

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 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21 December 2025

8am & 10am



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MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns

- 3 All creatures of our God and King
421 Thee we adore
201 Lo! He comes with clouds descending
5 Come you people

Organist Oscar Herrick

Postlude Toccata from Symphony V *Widor*

THIS WEEK

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday		
22 December		
Tuesday		
23 December		
Wednesday	Christmas	
24 December	Eve	
Thursday	Christmas	
25 December	Day	
Friday		
26 December		
Saturday		
27 December		
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
28 December	10am	Sung Eucharist
<i>First</i>		Isaiah 63.7-9
<i>Sunday</i>		Psalms 148
<i>After</i>		Hebrews 2.10-18
<i>Christmas</i>		Matthew 2.13-23

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 (APBA).'

INTROIT

Cantante Domino *Pitoni*

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

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

13 Then Isaiah said: Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

PSALM 80.1-7, 17-19



- 1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel
you that led | Joseph . like a | flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim | shine | out in |
glory;
- 2 **Before Ephraim Benjamin | and Manasseh:**
stir up your | power and | come to | save us.
- 3+ Restore us again 0 | Lord of | hosts:
show us the light of your countenance | and we | shall be |
saved.
- 4 **O Lord | God of | hosts:**
how long will you be | angry . at your | people's | prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the | bread of| tears:
and given them tears to | drink in | good | measure.
- 6 **You have made us the victim | of our | neighbours:**
and our | ene-mies | laugh us . to | scorn.
- 7 Restore us again 0 | Lord of | hosts:
show us the light of your countenance | and we | shall be |
saved.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your | right | hand:
on that son of man whom you | made so | strong . for your|
self.
- 18 **And so we shall | not turn | back from you:**
give us life and we will | call up|on your | name.
- 19+ Restore us again 0 | Lord of | hosts:
show us the light of your countenance | and we | shall be |
saved.

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

7 To all Gods beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

22 All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

ORDER OF SERVICE 10AM

THE HOMILY ABPA P122

THE CREED ABPA P123

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ABPA P124

INVITATION TO CONFESSION ABPA P147

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE GREETING OF PEACE ABPA P127

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ABPA P127

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET

PARISH PRAYERS

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



YEARS MIND

Dec-22	Phillip FREEMAN	1994
Dec-22	Mavis WILLIAMS	2003
Dec-23	Eileen BEITH	1970
Dec-23	Robert GOLDIN	1969
Dec-24	Gordon FAULL	1987
Dec-24	Fr Ronald ADAMS	1985
Dec-24	Myrtle COLEMAN	1994
Dec-25	Joyce ATHERTON	1998
Dec-25	Jacqueline SALEM	1991
Dec-25	Graeme HARRIS	2014
Dec-25	Minnie DOWELL	1972
Dec-25	Ian FLETCHER	2022
Dec-25	Mr Frank CICHELO	2020
Dec-26	Claude VETTER	1980
Dec-27	Patricia OSWALD	2020
Dec-27	Beryl LLEWELLYN	1994
Dec-27	Esmond DORNEY	1991
Dec-27	Thomas ROBSON	1973
Dec-27	Mrs Betty BIBO	2018

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

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

Reverend Daniel Nyieth recommences Friday 9th January 2026 and last day with us will be Friday 16/01/2026

KEY DATES

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

ACTING VICAR'S APPOINTMENTS

From Monday 15th December to his final day Sunday 18th 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

PARISH NOTICES

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 YouTube

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!

As we approach the wonder of Christmas, St George's East Ivanhoe invites you, your family, and friends to join us for a series of festive and meaningful celebrations.