parish Nominators at the Annual Meeting in November 2023.

Refurbishment of Toilets 5th-16th February 2024

The refurbishment of the toilets in the main building will commence on Monday 5th February. We hope that all work will be concluded by Friday 16th February, but this date may change as work progresses. During this time the disabled toilet in the Evans Hall will be available. Please factor these works into your plans to be in and around the church, and please do not enter any work areas unless invited to do so by the site supervisor or myself. Thank you for your cooperation. John

Save the date

Tuesday 30th January

7pm Parish Council Meeting – PMR

Thursday 1st February

8pm Choir Rehearsals resume

Wednesday 7th February

10am Holy Communion resumes

Tuesday 13th February – Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes in the courtyard.

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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