

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar The Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 25 February 2024 8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *Hearken O Lord, have mercy upon us* (Litany for Lent) Hymns: 165, 168, 60, 450 Motet: *Jesu grant me this I pray* (Gibbons) Postlude: *O Lamm Gottes, unshuldig* (Bach) Organist: Roger Brown

Monday 26 February		Vicar's Day Off Parish Council Meeting <i>St Georges</i>
Tuesday 27	12 noon	Deanery Meeting Deep Creek Anglican
February	7.30pm	The 2024 Richard McKinney Lent Lecture
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion with focus on reconciliation and
28 February		peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine
Thursday 29	9.30am	Morning Prayer
February	10am	Ministry Team Meeting
	7.30pm	Warden's Meeting, St Paul's East Kew
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 1	11am	World Day of Prayer Mary Immaculate Catholic
March		Church Ivanhoe
	10am	Holy Communion Benetas the Views Heidelberg
	7pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Mary Immaculate

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3 March

Second Sunday in Lent Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22

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

Hearken O Lord, have mercy upon us

SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

(Litany for Lent)

COLLECT

God of all time and places, in Jesus Christ who was lifted up on the cross, you open for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

PSALM 22.24-32



- 24 O praise the Lord all | you that | fear him: hold him in honour O seed of Jacob and let the seed of | Israel | stand in | awe of him.
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man | in his | misery: nor did he hide his face from him but | heard him | when he |cried.
- From you springs my praise in the | great congre|gation:I will pay my vows in the | sight of | all that | fear you
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice | and be | satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him.. may their | hearts rejoice for | ever!
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and | turn to the | Lord: and let all the families of the | nations | worship • be|fore him
- 29 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's: and he shall be | ruler | over • the | nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth | do him | homage: or those that descend to the | dust bow | down be|fore him?
- 31 But he has saved my | life for him|self: and | my pos|terity shall | serve him.
- 32+ This shall be told of my Lord to a future |gener|ation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet un|born that| he has| done it.

SECOND READING

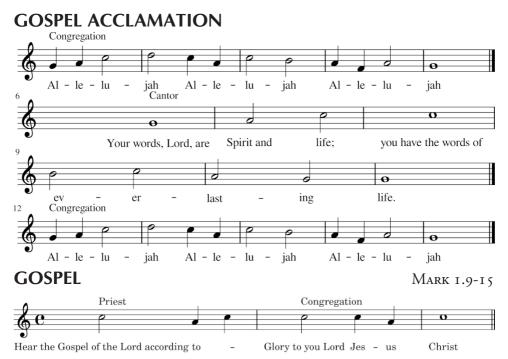
A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.



Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



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

Jesu grant me this I pray Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

POSTLUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unshuldig BWV 618

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, 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

Feb 25	Ethel PYBURNE	1984
Feb 26	Doreen DEMPSTER	1977
Feb 26	Ivo HEAP	1981
Feb 26	Gloria CICHELLO	1997
Feb 27	Helen CAROLANE	2021
Feb 27	Neil GRIERSON	2022
Feb 27	Nancy COWLING	2016
Feb 27	Jack PIMM	2016
Feb 27	Margaret WHITAKER	2019
Feb 28	John BIBO	2023
Mar 1	Rosetta GRANT	1983
Mar 1	Lola FROST	1998
Mar 1	Frank ESLER-SMITH	1991
Mar 1	Alberta RANDELL	1973
Mar 2	Robert MAGEE	2008

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.

Refurbishment of Toilets February 2024

We hope that you like the look of our new toilets, and we give thanks for the work of Peter Pearce and his team at Valley Maintenance Services, led by Frank and Sam, Tim and Gavin.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Lent 2024

We will once again partner with our friends from Ivanhoe Catholic Parish to undertake Stations at 7pm on Fridays. Friday 1st March - Mary Immaculate, Upper Heidelberg Rd Friday 8th March - St Georges East Ivanhoe Friday 15th March - Mary Immaculate, Upper Heidelberg Rd Friday 22nd March - St Georges East Ivanhoe

St Georges Garden of Remembrance – Pre-Easter Clean-up Day – 9am Saturday 16th March

Our Garden of Remembrance is a much-loved sacred space, which needs a little maintenance. We do hope that you will be able to come and join us at 9am on Saturday 16th March as seek to prune some shrubs, bushes, and trees, and remove weeds and tree and leaf litter. Whilst we are there we might as a group attend to the garden bed in front of Evans Hall, the walkway between the Evans Hall and school, the area in front of the church, the two memorial gardens and in the general vicinity of the Opportunity Shop and the rear of the church. What we need are people (friends, family, and neighbours) equipped with pruning shears, secateurs, bow/garden saw, rakes, brooms, gloves, hat, sunscreen, and an abundance of love, friendship, and enthusiasm. For further details or clarification please speak with Ted or Alison Smart.

Music Ministry at St Georges

We thank those who have already made tax deductible donations to the music ministry at St George. If you would like to make a tax deductible financial contribution towards music in this church then please consider donating via the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organization. This is easily accessed via the Melbourne Anglican Foundation web page, https://www.melbourneanglican. org.au/maf-donation-page/. You should then select Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organization (Inc) and scroll to the bottom of the list to donate to St George's East Ivanhoe Music Program. Donations are tax deductible and will allow us to continue to provide high quality support to the liturgy and also to promote musical performances in the church.

Save the date

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

7.30pm Tuesday 27th February – The 2024 Richard McKinney Lent Lecture.

7pm Friday 1st March – Stations of the Cross at Mary Immaculate, Upper Heidelberg Rd.

7pm Friday 8th March - Stations of the Cross at St Georges East Ivanhoe.

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You are invited to our 2024

Annual Lenten McKinney Lecture

What is happening to asylum seekers in Australia these days?



Guest Lecturer
Sr. Brigid Arthur

A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together

Tuesday 27 February at 7.30pm St. George's Anglican Church 47-51 Warncliffe Rd Ivanhoe East 3079

Sister Brigid Arthur CSB, AO, is an Australian Brigidine sister, educator, refugee advocate and activist on social issues. She was co-founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, has acted as litigation guardian for children, and has been a teacher and principal of several Catholic secondary colleges. She is also an author, trustee of Kildare Ministries, Life Member of Catholic Social Services

Victoria and a winner of the 2021 Pro Bono Public Impact Award.

All Welcome Further information ivanhoe@cam.org.au

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 46 WARNCLIFFE ROAD EAST IVANHOE CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024 5 PM SUBJECT: DIETRICH BONHOEFFER 1906-1945



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Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and scholar. He held to pacifist beliefs, and remained an implacable opponent of National Socialism. He was ultimately executed at the age of 39 for his resistance to the Nazi regime. His great work, The cost of discipleship, has become a classic of 20th century Christian literature.

SPEAKER: DR TONY MCCUTCHEON, MSc, BA, BEd, MBA, PhD.

Dr McCutcheon's first discipline is Sociology, but studies in this area have morphed into a rich academic, commercial and religious life. He undertook theological training at Queen's College within the University of Melbourne, and has taught in many schools and universities in Australia and overseas.

Dr McCutcheon has acted as a manager in industrial real estate, as President of the Australian Automobile Dealers' Association, as a Board member of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and is the author of an unpublished thesis entitled Lay participation in the Church of England. He is, in the best sense of that much-abused term, a polymath.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE SERVICE.

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