



# **ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE**

**The Church at the heart of the village**

## **First Sunday in Lent**

### **Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist**

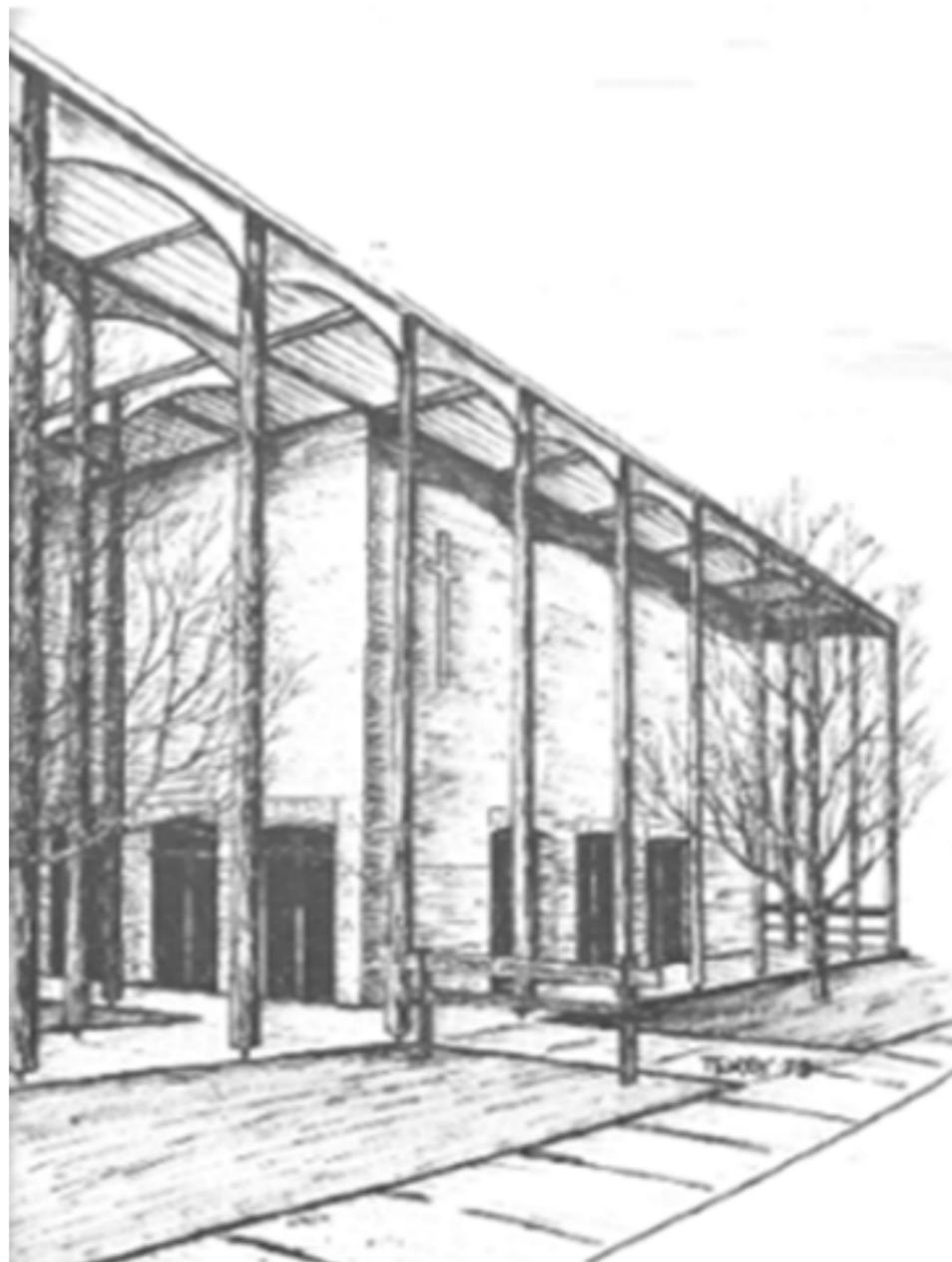
*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain Soma*

*Gathering in God's Name*

Sunday 22nd February 2026

8am & 10am

ALSO Evensong 5pm (with supper following)



## 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

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 122088198

\*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**

- 506 - Forty days and forty nights
- 396 - May this Lenten Discipline
- 502 - Abide with me
- 56 - Amazing Grace

**Introit:** Farrant - Call to remembrance

**Communion Motet:** Rachmaninoff - To thee o Lord

**Psalm:** 32

**Postlude:** J.S. Bach - Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier BWV 731

**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:** Farrant - Call to remembrance

**HYMN 506 - Forty days and forty nights**

### **SENTENCE**

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:  
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,  
that, as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;

<sup>3</sup> but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”

<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die;

<sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:  
whose iniquity is put away.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:  
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

<sup>3</sup> For whilst I held my tongue:  
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

<sup>4</sup> **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:  
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you:  
and my iniquity I did not hide;

<sup>6</sup> **I said ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’:  
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup> For this cause shall everyone that is faithful  
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:  
and in the time of the great water-flood,

it shall not come near them.

**8 You are a place to hide me in,  
you will preserve me from trouble:  
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

**9** 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:  
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

**11** Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:  
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,  
mercy embraces them on every side.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:  
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

**SECOND READING     Romans 5.12-21**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—

<sup>13</sup> sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

<sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

<sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

<sup>19</sup> For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup> But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied;  
but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

<sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace  
might also exercise dominion through justification leading to  
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 396 - May this Lenten Discipline**

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 4.1-11**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4:1-11

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

<sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, ‘It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup> saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,  
and “On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;

<sup>9</sup> and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ’

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**ORDER OF SERVICE 10AM**

**THE HOMILY APBA P122**

**THE CREED APBA P123**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE APBA P124**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION APBA P151**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence  
and faith.

**THE GREETING OF PEACE APBA P127**

**HYMN: 502 - Abide with me**

**PREFACE for LENT p151**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION**

**PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINAL HYMN: 56 - Amazing Grace**

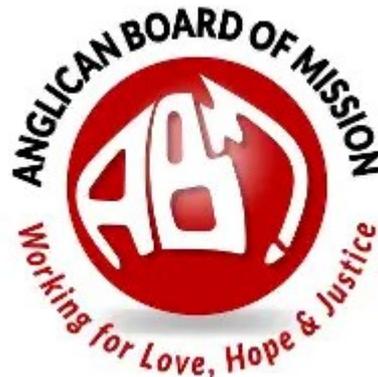
## PARISH PRAYERS

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

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 Board of Mission

God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas. (insert specific program here?) Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **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 23	Robin HOCKING		1981
Feb 23	Vera MOONEY		1982
Feb 24	Heather NORMAN		2006
Feb 24	Vida MASTERTON		1987
Feb 24	Jack MESLEY		1987
Feb 25	Ethel PYBURNE		1984
Feb 26	Doreen DEMPSTER		1977
Feb 26	Ivo HEAP		1981
Feb 26	Gloria CICHELLO		1997
Feb 27	Mrs Helen CAROLANE		2021
Feb 27	Neil GRIERSON		2022
Feb 27	Nancy COWLING		2016
Feb 27	Jack PIMM		2016
Feb 27	Mrs Margaret WHITAKER		2019
Feb 28	Mr John BIBO		2023

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **Stations of the Cross**

An Ecumenical celebration. Once again, we share the Stations of the Cross with Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Ivanhoe during Lent on Fridays commencing at 7pm.

20th Feb	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
27th Feb	St Georges East Ivanhoe
6th Mar	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
13th Mar	St Georges East Ivanhoe
20th Mar	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
27th Mar	St Georges East Ivanhoe

### **Parish Prayers**

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

### **Vicars Day Off**

Please be advised that Mondays are the Vicar's day off.

### **Church Open**

Rev. Chaplain will be in attendance and available on Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-midday

### **Pre-Easter Working Bee Clean-Up**

We need your help - many hands make light work. The gardens again require cutting back, pruning and weeding.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 9am**

Please contact Alison for further details

## **Ivanhoe Uniting Church**

Celebrating 100 years of worship at their church 15<sup>th</sup> March.

2pm Music for celebration – Heidelberg Brass, Chamber Choir etc

Enquiries: [ivanhoecentenary@banyuleeuc.org.au](mailto:ivanhoecentenary@banyuleeuc.org.au)

## **MORE KEY DATES**

**Sunday 22nd Feb Evensong – TONIGHT.** 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**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time(s)</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday</b> 23 February		Vicars' day off
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 February		
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 February	9.30am- midday.	Rev Chaplain available in church
<b>Thursday</b> 26 February	9.30am- midday  8.00pm	Rev Chaplain available in church  Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 27 February	10am  7.30pm	Communion Service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain  Stations of the Cross at St Georges
<b>Saturday</b> 28 February		
<b>Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8am  10am  12 noon	Holy Communion  Choral Eucharist  2 <sup>nd</sup> Lenten Study - meeting rm
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>		Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4.1-5 (6-12) 13-17 John 3.1-17

**St George East Ivanhoe**

<b>Readers Roster</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 10am +</b>	<b>READER</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> February First Sunday in Lent	Alison Smart
1 <sup>st</sup> March Second Sunday in Lent	Chris Hayward
8 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday in Lent	Meron Pitcher
15 <sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday in Lent	Rosemary Cotter
22 <sup>nd</sup> March Fifth Sunday in Lent	Coral Tudball
29 <sup>th</sup> March Passion Sunday	Chris Hayward

<b>Streaming Roster 2026</b>		<b>Sideperson Roster 2026</b>	
22 02 2026	George Hall	22 02 2026	George Hall
1 03 2026	Paul Smith	1 03 2026	George Hall
8 03 2026	Rosemary Cotter	8 03 2026	Paul Smith
15 03 2026	Paul Smith	15 03 2026	Robert Stevens
22 03 2026	George Hall	22 03 2026	Paul Smith
29 03 2026	Paul Smith	29 03 2026	George Hall

**10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER**

February 22nd	Ros
March 1st	Alison
March 8th	Marita & Cheryl
March 15th	Denise & George
March 22nd	Ros
March 29th	Patsy

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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