



# **ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE**

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

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist**

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain Soma*

*Gathering in God's Name*

Sunday 8th 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

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

91 Morning has broken  
379 God of mercy, God of Grace  
455 Be thou my vision  
196 O sing a new song

**Introit:** Almighty and ever-living God: Orlando Gibbons

**Communion Motet:** Panis Angelicus: César Franck

**Psalm:** 112

**Postlude:** George Dyson: Voluntary in D

**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:** Gibbons: Almighty and ever-living God

**HYMN 91 Morning has broken**

## SENTENCE

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

## COLLECT

Faithful God,  
you have appointed us your witnesses,  
to be a light that shines in the world:  
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,  
but tell everyone your love,  
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58.1-9 a**

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,

they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,

and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 112**

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord:  
and greatly delight in his commandments.

<sup>2</sup> **Their children shall be mighty in the land:  
an upright race who will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Riches and plenty shall be in their house:  
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light arises in darkness for the upright:  
gracious and merciful are the righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> It goes well with those who act generously and lend:  
who guide their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely they shall never be moved:  
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not fear bad tidings:  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their hearts are confident and will not fear:  
they will see the downfall of their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They give freely to the poor:  
their righteousness stands for ever,  
their head is uplifted in glory.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked shall see it and be angry:  
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;  
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

**SECOND READING**      **1 Corinthians 2.1-13**

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

<sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

<sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

<sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

<sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him’—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

<sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

For the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 379 God of mercy, God of grace**

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 5.13-20**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5.13-20

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

For the gospel of the lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 455 Be thou my vision**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION**

**Final Hymn 196 O sing a new song**

## 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 9	Mavis ALLEN	1980
Feb 9	Nancy O'GRADY	2003
Feb 10	Edward CLINCH	1971
Feb 11	Kathleen ROBERTS	1971
Feb 11	William McGREGOR	1989
Feb 11	James GORDON	1988
Feb 12	Victoria BURNHAM	1988
Feb 13	Kevin GATLEY	1975
Feb 13	Gertrude PETERS	1993
Feb 14	Alexander IBBOTSON	1971
Feb 14	Kingston SEDGFIELD	1996
Feb 15	Gordon BEITH	1894

## PARISH NOTICES

### Lenten Studies Invitation

Rev'd Chaplain will be leading Lenten studies this year, and he warmly invites you to join for this enriching experience. These studies will take place over the six weeks of Lent, featuring discussions and thoughtful readings each week.

#### Session Dates and Times in Parish Meeting Room

- Friday, 20/02/2026 at 7.00 pm
- Sunday, 01/03/2026 at 12.00 noon
- Sunday, 08/03/2026 at 12.00 noon
- Sunday, 15/03/2026 at 12.00 noon
- Sunday, 22/03/2026 at 12.00 noon
- Sunday, 29/03/2026 at 12.00 noon

Each discussion will run for one hour.

#### Registration and Participation

Participants are asked to register their names in advance so that we can confirm numbers and commitment. Please note that the study will only proceed if there are at least four participants; sessions will not run with only two or three people.

All participants are encouraged to commit to the entire series.

#### Study Booklet

A study booklet, which will enhance your experience, is available for purchase at \$10 each.

We look forward to your participation as we grow together during this special season.

## Our Vicar and Family

Revd. Chaplain Soma's faith journey began in childhood and was strengthened through adversity, including surviving religious conflict and persecution in South Sudan. After migrating to Australia with his family in 2003, he trained at Trinity College Theological School and progressed from lay ministry to ordination as a Deacon and Priest in 2008. His ministry has included roles at St Peter's Eastern Hill, Priest in Charge of Footscray Parish, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Acting Vicar in Albert Park and Parish Minister in Preston.

Chaplain, his wife Mary and their 4 children, Godwill, Noel, Emmanuela and Emmanuel have now settled into their new home at the vicarage.

## Updated Kitchenette at the Entrance of the Church



**A big thank you** to Denise and George for installing this new cabinetry in our church. A new urn has now arrived as well.

## **Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 17th February at 6:00pm.**

Come along and bring your family, friends, neighbours and pre-cooked pancakes to join us in celebrating Shrove Tuesday in St. George's Church Courtyard, 47 Warncliffe Road.

To help us all with the catering, please see the list on the table at the entrance of the church for you to indicate what you intend to bring.

If you would like any further information, contact Denise Hall

## **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

## **KEY DATES**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 at 6.30pm: Bring/Share Supper Resumes (2nd Sat of each month)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6pm – Shrove Tuesday**

**Wednesday 18th February 2026 – Ash Wednesday services at:**

- 8am
- 10am
- 7pm

**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
<b>Monday</b>		
9 February		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
10 February		
<b>Wednesday</b>		
11 February		
<b>Thursday</b>		
12 February		
<b>Friday</b>	10am	Communion Service at Benetas, (Fr Chaplain)
13 February		
<b>Saturday</b>	6.15 for	Bring/Share Supper
14 February		
	6.30pm start	
<b>Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion
15 February		
	10am	Choral Eucharist
<i>Last Sunday</i>		Exodus 24. 12-18
<i>after Epiphany</i>		Psalm 2
-		2 Peter 1. 16-21
<i>Transfiguration</i>		Matthew 17. 1-9

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<b>Readers Roster</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 10am +</b>	<b>READER</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	David Morgan
15 <sup>th</sup> February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration	Reg Steele
18 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	Barry Wilkes
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>	
8 02 2026	Rosemary Cotter	8 02 2026	Paul Smith
15 02 2026	Paul Smith	15 02 2026	Robert Stevens
22 02 2026	George Hall	22 02 2026	Peter McKay
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	Peter McKay
29 03 2026	Paul Smith	29 03 2026	George Hall

**10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER**

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

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