

# ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

## Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday 28 April 2024

8am & 10am

*5pm Choral Evensong for St George's Day*

*Celebrant: The Vicar*

*Speaker: Mr James McCarthy, OAM, JP, President of the Royal Society of St George, Victorian Branch*

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## MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

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Introit: *O taste and see* (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Hymns: 147, 281, 183, 148

Motet: *Rejoice in the Lord Always* (William Purcell)

Postlude: *Allegro from Concerto no. 1 in G major* (J.S. Bach)

Organist: Ms Shauna Beesley

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### THIS WEEK

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**Monday 29  
April**

VICAR'S DAY OFF

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**Tuesday 30  
April**

12 noon Whitehorse Deanery Meeting at St Stephen's,  
Greythorn

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**Wednesday  
1 May**

10am Holy Communion with focus on peace and  
reconciliation in Ukraine, Gaza and the Holy Land

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**Thursday 2  
May**

9.30am Board Meeting of the MtSV  
7.30pm Meeting of St Paul's Parish Council

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**Friday 3  
May**

10am Holy Communion *Benetas the Views Heidelberg*

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**Saturday 4  
May**

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**Sunday 5  
May**

*Sixth Sunday of  
Easter*

Acts 10.44-48  
Ps. 98  
1 John 5.1-12  
John 15.9-17

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# 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'.*

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## INTROIT

*O taste and see*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## SENTENCE

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us.  
Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

I JOHN 4.10.11

## ASPERGES

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

1. Christ our Passover has been | sacrificed | for us:  
so let us | cele|brate the | feast,
  2. Not with the old leaven of cor|ruption . and | wickedness:  
but with the unleavened | bread of . sin|cerity . and | truth.
  3. Christ once raised from the dead | dies no | more:  
death has no | more do|minion | over him.
  4. 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.
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7. 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

O God,  
form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command  
and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

ACTS 8.26-40

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## PSALM 22.26-32



- 26 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

I JOHN 4.7-21

*A reading from the first letter of John*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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**thanks be to God.**

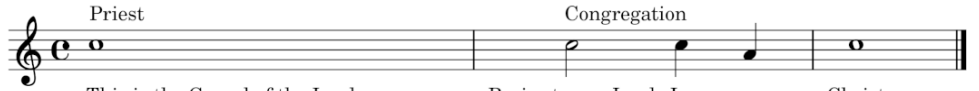
# GOSPEL

JOHN 15.1-8



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

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



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.**

## COMMUNION MOTET

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Henry Purcell (1659-95)

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Concerto no. 1 in G major*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## 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 Wickvamasinge, 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.

## PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

### Open House

Loving God, thank you for the work of Open House. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community. Amen.



## YEAR'S MIND

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Apr 28	Edna CLARKE	1989
Apr 28	William STEVENS	2003
Apr 28	Mr Roy ANDREWS	2021
Apr 29	Edward OVERS	1973
Apr 29	Esther ELLIS	1983
Apr 29	George JEFFRIES	1990
Apr 29	Barbara Tembe	2022
Apr 30	Sydney SNELL	1988
Apr 30	Joyce WEBB	1997
Apr 30	Alice PORTER	2002
May 1	Joseph BRUCE	1980
May 1	Wendy BEEVERS	2007
May 2	Joyce BRUCE	1980
May 2	Ian SYLE	1991
May 3	Florence TIDSWELL	1993
May 3	Kenneth BALLANTYNE	1993
May 4	Francis BANNISTER	1948

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## 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.



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 April Edition**

The Melbourne Anglican April edition is now available online. In the glow of light on the cover, we see the light St Paul’s Cathedral is bringing to two communities in Melbourne through new ministries: to Farsi and Turkish speakers, and to young people living in the city centre. This light of hope shines throughout the edition. We read about church groups bringing homes to people experiencing homelessness, how church planting can bring light to Melbourne, and the Diocese of Central Queensland sharing hope in a dark place. Our book reviews also consider questions of how Christians can share their hope. Darkness is also clearly present. We read of millions suffering in Ukraine, in Sudan and in Gaza, of the danger climate change poses for our near neighbours, and of those in our own city needing food support. The Reverend Professor Mark Lindsay speaks into this contrast, exploring how we can rejoice in the light of Christ’s resurrection, while surrounded by the world’s darkness. This month’s TMA is live on our website now, and in churches soon. It’s available at: [bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA](http://bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA).

## **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

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

## **Op Shop**

New carpet will be laid in the Op Shop on Monday, 29 April. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with clearing the Op Shop after 1 pm on Saturday, 27 April, and with restoring it after 1 pm on Monday, 29 April.

Half a dozen people in each session should be able to manage the job relatively easily. Please let Mary Jones know if you can help.

## **Guest Organist – Shauna Beesley**

We give thanks to God that Shauna was with us on Sunday last and has been able to join us again today.

## **St George's Day – Choral Evensong**

Our patronal festival falls on Tuesday 23rd April, and we have decided to mark the day with a Choral Evensong at 5pm on Sunday 28th April with an address by Mr James McCarthy, OAM, JP, President of the Royal Society of St George, Victorian Branch. Please come along and support this important occasion. As always all are made welcome, and refreshments are served afterwards.

Mr Christopher Riley will be our guest organist this evening.

## **Retirement of Mr Roger Brown**

Roger has served this community as Director of Music and Organist for over three decades. It is impossible to summarise how much he has given to so many in the field of music in divine worship in that time. Roger decided to resign and retire on Sunday 14th April, which caught many of us by surprise, but maybe that is the nature of Roger. We are giving due thought to how we might celebrate Roger's ministry with us here at St Georges over that lengthy time. Please remember Roger in your prayers as he journeys through this period of transition in his life

### **Save the date**

#### **Sunday 28th April**

5pm Choral Evensong for to mark our Patronal Festival

#### **Saturday 11th May**

6.30pm Bring 'n' Share Supper in the Evans Hall.

#### **Sunday 2nd June**

5pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

#### **Saturday 31 August**

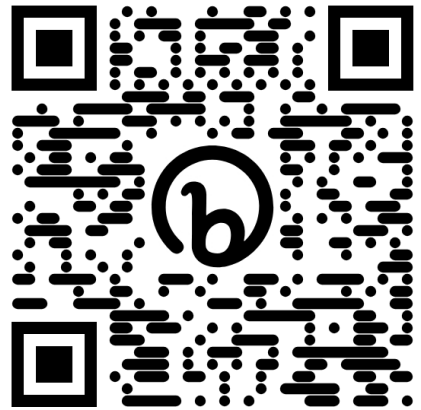
3.30pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

#### **Saturday 23 November**

7.30pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

#### **Saturday 14 December**

The Tudor Choristers Concert




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