

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 5 May 2024
8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *We will be merry* (Trad)

Hymns: 364, 139, 306, 394

Motet: *Jesu grant me this I pray* (Gibbons)

Organist: Ms Shauna Beesley

THIS WEEK

Monday 6 May		VICAR'S DAY OFF
Tuesday 7 May	11am	Monthly Halls Operations Meeting
	11.30am	Monthly Administration & Finance Meeting
Wednesday 8 May	10am	Holy Communion with focus on peace and reconciliation in Ukraine, Gaza and the Holy Land
Thursday 9 May	7.30pm	Meeting of St Pauls Church Wardens
Friday 10 May	10am	Holy Communion <i>Benetas the Views Heidelberg</i>
Saturday 11 May	6.30pm	Parish Bring 'n' Share Supper – A Celebration of life at St Georges
Sunday 12 May		Sunday After Pentecost Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>		Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Ps. 1 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19
	5pm	Choral Evensong to begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

We will be merry

Trad

SENTENCE

Jesus, said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

I JOHN 15.16

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

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

ACTS 10.44-48

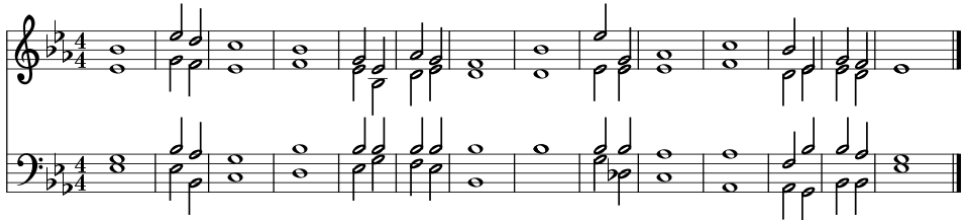
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

PSALM 98



- 1 O sing to the Lord a | new | song:
for he has | done | marvel-lous | things:
- 2 **His right hand and his | holy | arm:
they have | got | him the | victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made | known . his sal|vation;
he has revealed his just de |liverance . in the | sight of . the | nations.
- 4 **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the |house of| Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal|vation |of our |God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord | all the | earth:
break into | singing . and | make | melody.
- 6 **Make melody to the Lord up|on the | harp:
upon the harp and | with the | sounds of | praise.**
- 7 With trumpets | and with | horns:
cry out in triumph be|fore the | Lord the | king.
- 8 **Let the sea roar and | all that | fills it
the good earth and | those who | live up|on it.**
- 9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands:
and let the mountains ring out to|gether . be| fore the |Lord;
- 10 **For he comes to | judge the | earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness
and the | peoples | with | equity.**

SECOND READING

I JOHN 5.1-12

A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

GOSPEL

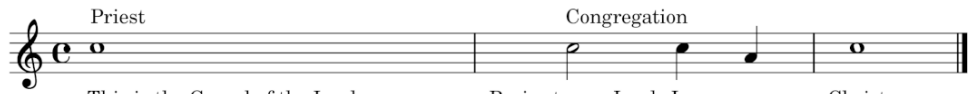
JOHN 15.9-17



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

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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

Jesus grant me this I pray

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria

Loving God, you give us everything. Hear us as we pray for seafarers who endure hardship, danger and discomfort to bring us the goods we use each day. Keep them safe in the palm of your hand and bring them through sunshine and storm to their homes and loved ones. Through Jesus Christ who stilled the storm and called seafarers to follow him. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

May 6	Herbert FROST	1980
May 7	William PITCHER	1996
May 7	Elsie MATTHEWS	1971
May 7	Mrs Dorothy BRADY	2018
May 8	Thomas PETERS	1973
May 10	Edith SANDERSON	1973
May 10	Ethel WALKER	1981
May 10	John HUDSON	1988

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.

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

Guest Organist – Shauna Beesley

We give thanks to God that Shauna was with us on Sunday last.

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

Saturday 11th May

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

Sunday 2nd June

5pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

Saturday 31 August

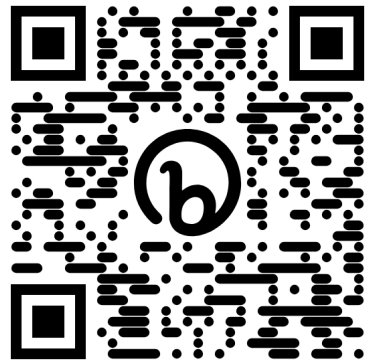
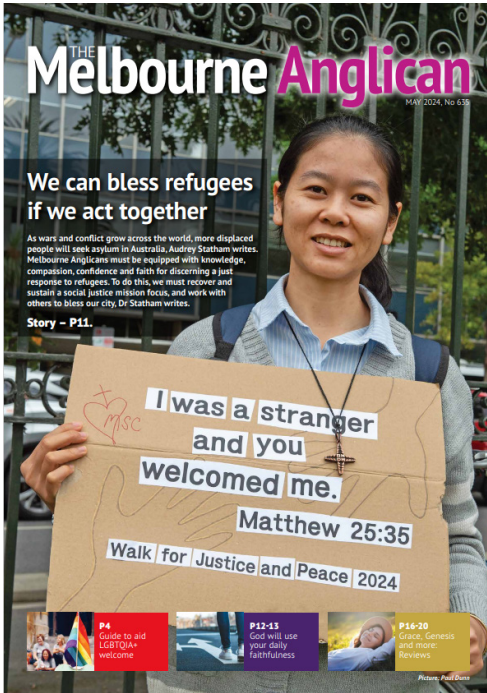
3.30pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

Saturday 23 November

7.30pm Heidelberg Wind Ensemble Concert

Saturday 14 December

The Tudor Choristers Concert



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