



# **ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE**

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist**

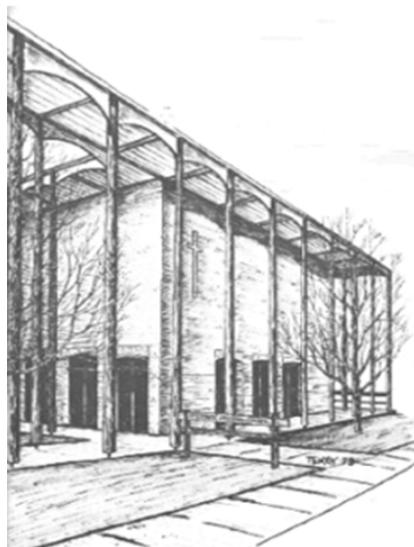
*Celebrant and Preacher:*

*Reverend Chaplain Soma*

*Gathering in God's Name*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

- 263 - Glory be to Jesus
- 443 - O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
- 254 - Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
- 10 - All people that on earth do dwell

**Introit:** Litany for Lent

**Communion Tallis** - O Lord, in Thee is All My Trust

**Psalm:** 130

**Postlude:** J S Bach - Prelude in g minor BWV 535

**Organist:** Oscar Herrick

St George East Ivanhoe  
**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** 263 - Glory be to Jesus

**SENTENCE**

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord; ‘whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.’ John 11.25–26

**COLLECT**

Life-giving God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death:  
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING Ezekiel 37.1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD .

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

<sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD .’

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

<sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD : Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’

<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.”’

<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD , when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

<sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD , have spoken and will act, says the LORD .’

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;

<sup>2</sup> **O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.**

**SECOND READING**     **Romans 8.6-11**

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,

<sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN:** 443 - **O** thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray

**GOSPEL     John 11.1-45**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 11

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'

<sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,

<sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

<sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.

<sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.'

<sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

<sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'

<sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.

<sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,

<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

<sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'

<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

<sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.

<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.

<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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: 254 - Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended**

**PREFACE for LENT p151**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION**

**PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINAL HYMN: 10 - All people that on earth do dwell**

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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 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
Mar 22	Willie PITCHER	1953
Mar 22	Fr James NOONEY	1983
Mar 22	Anne HUMPHRIES	1980
Mar 22	Margaret McCULLOCH	1989
Mar 22	Kathleen HOWITT	1997

## 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 hospital to those that desperately need it.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

27<sup>th</sup> March                      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, 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 25<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## 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>.

**If you subscribe to our channel and enable notifications, you will receive automatic alerts when we go live.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesEastIvanhoe>) and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time(s)</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday</b> 23 March		Vicars' day off
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 March	<b>7.00pm</b>	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 March	9.30am- midday.	Rev Chaplain available in church
<b>Thursday</b> 26 March	9.30am- midday  8.00pm	Rev Chaplain available in church  Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 27 March	10am   7.00pm	Communion Service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain  Stations of the Cross at St Georges East Ivanhoe
<b>Saturday</b> 28 March	9am	
<b>Sunday</b> 29 March	8am  10am  12 noon	Holy Communion  Choral Eucharist  Lenten Study - meeting room
<i>Sixth</i> <i>Sunday in</i> <i>Lent</i>		Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-18 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matt 26:14-27:66
<b>Evensong</b>	5.00pm	Guest speaker Robin Burns – Educating for World Peace

**Readers Roster**

<b>SUNDAY 10am +</b>	<b>READER</b>
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 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 22nd	Ros
March 29th	Patsy

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