



ST GEORGE'S EAST IVANHOE

The church at the heart of the village

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Chaplain Soma

Gathering in God's Name

Sunday 23rd August 2026

8am & 10am



St George Peace Memorial Church

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: If ye love me

Hymns:

379 - God of mercy, God of grace

500 - I heard the voice of Jesus say

508 - Jesus, these eyes have never seen

510 - Father, hear the prayer we offer

Communion Motet:

Rachmaninoff - To Thee o lord

Psalm: 138

Postlude: 510 - Father, hear the prayer we offer

Postlude: Gordon Young - Trumpet tune

Organist: Oscar Herrick

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: -If ye love me

HYMN:

379 - God of mercy, God of grace

SENTENCE

Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?'
Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the
Son of the living God.' Matthew 16.15–16

COLLECT

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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FIRST READING Isaiah 51.1-6

¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD . Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD ; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 138

¹ I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-
kindness, for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things.**

³ At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength
within my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

⁵ And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.

⁶ **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly and he
comprehends the proud from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

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SECOND READING Romans 12.1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN: 500 - I heard the voice of Jesus say

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’

¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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: -508 - Jesus, these eyes have never see

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 3 APBA P133

PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR COMMUNION

PARISH NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 510 - Father, hear the prayer we offer

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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.

Anglican Board of Mission

God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas. Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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 24	Nancy BULL	1987
Aug 24	John TIDSWELL	1997
Aug 24	Frank INGRAM	1985
Aug 25	Christina MAGEE	2015
Aug 25	William SUMNER	1967
Aug 25	Thomas BARNES	1984
Aug 25	Allan CARTER	1988
Aug 25	Mary DINEEN	1992
Aug 25	Ronald BOORER	1990
Aug 26	Mrs Gwen Pearce	2024
Aug 26	Jeane ADAM	2015
Aug 26	John EMERY	1978
Aug 26	Esther STRICKLAND	1979
Aug 26	Mrs Ailsa NOLTE	2001
Aug 27	Faye JACOBSON	1973
Aug 27	Amy THOMPSON	1981
Aug 28	Rima SWAIN	1981
Aug 28	Philip SEMMENS	1966
Aug 28	Mr Norman GLEDHILL	2021
Aug 29	Jack BENSON	1971
Aug 29	Maxwell GIBSON	1970
Aug 30	Catriona SCOTT	2005
Aug 30	Laurence MEAD	1981

PARISH NOTICES

The Australian Lectionary for 2027

Lectionary: an authorised system for reading the scriptures. It assigns specific Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel passages to every Sunday, holy day, and weekday across a multi-year cycle, enabling congregations to read a large portion of Scripture over time

It's time for any parishioners wishing to buy a Lectionary for 2027 to place their order with Coral or the wardens by 9th September— price \$16-17 to be confirmed

Parish Prayers

Please advise Rev Chaplain of anybody you wish to be included in Sunday Parish Prayers by no later than Wednesday 26th August 2026.

Upcoming Events

- Next Sunday 30 August, Evensong 5pm. Guest Speaker Robin Burns: “Antarctica: beyond the heroic times” - Mainly based on Robin’s own experiences and those of other female expedition members.
- 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
- 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>

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 24 August		Vicars' day off
Tuesday 25 August		
Wednesday 26 August	9.30am midday	Rev Chaplain available in church
Thursday 27 August	9.30am midday 8pm	Rev Chaplain available in church Choir practice in Meeting room
Friday 28 August	10am	Communion service at Benetas, with Rev. Chaplain
Saturday 29 August		
Sunday 30 August	8am 10am	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		Exodus 3.1-15 Psalm 105.1-6 23- 26 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16-21-28

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READERS ROSTER	
SUNDAY	READER
23 rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Helen Steele
30 th August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	David Morgan
6 th September Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Reg Steele

STREAMING ROSTER		SIDEPERSONS ROSTER	
Date	Name	Date	Name
23 08 2026	Rosemary Cotter	23 08 2026	Paul Smith
30.08.2026	Paul Smith	30 08 2026	Robert Stevens
06.09.2026	George Hall	06.09.2026	Peter.Mckay

10 AM SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER	
23 08 2026	Ros
30 08 2026	Patsy
06.09.2026	Alison

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