

St. George's



# ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE  
VILLAGE

## Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Walter McEntee*  
*Gathering in God's Name - Third Sunday of Advent*

Sunday 14 December 2025

8am & 10am



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# MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

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## Hymns

- 10 All people that on earth do dwell  
198 The advent of our God  
434(i) Bread of Heaven  
196 O sing a new song to the Lord

Organist Oscar Herrick

Postlude Little Fugue in G minor *J.S. Bach*

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# THIS WEEK

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Day	Time(s)	Event
<b>Monday</b> 15 December		
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 December		
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 December		
<b>Thursday</b> 18 December	8pm	Choir practice - Parish Meeting Room. New members always welcome.
<b>Friday</b> 19 December	10am	Holy Communion – Benetas the Views Heidelberg
<b>Saturday</b> 20 December		
<b>Sunday</b> 21 December	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Fourth</i>		Isaiah 7.10-16
<i>Sunday of</i>		Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19
<i>Advent</i>		Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-11

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# MASS READINGS

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*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 (APBA).'*

## INTROIT

If ye love me *Tallis*

## SENTENCE

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11.11*

## COLLECT

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love  
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:  
strengthen our weak hands,  
make firm our feeble knees,  
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,  
so that our hearts may rejoice  
as we behold the majesty of our God.  
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

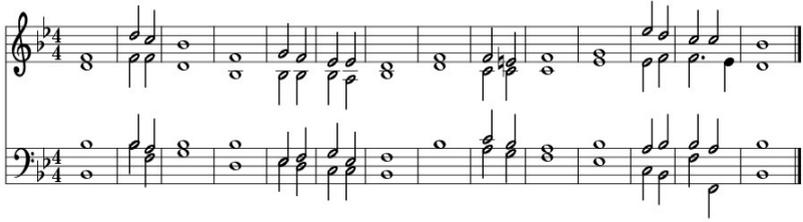
1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus  
2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.  
3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.  
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.  
10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

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# PSALM 146

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- 1 Praise the Lord \* praise the Lord | O my | soul:  
while I | live . I will | praise the | Lord;
- 2 **While I | have . any | being:**  
**I will sing | praises | to my | God.**
- 3 Put not your | trust in | princes:  
nor in flesh and| blood which | cannot | save.
- 4 **For when their breath goes from them**  
**they return a|gain . to the | earth:**  
**and on that day | all their | thoughts | perish.**
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the | God of | Jacob:  
whose hope is | in the | Lord their | God,
- 6 **The God who made | heaven . and | earth:**  
**the sea and | all | that is | in them,**
- 7+ Who keeps | faith for | ever:  
who deals justice to | those that | are op|pressed.
- 8 **The Lord gives | food . to the | hungry:**  
**and | sets the | captives | free.**
- 9 The Lord gives | sight . to the | blind:  
the Lord lifts up | those . that are | bowed down.
- 10 **The Lord | loves the | righteous:**  
**the Lord cares for the | stranger | in the | land.**
- 11 He upholds the | widow . and the fatherless:  
as for the way of the wicked he | turns it | upside | down.
- 12 + **The Lord shall be | king for | ever:**  
**your God O Zion shall reign through all generations |**  
**Praise | - the | Lord.**

7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

3 and said to him, Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

4 Jesus answered them, Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John : What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written, See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE 10AM

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**THE HOMILY ABPA P122**

**THE CREED ABPA P123**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ABPA P124**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION ABPA P126**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

**Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE ABPA P127**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ABPA P127**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MOTET**

Silent Night, Holy Night *Joseph Mohr*

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## PARISH PRAYERS

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Pam Hill, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, Carmen, Pat, Fay Norton-Old, Carmen, Michelle, Scott, Margaret Windisch, Bob and Anne Hill, David Nolte, Vince Cristiano, Anne Farquhar and Mandy, King Charles, Catherine, Princess of Wales.

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.

### 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**



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## YEARS MIND

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Dec-15	Joan ALMOND	1999
Dec-15	FLorence GREAVES	1999
Dec-17	Margaret HOTCHKISS	1990
Dec-18	Miriam NANCARROW	1987
Dec-18	Helen KINGSFORD	2013
Dec-19	Annie MACKLIN	2002
Dec-20	Doris PAGE	1994
Dec-20	William WHALE	1962
Dec-20	Constance McDONALD	1974
Dec-20	Alan GRONN	1978
Dec-21	David NORMAN	1998

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# PRAYER FOR GROWTH

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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

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# PARISH NOTICES

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## OUR NEW VICAR

Rev Chaplain Soma is the new vicar at St George's. We are delighted to welcome him and his family to our parish and look forward to the fresh perspective and enthusiasm he will bring.

Bishop Genevieve Blackwell will formally institute Rev Soma at a special service at;

**7pm on Wednesday, 21st January 2026 at St George's**

Please join us to warmly welcome Chaplain and celebrate this exciting new chapter for our church.

## NAN'S CARD STALL

Christmas cards and St George's pens are now on sale.

## CHOIR SEEKS RECRUITS

The choir is seeking recruits. At the moment there are nine members (at full strength) and we would welcome an increase in numbers. Anyone who can hold a part and is able to read music at a reasonable level is welcome to join the proud musical tradition of St George's. We practise on Thursday nights from 8-9pm in the parish meeting room, and sing an introit, psalm and anthem at the weekly Sunday eucharists at 10am. Please contact the director of music, Oscar Herrick, on 0459 910 711 if you are interested.

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# PARISH NOTICES

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## PASTORAL CARE - HOME VISITING

Father Daniel is available for home visits on Fridays and would welcome your call. Please contact Fr Daniel on 0411-392-231. We are so thankful for his ministry.

**His last day with us will be 16/01/2026**

## KEY DATES

**Sunday December 14th 5:30pm** Jazz Vespers

**Saturday December 20th 11am** Carols by choir members and others at Benetas Heidelberg

**Sunday December 21st 9pm** Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The annual 9 Lessons and Carols service is a feast of music. It has been a tradition for many years and features well known and innovative carols sung by an augmented choir of 25 people directed by Oscar Herrick. The service gives an opportunity for congregational singing following a time-honoured liturgical tradition. No charge with a supper afterwards. What could be better?

**Wednesday Christmas Eve December 24th**

Children's service and sausage sizzle 5pm.

Early Midnight Service Choral Eucharist 9pm

**Thursday Christmas Day December 25th 9am**

Christmas Day Choral Eucharist -one Service only

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## PARISH NOTICES

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### ACTING VICAR'S APPOINTMENTS

From Monday 15th December to his final Sunday 16th January 2026:-  
Reverend Walter McEntee

Benetas and Home/ Hospital Visiting on Fridays :- Reverend Daniel Nyieth. His last day with us will be 16/01/2026

### PEW BULLETIN

Hi everyone, please note that any changes to the weekly Pew Bulletin must be emailed to Eric Lindberg and cc: Paul Smith

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# PARISH NOTICES

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## NO MONTHLY SUNDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE IN DECEMBER

### BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

Our monthly Bring & Share Supper is held on every 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30pm. The next one is January 11th 2026

### LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES

We live-stream our services and events via our YouTube channel, (St George's 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.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to “like” and “follow” us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEastIvanhoe>) and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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**CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGES EAST  
IVANHOE -ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME!**

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