



# **ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE**

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**

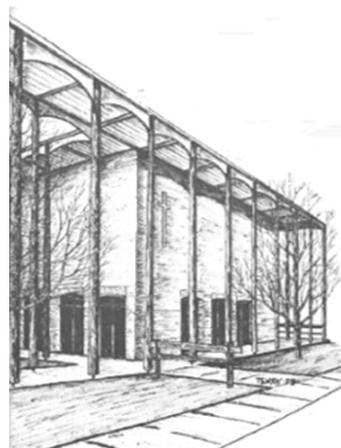
**Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist**

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain  
Soma*

*Gathering in God's Name*

Sunday 8th 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**

- 498 Be thou my guardian
- 139 Jesu, lover of my soul
- 490 Come, let us to the Lord our God
- 109 Tell out, my soul

**Introit:** Litany for Lent

**Communion Motet:** O Lord, increase our faith: Loosemore

**Psalm:** 95

**Postlude:** Louis Vierne: Berceuse

**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: Litany for Lent

**HYMN** 498: Be thou my guardian

### SENTENCE

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'                      John 4.14

### COLLECT

O God, the fountain of life,  
to a humanity parched with thirst<sup>9</sup>  
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,  
our saviour Jesus Christ:  
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may profess our faith with freshness  
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

<sup>2</sup> The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?'

<sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

<sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

<sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>8</sup> **Today if only you would hear his voice—  
‘Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:  
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

<sup>9</sup> **‘When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.**

<sup>10</sup> **‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
“It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they do not know my ways”;**

<sup>11</sup> **‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
“They shall not enter my rest.”’**

**SECOND READING    Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN: 139    Jesu, lover of my soul**

**GOSPEL     John 4:5-42**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 4

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'.

<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?'

<sup>12</sup> 'Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband";

<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.'

<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.'

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?'

<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

<sup>29</sup> 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'

<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?'

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps."

<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.'

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.

<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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: 490** Come, let us to the Lord our God

**PREFACE for LENT p151**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING APBA P127**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION**

**PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINAL HYMN: 109** Tell out, my soul

## 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.

## 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**

Mar 9	William GRAHAM	1972
Mar 9	Kathleen HOOKEY	1997
Mar 10	James FERGUSON	1916
Mar 10	Pearl HARPHAM	1982
Mar 10	Phyllis BRADSHAW	1985
Mar 10	William OLVER	1985
Mar 10	Lois BLAKE	1995
Mar 10	Phyllis MAWSON	2001
Mar 10	Dr John SKENE	1993
Mar 13	Rita WILKES	2014
Mar 14	Mabel MUTIMER	1977
Mar 14	Gary MAWSON	1993
Mar 14	Alice PATTERSON	1995
Mar 14	Joy ARMSTRONG	2014
Mar 14	Edward CLARK	2017
Mar 15	Isabella EVANS	1969

## 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 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.

13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Georges East Ivanhoe
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
27 <sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

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 11<sup>th</sup> March. 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**  
details

Please contact Alison for further

## **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)

## **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** YouTube

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.

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

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time(s)</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday</b> 9 March		Vicars' day off
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 March		
<b>Wednesday</b> 11 March	9.30am- midday.	Rev Chaplain available in church
<b>Thursday</b> 12 March	9.30am- midday  8.00pm	Rev Chaplain available in church  Choir practice
<b>Friday</b> 13 March	10am   7.00pm	Communion Service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain  Stations of the Cross at St Georges
<b>Saturday</b> 14 March	6.15 pm for 6.30pm	Bring and Share Dinner, Evans Hall
<b>Sunday</b> 15 March	8am  10am  12 noon  2 pm	Holy Communion  Choral Eucharist  3 <sup>rd</sup> Lenten Study - meeting room  Centenary of Ivanhoe Uniting, Seddon St, Ivanhoe
<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>		1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9.1-41

<b>Readers Roster</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 10am +</b>	<b>READER</b>
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 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

<b>10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER</b>	
March 8th	Marita & Cheryl
March 15th	Denise & George
March 22nd	Ros
March 29th	Patsy

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