



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

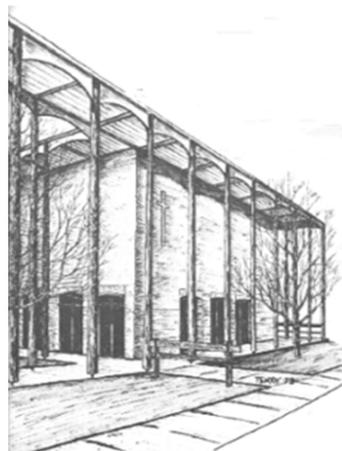
Celebrant and Preacher:

Reverend Chaplain Soma

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 15th March 2026

8am & 10am



St George East Ivanhoe

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

- 500 - I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 543 - God of thy grace and God of glory
- 249 - Sing, my tongue
- 8 - A mighty stronghold is our Go

Introit: Litany for Lent

Communion Motet: Batten - Haste Thee O God

Psalm: 23

Postlude: J S Bach - Wer nur den lieben Gott Lasst walten BWV 642

Organist: Oscar Herrick

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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: Litany for Lent

HYMN 500 - I heard the voice of Jesus say

SENTENCE

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' John 8.12

COLLECT

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16.1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’

² Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the LORD said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD .”’

³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’

⁵ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.’

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’

⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’

¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen any of these.’

¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’

¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.
Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

² **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING **Ephesians 5.8-14**

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light

⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; but instead expose them.

¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,

¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: 543 - God of thy grace and God of glory

GOSPEL John 9.1-41

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 9

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

² His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’

³ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’

⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes,

⁷ saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’

⁹ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’

¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’

¹¹ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’

¹² They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided.

¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight

¹⁹ and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’

²⁰ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’

²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’

²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’

²⁶ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’

²⁷ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’

²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’

³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.'

³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.'

³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.'

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?'

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

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: 249 - Sing, my tongue

PREFACE for LENT p151

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 8 - A mighty stronghold is our Go

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PARISH PRAYERS

Peter McKay, Pam Hill, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, 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.

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. 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

Mar 15	Isabella EVANS	1969
Mar 16	Florence TEAR	1989
Mar 16	Fr Arthur RICHARDSON	1984
Mar 17	Ross JACOBS	2018
Mar 18	Kingsley BETHELL	1984
Mar 18	Marjorie BEDGGOOD	1991
Mar 18	Nancy NICHOL	1970
Mar 19	Phyllis KNORR	1987
Mar 19	Ronald DWYER	1996
Mar 20	Mabel LAWLER	1982
Mar 20	Douglas MOYES	1997
Mar 21	Ruby DURANT	1989
Mar 21	Kit ALEXANDER	1996
Mar 21	Bruce SKEGGS	2013
Mar 21	Ina ENGLAND	2013
Mar 21	Maree GRIERSON	2019
Mar 21	WO2 Ken Leggatt	2023

PARISH NOTICES

The Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture – Mercy Ships

Under the banner of Banyule Churches Together all the local churches join to support the annual McKinney Lecture. This year we will hear about bringing a state of the art to those that desperately need it.

Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm at St George Church.

Supper to follow...

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 Mar Mary Immaculate Catholic Church

27th Mar St Georges East Ivanhoe

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, 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.

Please remember to bring Study Booklets with you each week.

Parish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 18th March. Thank you.

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

Advanced Notice

Sun Mar 29, 5pm Evensong: Robin Burns: Educating for World Peace

Also: Sunday March 29 is the last Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday

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>.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 16 March		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 17 March		
Wednesday 18 March	9.30am- midday.	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 19 March	9.30am- midday 8.00pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice
Friday 20 March	10am 7.00pm	Communion Service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain Stations of the Cross at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
Saturday 21 March	9am	Working Bee Clean-Up
Sunday 22 March	8am 10am 12 noon	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist 4 th Lenten Study - meeting room
<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>		Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45

Readers Roster	
SUNDAY 10am +	READER
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	
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	
March 15th	Denise & George
March 22nd	Ros
March 29th	Patsy

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