



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend
Chaplain Soma*

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 19th July 2026

8am & 10am



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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

Introit: Tye - Give almes of thy goods

Hymns:

439 - Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

421 - Thee we adore

146 - Let him to whom we now belong

447 - Thee we praise

Communion Motet:

Farrant - Hide not thou thy face

Psalm: 139.1-11, 23-24

Postlude: Gordon Young - Prelude in classic style

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: Tye - Give almes of thy goods

HYMN 439 - Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

SENTENCE

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 86.15

COLLECT

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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FIRST READING Genesis 28.10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!'

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¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 139.1-11; 139.23-24

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

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**⁴ You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.

**⁶ Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?**

⁷ If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

**⁸ If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

**¹⁰ If I say ‘Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me’,**

¹¹ The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.

**²³ Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**

²⁴ Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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SECOND READING

Romans 8.12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’

¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

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²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GRADUAL HYMN: 421 - Thee we adore

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GOSPEL **Matthew 13.24-30; 13.36-43**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?”

²⁸ He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?”

²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

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³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’

³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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THE HOMILY APBA P122

THE CREED APBA P123

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE APBA P124

INVITATION TO CONFESSION APBA P126

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the lord's table.

Silence may be kept

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God,
in penitence and faith.

THE GREETING OF PEACE APBA P127

HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P133

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN

447 - Thee we praise

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PARISH PRAYERS

Mary and Richard Hoy, Peter McKay, Barbara, Pam Hill, Lynda Baddock, Scott Elias, Julian Grigg, Noel, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, Pat, Fay Norton-Old, Carmen, Margaret Windisch, Bob and Anne Hill, Syrus and Brigitte, David Nolte, 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 CHAPLAINCY – HOSPITALS

Another new Mission partner for St Georges in 2026

Compassionate God, we give thanks for the work of Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy. We pray for Chaplains and Volunteers who bring comfort, prayer, and hope to patients, families, and hospital staff. Through their ministry of presence and care, may those facing difficult times know the peace and love of Christ. Strengthen and uphold all who serve in this important work, and may their faithful witness continue to enrich the ministry of the Church. Amen.



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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**

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YEARS MIND

Jul 20	George NICHOLSON	1993
Jul 20	Doris DRAPER	2002
Jul 20	Lucie HAIGH	2005
Jul 20	Nancy HAY	1991
Jul 20	Mr Christopher ANDERSON	2022
Jul 21	Reginald EASTMAN	1982
Jul 23	Pauline SUMMERBELL	1995
Jul 24	Dante FELICETTI	1992
Jul 24	Sydney HARRIS	1997
Jul 24	Carita HALL	1997
Jul 24	Fr Phillip COOKE	2003
Jul 24	Mavis JACKSON	1999
Jul 25	Warren ADAMS	1988
Jul 25	Winfred TURNBULL	1993
Jul 26	Kathleen REHN	1988
Jul 26	Annie McPHERSON	1971

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PARISH NOTICES

AOA Supporting Safer Futures in Uganda

More than 50 supporters recently gathered in Melbourne to hear about the impact of Wise Choices For Life (WCFL), Anglican Overseas Aid's partner in Uganda. [Document AOA | Word]

The program supports girls and young women facing challenges such as teenage pregnancy, limited reproductive health knowledge and barriers to education. [Document AOA | Word]

By equipping young people, local leaders and communities with knowledge and support, WCFL is helping build safer, stronger futures and greater confidence among participants. [Document AOA | Word]

Thank you to all who support this life-changing work, helping more young people thrive and reach their God-given potential. - Jo Knight

Save the Date for Organ Recital

Join us for an afternoon of inspiring organ music featuring: **St George's Director of Music, Oscar Herrick** together with **Yvonne Wells, Organist** at **Ivanhoe Uniting Church**

When: 2nd August

Time: 2.30pm

Donation at the door

All Are Warmly Welcome

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Parish Responsibilities Tool – A Follow-Up Invitation

We recently emailed our new Parish Responsibilities Tool to all parishioners. We encourage all parishioners to take a few moments to review the various roles that support the life and ministry of St Georges. As you do, please prayerfully consider whether there is an area where you might contribute your time, gifts, or experience. By sharing responsibility, we strengthen our parish community and help ensure that St Georges continues in God's mission and service. Please speak with the Vicar, Wardens, or Treasurer if you would like to know more.

Open House Melbourne Choral Evensong 26 July

St George's is a participant in the Open House Melbourne weekend of 25 and 26 July.

We have been associated with the movement which celebrates the founding of Melbourne and showcases significant buildings, since 2019, and we have conducted a number of successful tours and displays.

To conclude the activities, a choral evensong will be offered at 5 pm on Sunday, 26 July. The guest speaker will be Leigh Hay, who is, among many other things, president of the Henry Lawson Society, and who will be speaking on the literary works of the great Australian poet.

Leigh is a long-serving member of the Heidelberg Choral Society and was the co-librettist of an oratorio, ORIGINS the world

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premiere of which was performed by the HCS under the direction of Peter Bandy in 2025.

An explanation of this year's program has been sent to all parishioners.

Parish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 22nd July 2026.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 25th 10am till 4pm and Sunday 26th ,12pm till 4pm the Church and buildings are open as St Georges has been selected to participate in the Open House Melbourne.

Sunday 26th July 2026 Open House Melbourne Choral Evensong 5pm

LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES

We live-stream our 10am service and other 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.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 20 July		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 22 July		
Wednesday 23 July	9.30am midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 24 July	9.30am midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice in Meeting room
Friday 25 July	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain
Saturday 26 July		
Sunday 27 July	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		Genesis 29.15-28 Psalm 105.1-11 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.44-58

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READERS ROSTER	
SUNDAY	READER
19 th July Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Sandra O'Grady
26 th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Meron Pitcher
2 nd August Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Rosemary Cotter
9 th August Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Coral Tudball

STREAMING ROSTER		SIDEPERSONS ROSTER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
19.07.2026	Paul Smith	19 07 2026	George Hall
26 07 2026	Rosemary Cotter	26 07 2026	Paul Smith
02 08 2026	Paul Smith	02 08 2026	Paul Smith
09 08 2026	George Hall	09 08 2026	George Hall

10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER	
July 19 th	Denise & George
July 26 th	Ros
August 2 nd	Alison
August 9 th	Marita & Cheryl

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