



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

SIXTH Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend
Chaplain Soma*

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 5th 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: Soriano – Regina caeli

Hymns:

91 - Morning has broken

333 – Lord your word abiding

69 – Bright the vision that delighted

148 – Love divine

Communion Motet:

Davies – Blessed are the pure in heart

Psalm: 45.10-17

Postlude C S Lang - Fugue

Organist:

Cyril Thomas

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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: Soriano – Regina caeli

HYMN 91 - Morning has broken

SENTENCE

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’ Matthew 11.28–29

COLLECT

O God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that, loving you above all things,
we may obtain your promises
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FIRST READING:

Genesis **24.34-38; 42-49; 58-67**

³⁴ So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant.

³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

³⁶ And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;

³⁸ but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.”

⁴² ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord , the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!

⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’

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⁴⁴ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.”

⁴⁵ ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.”

⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

⁴⁷ Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord , and blessed the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’

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⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’

⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.’

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.

⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.

⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel,

⁶⁵ and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself.

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⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Psalm: 45.10-17

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.

¹¹ **The king desires your beauty:**

he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.

¹² The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.

¹³ **The king's daughter is all glorious within:**

her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.

¹⁴ In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

¹⁵ **They are led with gladness and rejoicing:**

they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.

¹⁷ **And I will make known your name to every generation:**
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

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SECOND READING

Romans 7.14-25

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

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²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GRADUAL HYMN: 333 – Lord your word abiding

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11.15-19; 25-30

¹⁵ Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁶ ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

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²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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: 69 – Bright the vision that delighted

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P133

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 148 - Love divine

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PARISH PRAYERS

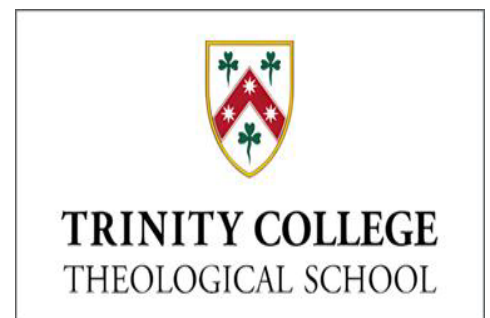
Mary and Richard Hoy, Peter McKay, Barbara, Pam Hill, Lynda Baddock, Scott Elias, Julian Grigg, Noel, Paul Finch, Murray Steel, Pat, Fay Norton-Old, Carmen, Margaret Windisch, Bob and Anne Hill, Syrus and Brigitte, David Nolte, Anne Farquhar and Mandy

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.

TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

A new Mission partner for St Georges in 2026

Gracious God, we give thanks for Trinity College. We pray for the ways in which the College equips and forms leaders for the Church, enriching parishes through theological education, ministry training, and faithful scholarship. May its work continue to strengthen the mission of the church. Encourage all who study and teach them in their witness to Christ, that God's name may be glorified. 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 7	Max PEARCE	2023
Jul 8	Henry PRINCE	2013
Jul 8	William SUMMERBELL	1953
Jul 8	Neil BOND	2001
Jul 8	Madge CASH	2004
Jul 8	Eva GRIERSON	1970
Jul 8	Leslie BROWN	1995
Jul 10	Edward BOYALL	2001
Jul 12	Gordon RANKIN	1986
Jul 12	Cameron BOYALL	1992
Jul 12	Mary KEARNEY	1992
Jul 12	Donald BARR	2005
Jul 12	Phyllis MARTIN	2004
Jul 12	Edna JUDD	2013
Jul 12	Annie CARTER	2000

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PARISH NOTICES

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, *Creation*, the world premiere

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

An explanation of this year's program will be 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 8th July.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 11th July 2026 -Bring & Share Supper
6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall

Saturday 25th between 10am and 4pm and Sunday 26th between 12pm and 4pm the Church and buildings open as St Georges has been selected to participation in the Open House Melbourne

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

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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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 6 July		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 7 July		
Wednesday 8 July	9.30am midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 9 July	9.30am midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice in Meeting room
Friday 10 July	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain
Saturday 11 July		
Sunday 12 July	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>		Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112 Romans 8.1-11 Mathews13.1-9,18-23

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READERS ROSTER

SUNDAY	READER
5 th July Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Barry Wilkes
12 th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Alison Smart
19 th July Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Sandra O'Grady
26 th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Meron Pitcher

STREAMING ROSTER		SIDEPERSONS ROSTER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
5 07 2026	Paul Smith	5 07 2026	George Hall
12 07 2026	George Hall	12 07 2026	Peter McKay
19.07.2026	Paul Smith	19 07 2026	George Hall
26 07 2026	Rosemary Cotter	26.07.2026	Paul Smith

10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER

July 5 th	Alison
July 12 th	Marita & Cheryl
July 19 th	Denise & George
July 26 th	Ros

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