



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend
Chaplain Soma*

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 26th 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:

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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: Wood - Oculi Omnium

Hymns:

140 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies

467 - Who would true valour see

450 - Now let us from this table rise

385 - The church's one foundation

Communion Motet:

Lloyd - View me lord

Psalm: 139.1-11, 23-24

Postlude: J.S. Bach - Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier BWV
731

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: Wood - Oculi Omnium

HYMN 140 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies

SENTENCE

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8.38–39**

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COLLECT

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your
kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this 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 29.15-28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.

¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’

¹⁹ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’

²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’

²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.

²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

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²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’

²⁶ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.

²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’

²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Psalm 105.1-11¹

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

⁷ For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.

⁸ **He has remembered his covenant for ever:**

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the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,

⁹ The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

¹⁰ **And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ Saying ‘I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance’,

SECOND READING

Romans 8.26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be

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conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: 467 - Who would true valour see

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GOSPEL **Matthew 13.44-58**

⁴⁴ ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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⁵¹ ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’

⁵² And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?’

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’

⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’

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⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there,
because of their unbelief. his is the gospel of the
Lord

This is the word 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: 450 - Now let us from this table rise

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P133

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN 385 - The church's one foundation

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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 27	George GRAY	1941
Jul 27	Margaret MAGEE	1984
Jul 27	Marjorie CAPUANO	1997
Jul 29	Frederick McGILL	1988
Jul 29	Fr Geoffrey STEPHENS	1992
Jul 29	Isobella ELLIOTT	1951
Jul 29	Dorothy CREE	1998
Jul 29	Geoffrey NEYLAND	1979
Jul 30	George BOYCE	1973
Jul 30	Eric BARTON	1952
Jul 30	Nell SYME	1991
Jul 30	Nance MACDONALD	1995
Jul 30	Guest HOLMAN	1974
Jul 30	Nance GARNETT	2023

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YEARS MIND

Aug 1	Archibald SMITH	1963
Aug 1	Dorothy CRESWELL	1998
Aug 1	Charles HAY	1972
Aug 2	Ruth MOORHEAD	2023
Aug 2	James JEFFERS	1976
Aug 2	May BURROWS	1981
Aug 2	Ivy TAIT	1979
Aug 2	Benjamin ACKROYD	1985

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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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Open House Melbourne Choral Evensong 26 July TONIGHT

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 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.

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WParish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 29th 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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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 27 July		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 28 July		
Wednesday 29 July	9.30am midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 30 July	9.30am midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice in Meeting room
Friday 31 July	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain
Saturday 01 August		
Sunday 02 August	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 17.1-7,16 Romans 9.1-8 Matthew 14.13-21

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READERS ROSTER	
SUNDAY	READER
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
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 26 th	Ros
August 2 nd	Alison
August 9 th	Marita & Cheryl

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Evensong...

St George's Anglican,
46 Warncliffe Rd,
East Ivanhoe
Sunday 26 July, 2026
At 5pm,
Supper to follow...



Leigh Hay presents –

The Literary Works of Henry Lawson

Leigh is a long-serving member of the Heidelberg Choral Society and was the co-librettist of an oratorio, *ORIGINS* premiere of which was performed by the HCS under the direction of Peter Bandy in 2025.

Part of St George's Open House weekend of 25
and 26 July, 2026 – All Welcome...