



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend
Chaplain Soma*

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 16th August 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: Panga Lingua

Hymns:

19 - The Lord is King, and like a king

32 - Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme

440 - And now, O Father, mindful of the love

84 - Glory be to God the Father

Communion Motet:

Howells - My eyes for beauty pine

Psalm: 133

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: -Panga Lingua

HYMN:

19 - The Lord is King, and like a king

SENTENCE

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.1

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COLLECT

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the
children of God;
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 45.1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest.

⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

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⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”

¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’

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¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Psalm 133

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.**

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SECOND READING Romans 11.13-32

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry

¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.

¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.

¹⁹ You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'

²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe.

²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

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²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

²⁴ For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.'

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors;

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²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN: 32 - Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme

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GOSPEL Matthew 15.21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'

²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'

²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: 440 - And now, O Father, mindful of the love

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P133

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 84 - Glory be to God the Father

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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,

Let us 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.

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Anglican Overseas Aid

Bountiful God bless Anglican Overseas Aid as it creates and strengthens partnerships in developing countries. Strengthen their work to overcome poverty and injustice and to relieve in disasters. May we inspire others to be compassionate, involved and responsible global citizens.
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

Aug 17	Beatrice PITCHER	1968
Aug 17	Holly SMITH	1995
Aug 18	Dorothy HILL	1997
Aug 18	Valarie SPENCER	2010
Aug 18	Stanley CUBBINS	1984
Aug 18	Mr Archimides ASLANIDIS	2020
Aug 19	Mervyn RAY	1978
Aug 19	Jessie FERGUSON	1951
Aug 19	Ethel GROVES	1985
Aug 19	Denzel ALEXANDER	1991
Aug 19	Arthur TEAR	1994
Aug 20	Vernon RAY	1986
Aug 20	Thomas CARLYLE	1950
Aug 20	Ivy KIDD	1970
Aug 20	Bozidar ILICH	1992
Aug 20	Graeme GROVE	1973
Aug 22	Annie ANDERSON	1989
Aug 23	Margaret HARRIS	1964
Aug 23	Mary CALDICOTT	2014

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PARISH NOTICES

Parish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 19th August 2026.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday 22 August - 2026 Heidelberg Wind Ensemble presents "Over the Hills and Far Away" at the church - wonderful music! 3.30pm start
- Sunday 30 August, Evensong 5pm. Guest Speaker Robin Burns : Antarctica: beyond the heroic times
- Saturday 12-September-2026 Bring & Share Supper 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall
- Sunday 27 September: Jazz Vespers 5.15pm for 5.30pm start

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- Saturday 10-October-2026 Bring & Share Supper 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall
- Sunday 25 October Evensong 5pm. Jo Street: The work of Anglican Overseas Aid
- Saturday 14-November-2026 Bring & Share Supper 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall
- Sunday 29 November Advent Evensong. The Revd Chaplain Soma.
- Saturday 13 December Jazz Vespers 5.15pm for 5.30pm start
- Saturday 12-December-2026 Bring & Share Supper 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Evans Hall

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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>

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time(s)	Event
Monday 17 August		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 18 August		
Wednesday 19 August	9.30am midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 20 August	9.30am midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice in Meeting room
Friday 21 August	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain
Saturday 22 August		
Sunday 16 August	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		Isaiah 51.1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16-13-20

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READERS ROSTER	
SUNDAY	READER
16 th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Chris Hayward
23 rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Helen Steele
30 th August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	David Morgan

STREAMING ROSTER		SIDEPERSONS ROSTER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
16 08 2026	Paul Smith	16 08 2026	George Hall
23 08 2026	Rosemary Cotter	23 08 2026	Paul Smith
30.08.2026	Paul Smith	30 08 2026	Robert Stevens

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10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER

16 08 2026	Denise & George
23 08 2026	Ros
30 08 2026	Patsy

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