

ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The Church at the heart of the village

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

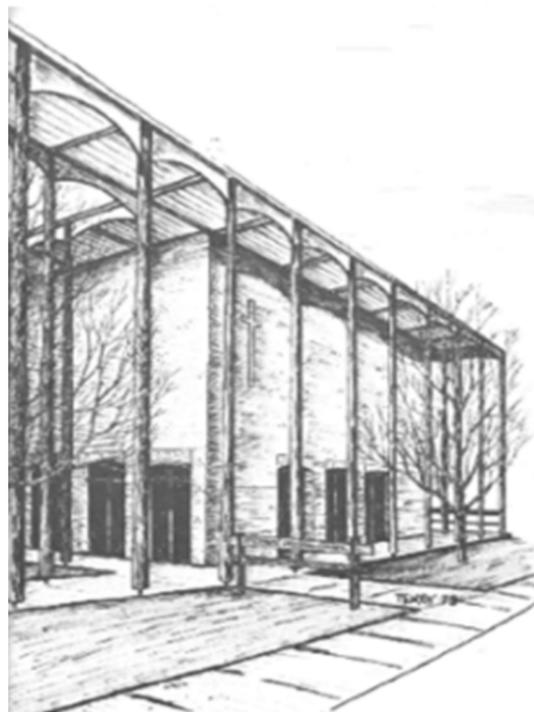
Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain Soma

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 1st February 2026

8am & 10am



All are welcome in this sacred space.

St George's is a community committed to making and sustaining connections: with God, with one another, with the local and wider community, and with the environment. We believe in God - the beauty of transcendent holiness, present in our connectedness; and in caring for all in need.

Our Giving

St Georges provides an Offertory Box located at the back right pew for your giving. We do not pass collection plates during regular services.

You may give via bank transfer at any time, please use:

ST George East Ivanhoe

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*Please reference as "Giving."

St Georges is totally self-funded and gives to a number of varied and worthy beneficiaries. Significant giving goes to our nominated Mission Partners to uplift lives, nurture hope, and foster positive change both locally and across the globe.

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MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns

148ii - Love Divine
352 - Blessed Jesus, at your word
312 - O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
478 - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Introit: Wood - Oculi omnium

Communion Motet: Byrd - Ave Verum

Psalm: 24

Postlude: J S Bach - Fugue in G minor BWV 578

Organist: Oscar Herrick

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: Wood - Oculi omnium

HYMN 148ii - Love Divine

SENTENCE

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 2. 30-32

COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God,
We humbly pray
that, as your only Son was presented in the temple
in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 3.1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols,
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ **Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ **Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING **Hebrews 2.14-18**

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 352 - *Blessed Jesus, at your word*

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’),

²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,

³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

ORDER OF SERVICE 10AM

THE HOMILY APBA P122

THE CREED APBA P123

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE APBA P124

INVITATION TO CONFESSION APBA P150

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 APBA P127

HYMN 312 - *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

Final Hymn 478 - *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

PARISH PRAYERS

Peter McKay, 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.

Anglican Overseas Aid

Bountiful God bless
Anglican Overseas Aid as it
creates and strengthens
partnerships in developing
countries. Strengthen their
work to overcome poverty
and injustice and to relieve
disasters. May we inspire
others to be compassionate,
involved and responsible
global citizens



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**

YEAR'S MIND

Feb 2	Frances PIZZEY	1991
Feb 2	Beatrice BAILEY	1995
Feb 4	Lilian WILKINSON	1971
Feb 4	Florence GUILFOYLE	1975
Feb 4	Herbert CLEMENTSON	1978
Feb 4	Elsie SMITH	1992
Feb 4	Peter MOYLE	1996
Feb 4	Shirley FERGUSON	2010
Feb 5	Constance MAYOR	1984
Feb 7	Enid TEAR	1982
Feb 8	Roy BARTLETT	1980

PARISH NOTICES

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN – TMA WILL BE CLOSING

Earlier in 2025, after a careful and considered review, Archbishop in Council made the difficult and sad decision to cease the production of *The Melbourne Anglican*. This decision was taken in the context of the Diocese's wider financial challenges and was made prior to the installation of Archbishop Ric.

The *Melbourne Anglican* website will remain active for a period, allowing continued access to past articles and resources. However, TMA's social media posts as well as its weekly digital newsletters, *Newsstand* and *Best of the Week*, will also cease being published.

Looking ahead, future communications from the Diocese will be shared through the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne (ADOM) website and official social media channels.

Until it stops, TMA can be found online at the following address

[This Month's TMA - The Melbourne Anglican](#)

KEY DATES

Saturday 14th Feb 2026: Bring/Share Supper Resumes
(2nd Sat of each month)

Tuesday 17th February 2026 – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 18th February 2026 – Ash Wednesday

Sunday 22nd Feb: Sunday Sausage Sizzle (after 10am service)

Sunday 22nd Feb Evensong - Denise Hall: The literary works of Oscar Wilde

Sunday 29th March Evensong - Robin Burns: Educating for Peace Around the World.

PEW BULLETIN

Hi everyone, please note that any changes to the weekly Pew Bulletin must be emailed to Paul Smith

LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES

We live-stream our 10am service 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.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 2 February		
Tuesday 3 February		
Wednesday 4 February		
Thursday 5 February		
Friday 6 February	10am	Communion Service at Benetas, (Fr Chaplain)
Saturday 7 February		
Sunday 8 February	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>		Isaiah 58, 1-9a(9b-12) Psalm 112 1 Corinthians 2. 1-13(14-16) Matthew 5. 13-20

Readers Roster	
SUNDAY 10am	READER
1 st February Presentation of Christ in the Temple (4th after Epiphany)	Rosemary Cotter
8 th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	David Morgan
15 th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration	Reg Steele
18 th February Ash Wednesday	Barry Wilkes
22 nd February First Sunday in Lent	Alison Smart
1 st March Second Sunday in Lent	Chris Hayward
8 th March Third Sunday in Lent	Mero Pitcher
15 th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	Rosemary Cotter
22 nd March Fifth Sunday in Lent	Coral Tudball
29 th March Passion Sunday	Chris Hayward

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