



**ST GEORGE'S
EAST IVANHOE**
**The Church at the heart of
the village**

Second Sunday in Lent

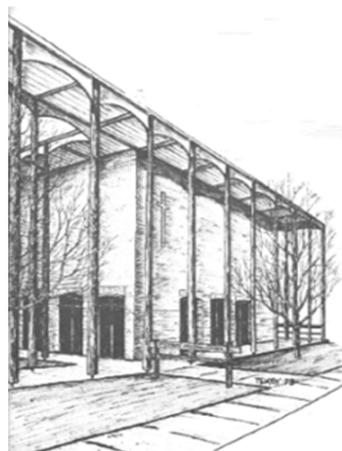
Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain
Soma*

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 1st March 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

176 A man there lived in Galilee

168 Immortal love

60 Father of heaven

167 Your arm, O Lord

Introit: Farrant – Hide not thou thy face

Communion Motet: Tye – Give almes of thy goods

Psalm: 121

Postlude: Jean Langlais – Modale prelude

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 – Hide not thou thy face

HYMN 176 A man there lived in Galilee

SENTENCE

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

COLLECT

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 12.1-4a

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?

² **My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ **Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.**

SECOND READING Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17

- ¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?
- ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- ³ For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’
- ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.
- ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.
- ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.
- ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
- ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
- ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,
- ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: 168 – Immortal love for ever full

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 3.1-17

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’

³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’

⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.”

⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?’

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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: 60 – Father of heaven

PREFACE for LENT p151

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 167 – Your arm, O Lord

PARISH PRAYERS

Peter McKay, Pam Hill, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, Carmen, Pat, Fay Norton-Old, Carmen, 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.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Loving God, thank you for the work of The Mission to Seafarers providing essential physical, emotional, and spiritual support to seafarers worldwide through a global network of chaplains and centres. **Amen**



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

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| Mar 1 | Rosetta GRANT | 1983 |
| Mar 1 | Lola FROST | 1998 |
| Mar 1 | | |
| Mar 1 | Alberta RANDELL | 1973 |
| Mar 2 | Robert MAGEE | 2008 |
| Mar 3 | Lillian KITSON | 1990 |
| Mar 3 | | |
| Mar 4 | Hugh STEPHENS | 1996 |
| Mar 5 | | |
| Mar 5 | Thelma JOAQUIN | 1985 |
| Mar 5 | Gladys CLARK | 1992 |
| Mar 5 | Geoffrey LEHMAN | 1988 |
| Mar 6 | Lawrence MITCHELL | 1987 |
| Mar 7 | John WOODWARD | 1987 |
| Mar 7 | Thomas FISKE | 1990 |
| Mar 8 | Sylvia FARRAR | 2021 |
| Mar 8 | Mary COOK | 1987 |

PARISH NOTICES

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at St James Anglican Church Ivanhoe. The special guest speaker is our own Rev Chaplain

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.

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| 27 th Feb | St Georges East Ivanhoe |
| 6 th Mar | Mary Immaculate Catholic Church |
| 13 th Mar | St Georges East Ivanhoe |
| 20 th Mar | Mary Immaculate Catholic Church |
| 27 th 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 25th 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 21st March from 9am

Please contact Alison for further details

Ivanhoe Uniting Church

Celebrating 100 years of worship at their church 15th March.

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

Enquiries: ivanhoecentenary@banyuleeuc.org.au

Pew Bulletin

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

Lenten Studies

Rev. Chaplain is leading Lenten studies this year, and he warmly invites you to join for this enriching experience featuring discussions and thoughtful readings each week.

Session Dates and Times in Parish Meeting Room

- 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.

Study Booklet

A study booklet, which will enhance your experience, is available for purchase at \$10 each. You are welcome to join in as we grow together during this special season.

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 March | | Vicars' day off |
| Tuesday 3 March | | |
| Wednesday 4 March | 9.30am- midday. | Rev Chaplain available in church |
| Thursday 5 March | 9.30am- midday 8.00pm | Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice |
| Friday 6 March | 10am 2pm 7.30pm | Communion Service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain World Day of Prayer at St James Anglican Church Ivanhoe – Guest Speaker Rev Chaplain Soma Stations of the Cross at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Ivanhoe |
| Saturday 7 March | | |
| Sunday 8 March | 8am 10am 12 noon | Holy Communion Choral Eucharist 2 nd Lenten Study - meeting rm |
| <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> | | Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42 |

| Readers Roster | |
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| SUNDAY 10am + | READER |
| 1 st March Second Sunday in Lent | Chris Hayward |
| 8 th March Third Sunday in Lent | Meron 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 |

| Streaming Roster 2026 | | Sideperson Roster 2026 | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 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 | |
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| March 1st | Alison |
| March 8th | Marita & Cheryl |
| March 15th | Denise & George |
| March 22nd | Ros |
| March 29th | Patsy |

PARISH DIRECTORY

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