

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 7 Sunday 2024 8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *Blessed are the pure in heart* (Walford Davies) Hymns: 287, 282, 283, 294 Motet: *O Sons and daughters* (Walford Davies) Postlude: *Alleluia* (Dubois) Organist: Roger Brown

THIS WEEK

Monday 8 April		VICAR'S DAY OFF
Tuesday 9 April	9.30am	Warden's Meeting, Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday 10 April	10am 11.30am	NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Fr John Funeral <i>St Mary's Woodend</i>
Thursday 11 April	2pm 8pm	Fr John Funeral <i>Holy Trinity Bacchus Marsh</i> Choir Rehearsal
Friday 12 April	10am	Holy Communion Benetas the Views Heidelberg
Saturday 13 April	6.30pm	Bring 'n' Share Supper
Sunday 14 April		
Third Sunday of Easter		Acts 3.12-30 Psalm 4 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6 Luke 24.36b-48

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

Blessed are the pure in heart Henry

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

SENTENCE

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

John 20.21

ASPERGES



- Christ our Passover has been | sacrificed | for us: so let us | cele|brate the | feast,
- Not with the old leaven of cor|ruption . and | wickedness: but with the unleavened | bread of . sin|cerity . and | truth.
- Christ once raised from the dead | dies no | more: death has no | more do|minion | over him.
- In dying he died to sin | once for | all: in | living . he | lives to | God.
- 5. See yourselves therefore as | dead to | sin: and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
- 6. Christ has been | raised . from the | dead: the | first fruits . of | those who | sleep.

- For as by one | man came | death: by another has come also resur|rection | of the | dead;
- 8. For as in | Adam . all die: even so in Christ shall | all be | made a|live.

COLLECT

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4.32-37

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

PSALM 133



- 1 Behold how good and how | lovely . it | is: when families | live to| gether. in | unity.
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head that runs down | over. the | beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron that ran down over the | collar | of his | robe.
- 3 It is like a | dew of | Hermon: like the dew that falls up|on the | hill of |Zion.
- 4 For there the Lord has com|manded . his | blessing: which is | life for | evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

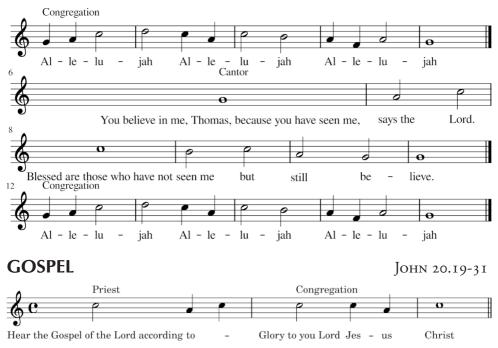
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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

O sons and daughters let us sing

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

POSTLUDE

Alléluia (fillii et filliae)

Théodore Dubois (1837-1941)

PARISH PRAYERS

Murray Steele, Bill Pearson, Dr Helen Kouzmin, 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, Ann Derbyshire 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.

We remember those who have died in recent days, the Rt. Rev'd John Stewart (Obit 2nd April 2024) former Bishop for the Eastern Region of Melbourne.

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

Apr 7	George WHITELAW	1982
Apr 7	Kenneth PITTS	1997
Apr 8	Peter MACE	1991
Apr 8	Geoffrey PITCHER	2012
Apr 9	Lucy GOTT	1985
Apr 9	Geoffrey GRIFFITH	1995
Apr 9	Sylvia BAHEN	1971
Apr 9	Raymond McCULLOCH	2009
Apr 10	Helen BACHELOR	2021
Apr 10	George McCULLOCH	1975
Apr 10	Jessie CARLYLE	1988
Apr 10	Douglas MOORHEAD	2002
Apr 10	Donald WILLIS	2013
Apr 11	Doreen ROBERTS	1935
Apr 11	Louisa WOOSTER	1978
Apr 11	John MORRIS	2013
Apr 12	Robert CUNNINGHAM	1970
Apr 12	Lottie MARSDEN	1993
Apr 12	Kenneth HUISH	2002

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.

The Melbourne Anglican Easter edition

The Melbourne Anglican Easter edition is now available online. A striking front cover sets the tone, thanks to graphic designer Ivan Smith. His artwork is a reflection on Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement for our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed". You can read more about Ivan's artwork on Page 10.

Inside, there's also much more. You'll find everything from Street Party outreach at St Jude's Parkville, to thoughts from Peter MacPherson on 30 years in ministry, insights from a Christian in Israel, an Easter reflection from new believer Genevieve Doherty, and a take on Taylor Swift's Eras tour from John Forsyth, to ordination photographs and book reviews.

This Month's TMA is live on our website now, and in churches soon. It's available at: https://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma/

Defence Anglican Chaplains Incorporated

It was lovely to welcome Kristen back to St Georges during Holy Week and to hear of her ministry in the Defence Force. We also recently welcomed +Grant Dibden, Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force to St Georges and he was pleased to learn of the impact of Kristen and Stacey over the past few years. The Wardens ask that we might consider donating to Anglican Defence Force Chaplaincy, in recognition and thanks for the ministry of Stacey and Kristen. Our donations will enable the ministry to the ADF to continue and flourish. Donations can be deposited in the parish account: Bendigo Bank

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account Name: St Georges Account No: 122 088 198 Reference: DFA For your prayerful and practical consideration. Meron, Ted and David, Church Wardens

Composting workshop: from scraps to super soil

Our friends at Sustainable Ivanhoe invite us to join them in this activity. Next date: Saturday, 20 April 2024 | 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

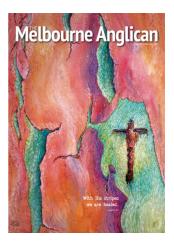
Join us at Bellfield Community Gardens for an eco-friendly, soil-enriching, waste reducing workshop that will have you transforming your kitchen scraps into gardening gold.

Save The Date

6.30pm Bring 'n' Share Supper 13th April

Come and join us in this ever-popular shared supper.





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