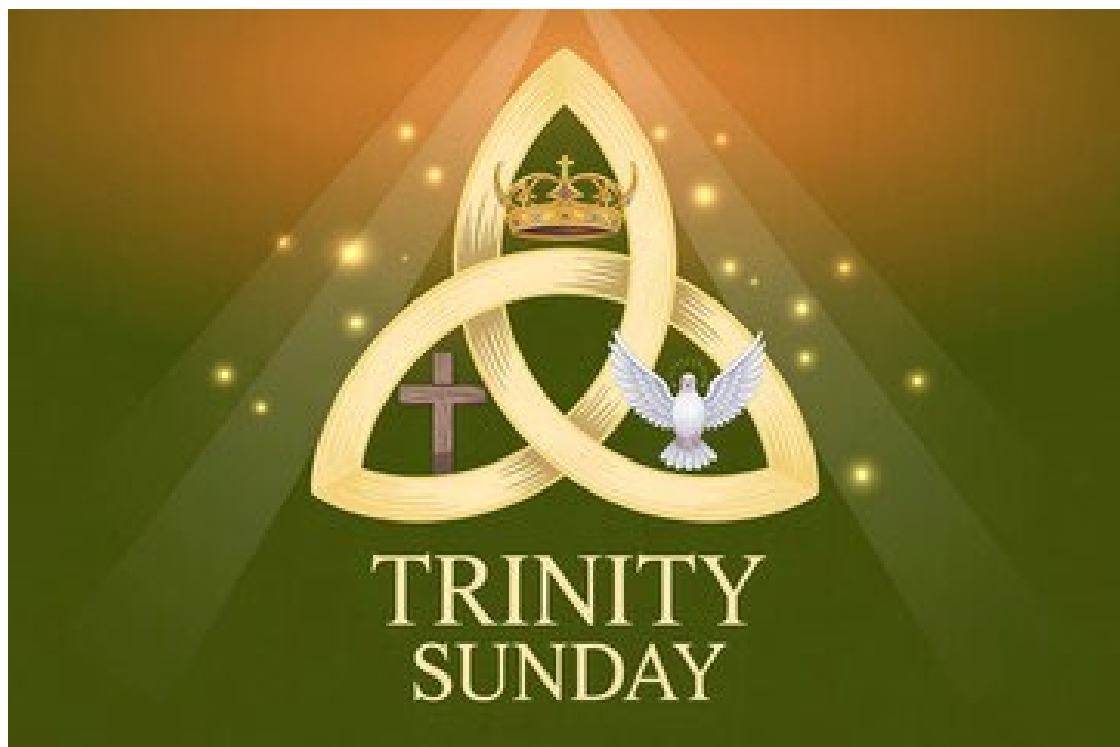




# **ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE**

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



## **Choral Evensong**

Presider: The Revd Chaplain Soma

Speaker: Mrs Mary Poni Soma

Trinity Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

5pm

## **Who I am.**

Mrs Mary Poni Soma

Born in Kajokeji County, South Sudan, I am an Australian citizen, qualified social worker, and humanitarian with a background in teaching, counselling, and community services. My experience includes supporting families affected by conflict, trained by the Sudan Council of Churches and worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross, and later rebuilding my career in Australia through further study. I have also volunteered with the Australian Red Cross and The Salvation Army. My work is guided by resilience, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to community wellbeing.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 86 - Holy God, we  
praise thy name***

***Please stand as the clergy and choir move  
to their places***

***THE WELCOME***

***The Reverend Chaplain Soma, Vicar of St  
George's***

***The Vicar reads the sentence***

Proclaim the name; The Lord, the Lord, a  
God who is merciful and gracious, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love and  
faithfulness.' Exodus 34.6

***The Vicar introduces the service***

Beloved, we come together in the presence  
of almighty God and of the whole company  
of heaven to offer unto him through our  
Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise  
and thanksgiving; to make confession of our

sin; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all women and men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

***All kneel and pray***

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us:**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may**

**hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

***The Vicar says***

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins; He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***All remain kneeling. The choir and Vicar stand. The responses are sung by all***

**Vicar** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**Response** And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

**Vicar** O God, make speed to save us.

**Response** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Vicar** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**Response** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Vicar** Praise ye the Lord.

**Response** The Lord's Name be praised.

***The people sit. The choir sings Psalm 20***

<sup>1</sup> The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect

you!

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favour your burnt  
sacrifices.

<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,  
and fulfil all your plans.

- <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory,  
and in the name of our God set up our  
banners. May the LORD fulfil all your  
petitions.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD will help his  
anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in  
horses, but our pride is in the name of  
the LORD our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O LORD;  
answer us when we call.

***The First Lesson Exodus 34:1-8***

***Here beginneth the first verse of the thirty  
fourth chapter of Exodus.***

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of  
stone like the former ones, and I will write  
on the tablets the words that were on the  
former tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready  
in the morning, and come up in the morning  
to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to  
me, on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one  
shall come up with you, and do not let

anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." <sup>4</sup>So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The LORD."

<sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

<sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

<sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

*Here endeth the first lesson*

***All stand to sing the Office Hymn 4 - Father most holy***

***At the conclusion of the hymn the people remain standing as the choir sings the Magnificat***

**MAGNIFICAT**

***Luke 1.46-55***

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my  
Saviour.

For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their  
seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham  
and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

***The Second Lesson - Matthew 28:16-20,  
Here beginneth the sixteenth verse of the  
twenty eighth chapter of Matthew.***

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee,  
to the mountain to which Jesus had directed  
them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped  
him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came

and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Here endeth the second lesson*

***The people stand as the choir sings the Nunc Dimittis***

***Nunc Dimittis - The Song of Simeon  
Luke 2:29-32***

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared; before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be :  
world without end. **Amen.**

**The Apostles Creed (*said by all*)**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.****

***The Responses and the Lord's Prayer are sung***

***Vicar*** The Lord be with you.

***Response*** **And with thy spirit.**

***Vicar*** Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Response*** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Vicar*** **Our Father,**

***Response*** **which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

***Then the Vicar standing up shall say***

***VERICLES AND RESPONSES***

***Vicar*** O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

***Response*** *And grant us thy salvation.*

**Vicar** O Lord, save the King.

**Response** *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

**Vicar** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**Response** *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

**Vicar** O Lord, save thy people.

**Response** *And bless thine inheritance.*

**Vicar** Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Response** *Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.*

**Vicar** O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**Response** *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

Almighty and everliving God,  
You have given to us your servants grace  
by the confession of a true faith  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal  
Trinity, and in the power of the divine  
majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith,  
and evermore defend us from all  
adversities,  
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

***The Collect of Peace***

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good  
counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give  
unto thy servants that peace which the world  
cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set  
to obey thy commandments, and also that by  
thee we being defended from the fear of our  
enemies may pass our time in rest and  
quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ  
our Saviour. **Amen.**

***The Collect for Aid against all Perils***

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O  
Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from  
all perils and dangers of this night; for the  
love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. **Amen.**

***The Choir sings The Anthem – Howells - My eyes for beauty pine***

***The Address: Mrs Mary Poni Soma***

***All stand to sing Hymn 500 - I heard the voice of Jesus say***

***A Prayer for the King's Majesty***

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King *CHARLES*; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A Prayer for the Royal Family.***

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family:

Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A Prayer for the Clergy and People***

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***A Prayer for Christian Unity***

ALMIGHTY God, Accept our prayers and thanksgiving for what already unites Christians in the confession of and witness to Jesus our Lord. Hasten the hour when all churches will recognise each other in the one communion you willed and for which you Son prayed to you.

In the power of the Holy Spirit hear us, you who live and reign now and forever. **Amen.**

***All stand to say The Grace***

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

***All stand to sing the Final Hymn 113 - We Praise you, God***

***Remain standing for the Blessing***

**POSTLUDE: Boellmann - Introduction from Suite Gothique**

## **ST GEORGES is LOOKING for ADMINISTRATIVE HELP**

### Job Description

Initially, the person will produce our weekly church bulletins in Microsoft Word. The position may then grow into handling correspondence maintaining records and maybe some bookkeeping duties later. This person is a first point of contact for church members and visitors so will have a welcoming and organised nature.

### Key Responsibilities

- Produce bulletins and other printed material.
- Maintain records for membership, finances, and church operations
- Help to coordinate church calendars, meetings, and events

### Qualifications & Skills

- Organisational and communication skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word
- Ability to work independently, prioritise tasks, and meet deadlines

The person will be remunerated,  
This position can be a great addition to your Career CV

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